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Dependency and Autonomy in Intercultural Relations: Israel and Aram as a Case Study
June 5th-9th, 2016

Institut für Altes Testament der Universität Leipzig, in Cooperation with Bar Ilan University, Israel
at the Bibliotheca Albertina, University of Leipzig

Sunday, June 5th (*at the Faculty of Theology, Martin-Luther Ring 3, SRL*)

10:00–17:00: Pre-Conference Workshop on Maresha Aramaic Inscriptions (Chair – Esther Eshel, Ramat-Gan)

Participants: Joachim Quack (Heidelberg), Mark Geller (Berlin), Holger Gzella (Leiden), Hans-Werner Fischer-Elfert (Leipzig), Christa Mueller-Kessler (Jena), Michael Langlois (Strasbourg) and Minerva Center Members from Germany and Israel

Coffee/tea and a light lunch will be provided at the venue

18:00 – Dinner for Participants

18:00 and 20:00 – Cultural Events (optional – tickets must be pre-ordered by participants through organizers; see list of options attached)

Monday, June 6th

11.00-14.00 Registration (Foyer) and Coffee/Tea

14:00–16:15: Opening Session: Greetings (Chair – Aren Maeir/Ramat Gan)

Musical Interlude

14:15-16:00 Welcoming Talks

Prof. Dr. Beate Schücking, Rector, University of Leipzig

His Excellency, Mr. Yakov Hadas-Handelsman, Israeli Ambassador to Germany

Mr. Burkhard Jung, Lord Mayor of Leipzig

Prof. Miriam Faust, Rector, Bar-Ilan University (represented by Prof. S. Shpiro/Ramat-Gan)

Prof. Dr. Matthias Schwartz, Vice Rector, University of Leipzig

Prof. Dr. Gert Pickel, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, University of Leipzig

Prof. Dr. Angela Friederici, Director, Minerva Stiftung

Ms. Angelika Lange-Gao, Director, Minerva Stiftung

Ms. Gabriele Hermani, Scientific counsellor, German Embassy in Israel

Prof. Dorothea Weltecke, Director, NISIBIN Intitute, Konstanz (15 min)

Prof. Marie-Claire Foblets, Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (15 min)

Musical Interlude

16:15-18:30 Public Papers (Chair: Angelika Berlejung/Leipzig)

16:15-17:00 Public paper: Johny Messo (Leader, World Council of Arameans) – Syrians in Exile and the Religious Situation in Syria

17:00-17:45 Public paper: Markus Hilgert (Direktor Vorderasiatisches Museum/Berlin) – Protecting and Developing the Archaeological Heritage of Iraq and Syria: Political and Institutional Responsibilities

17:45-18:30 Public Paper: Shlomo Shpiro (Bar-Ilan University/Ramat-Gan) – The Political Background of the Destruction of Antiquities

18.30 Reception

19.30 Conference Dinner for the Speakers and Special Guests: Restaurant Ratskeller



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Tuesday, June 7th

9:00–12:30: Section I: Cultural Autonomy and Independence in the Historical Sciences (Chair – Andreas Schuele/Leipzig)

9:00-9:45: Jan Dietrich (Aarhus) – Autonomous Decision Making in the Ancient World: A General Introduction and Comparison

9:45-10:30: Paul Weirich (Columbia, MO) – Models of Cultural Transmission

10:30-11:15: Christoph Wulf (Berlin) – The Implicit Decision Making in Rituals

11:15-11:45 Coffee/Tea Break

11:45-12:30 David Smith (Glasgow) – National-cultural Autonomy in Ethnically Diverse Societies: Theoretical Approaches and Practical Challenges in Modern and contemporary Europe

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-18:45: Section II: Aram and Israel in the Biblical Sources (Chair – Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv)

14:30-15:15: Eckart Otto (München) – The Arameans in the Book of Deuteronomy

15:15-16:00: Yigal Levin (Ramat-Gan) – Aram and Arameans in the Book of Chronicles

16:00-16:45: Hadi Ghantous (Beirut) – Hazael & David: The Shaping of the Davidic-Solomonic Kingdom

16:45-17:15 Coffee/Tea Break

17:15-18:00: Thomas Römer (Paris/Lausanne) – The Strange Conversion of Naaman, Commander of the Aramean Army (2 Kgs 5)

18:00-18:45: Nili Wazana (Jerusalem) – From Joshua to Zakkur: Biblical and Aramaic Descriptions of Military Coalitions

19:00-20:00 Public Paper (Chair – Jan Dietrich/Aarhus): Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv) – Israelite Identity Formation in the 10th-8th cent. BCE

20:15 Dinner for Participants

Wednesday June 8th

8:00-12:15: Section III: Archaeological Perspectives on the Arameans in the Northern Levant (Chair – Gunnar Lehmann/Beer-Sheva)

8:00-8:45: Dominik Bonatz (Berlin) – The Myth of Aramaean Culture

8:45-9:30: Martin Makinson (Bern/Paris) – Identity and Material Culture: Looking for the Elusive Iron Age I and II Aramaeans in Northern Syria through Archaeological Lenses

9:30-10:15: Mirko Novák (Bern) – Guzana (Tell Halaf) and the ‘Cultural Code’ of Aramaean Architecture

10:15-10:45: Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-11:30: Daniele Morandi Bonacossi (Udine) – Aramaeans in Central-Western Syria: The Material Evidence from Iron Age Mishrifeh

11:30-12:15: David Schloen (Chicago) – Neo-Hittite Styles and Aramean Kingship in Iron Age Sam'al

12:15-14.00 Lunch Break

14:00-19:30: Section IV: Archaeological Perspectives on the Aramean/Israelite Inter-relations in the Southern Levant (Chair: David Schloen/Chicago)

14:00-14:45 Suichi Hasegawa (Tokyo) – En Gev in the Iron Age: Material Culture and Political History



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14:45-15:30: Nava Panitz-Cohen (Jerusalem) – Excavations at Tel Abel Beth Maacah and Their Contribution to Understanding Southern Aram and Northern Israel
15:30-16:30: Adi Eliyahu and Vanessa Workman (Ramat Gan) – *Workshop I: Comparative Metallurgy in the Iron Age Levant*

16:30-17:00 Coffee/Tea Break

17:00-17:45: Yifat Thareani (Jerusalem) – The Archaeology of Imagined Community? Tel Dan in the Iron Age IIA

17:45-18:30: Gunnar Lehmann (Beer-sheva) – Hazael in the South

18:30-19:30: Assaf Kleiman (Tel Aviv) – *Workshop II: The Excavations at Tel Hadar – Work in Progress*

20.00 Dinner at the Restaurant AM COSPUDENER SEE

Thursday, June 9th

8:30–13:00: Section V: Historical Perspectives on Aramean-Israelite Interactions (Chair – Michael Streck/Leipzig)

8:30-9:15: Omer Sergi (Tel Aviv) – The Kingdom of Geshur and the Expansion of Hazael into the Northern Jordan Valley: Archaeological and Historical Perspectives

9:15-10:00: Karel van der Toorn (Amsterdam) – Cultural (or Religious) Interaction between Arameans and Israelites in Papyrus Amherst 63

10.00-10.30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30-11:15: Christian Frevel (Bochum) – The Role of Hazael's Expansion in the Birth of a Judahite State

11:15-12:00: Herbert Niehr (Tübingen) – The Relations between the Kingdoms of Hamath and Israel (10th to 8th cent. BCE)

12:00-13:00: Cornelia Wunsch (London), Johannes Hackl (Leipzig), Amena Fadhil (Baghdad) – *Workshop III: New Texts from al-Yahudu in Iraq*

13.00-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-18:00: Section VI: Historical Perspectives on Later Periods (Chair – Angelika Berlejung/Leipzig)

14:30-15:15: Leeor Gottlieb (Ramat-Gan) – From Translation to Midrash: On the Role of Aramaic Targum towards the End of the First Millennium CE

15:15-16:00: Marco Frenschkowski (Leipzig) – Are Syrians Aramaeans? Syriac Ethnic Identity in Hellenistic and Roman Times

16:00-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30-17:15: Stefan Schorch (Halle) – Aramaic Prayers of the Samaritans, and their Contribution Towards a History of Aramaic Literature

17:15-18:00: John Healey (Manchester) – Arameans in Transitions: Hellenization and the Roots of Aramaic Christianity

18:00 Departure or Cultural Event