

We ask for your registration by March 15th, 2022 to:

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*Please let us know if you want to attend to the conference in person or virtually.*

*Due to the limited number of participants, please register as soon as possible if you would like to attend in person.*

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The venue Old University is accessible from the main station with almost all bus lines, stop Rudolphsplatz.



## Readings of Trauma: Hermeneutical Perspectives on Biblical and Modern Trauma Narratives

### International Conference

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

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Thursday, April 7, 2022  
Marburg

Old University  
Lahntor 3,  
35037 Marburg  
and  
online  
(hybrid)

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#### **14.00 Opening and Introduction: Readings of Trauma**

Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg (Marburg):  
Antiquity – Hebrew Bible  
Maike Schult (Marburg):  
Modernity – Trauma Narratives

#### **14.30–18.00 Panel 1: Readability of Trauma – Hermeneutical Foundations**

Chair / Response: Maike Schult (Marburg)

14.30–15.30 Thomas Sparr (Berlin):

Paul Celan's "A Death Fugue" as an Expression  
of Trauma: A Message in a Bottle for the  
Contemporary World and Posterity

15.30–16.00 *Coffee Break*

16.00–17.00 Ulrich C. Baer (New York):  
Reading as Trauma-Witnessing

17.00–18.00 Friedhelm Hartenstein  
(München):  
Hebrew Bible as Trauma Response? Historical  
and Hermeneutical Reflections

18.00 *Break*

18.30 Evening Lecture:  
Maggie Schauer (Konstanz):  
Narrative Exposure Therapy: Trauma &  
Testimony /

**19.30 Dinner**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

**9.00–12.30 Panel 2:**

**Trauma Narratives in the Hebrew Bible**

Chair / Response: Hanna Christiansen (Marburg)

9.00–10.00 Björn Krondorfer (Flagstaff, Arizona):

Traumatization or Implicated Subject?

Post-1945 challenges to Theological Work in Germany

10.00–11.00 Katya Tolstaya (Amsterdam):

Theology after the Gulag: Religion in Posttraumatic Societies

11.00–11.30 *Coffee Break*

Chair / Response: Judith Gärtner (Rostock)

11.30–12.30 Joel S. Baden (Yale, New Haven):

Trauma and the Fragmentation of Theology in Lamentations

12.30–14.00 *Lunch Break*

**14.00–18.00 Panel 3: Texts and Contexts: (Re-) Readings in Modernity**

Chair / Response:

Hanna Christiansen (Marburg)

14.00–15.00 Andrew Mein (St. Andrews):

Biblical Consolation and the Avoidance of Lament: Voices from the First World War

15.00–16.00 David Carr (New York):

Opportunities and Challenges in Rereading Post-Traumatic Biblical Narratives of Flood and Rescue amidst the Climate Catastrophe

16.00–16.30 *Coffee Break*

Chair / Response: Judith Gärtner (Rostock)

16.30–17.30 Ruth Poser (Marburg):

The Book of Wounds: Trauma and Vulnerability in Ezekiel

17.30–18.30 Christl M. Maier (Marburg):

Jerusalem's Demise as a Cultural Trauma in the Book of Jeremiah

18.30–19.00 *Break*

19.00–20.00 Public Evening Lecture

Peter J. Winzen (Frankfurt am Main):

100 Years of Psychoanalytical Trauma Etiology as Therapeutic and Hermeneutical Instrument

20.15 *Dinner*

Thursday, April 7, 2022

**9.00–13.30 Panel 4:**

**Reading the Vulnerable Life**

Chair / Response: Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg (Marburg)

9.00–10.00 L. Juliana Claassens (Stellenbosch):

Vulnerable Bodies: The Rape of Dinah (Genesis 34) and the Stalking of Middle Sister (Milkman, Anna Burns)

10.00–11.00 Johanna Stiebert (Leeds):

Reading the Vulnerable Life. Re-reading Vulnerability: Study of the Bible, Black Lives Matter and #MeToo

11.00–11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30–12.30 Maïke Schult (Marburg):

Wounds that shall not be healed: Philological Perspectives and Pastoral Care

12.30–13.30 Trauma as a Hermeneutical Construct: International Perspectives

Hindy Najman (Oxford)

Paul Joyce (London)

Ulrich C. Baer (New York)

**13.30 Closing and Departure**