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
Lahtor 3,
35037 Marburg
and online
(hybrid)

Tuesday, April 5, 2022
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 Reception


**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

**9.00–12.30 Panel 2: Trauma Narratives in the Hebrew Bible**

Chair / Response: Judith Gärtner (Rostock)

**9.00–10.00**  Ruth Poser (Marburg): The Book of Ezekiel as Trauma-Response

**10.00–11.00**  Christl M. Maier (Marburg): Jerusalem’s Demise as a Cultural Trauma in the Book of Jeremiah

**11.00–11.30**  Coffee Break

**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

**16.30–17.30**  Björn Krondorfer (Flagstaff, Arizona): Traumatization or Implicated Subject? Post-1945 challenges to Theological Work in Germany

**17.30–18.30**  Katya Tolstaya (Amsterdam): Theology after the Gulag: Religion in Posttraumatic Societies

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

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**21.00**  Evening at leisure

**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): Re-Reading Vulnerability: The Hebrew Bible, Black Lives Matter and #MeToo

**11.00–11.30**  Coffee Break

**11.30–12.30**  Maike 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