

Newsletter “Beyond Canon” – September 2019

Dear Fellows and Friends,

after our summer break, we started with fresh energy into the new academic year. July, August, and September brought a number of new Fellows to our group – a heartfelt (if belated) welcome to all of them!

Attached to this e-mail, please find a schedule for the upcoming months with many promising lectures, workshops, and conferences.

1. New Fellows since July

Our ranks have filled considerably since July with a number of Fellows who are staying between one month and a whole year. It is a pleasure and an honour to cooperate with the following Fellows and guests in our Centre:

- [Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony](#), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (07/19)
- [Jan Bremmer](#), Universiteit Groningen, em. (09/19-02/20)
- [Predrag Bukovec](#), Universität Wien (08/19-08/20)
- [Janet Downie](#), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (07-12/19)
- [Daniel Galadza](#), University of Toronto (07/19-07/20)
- David Moessner, Texas Christian University (08-12/19)
- Cosmin Pricop, University of Bucharest (07/19)
- [Janet E. Spittler](#), University of Virginia (07/19-07/20)
- Bogdana Nikolic, independent scholar from Belgrade (09-10/19).

2. Past and upcoming events

While most of us took a break in August, Harald Buchinger not only contributed to several conferences, but also co-organised the international symposium [Liturgie und Musik in St. Emmeram vom Mittelalter bis zur Frühen Neuzeit](#) (September 22-25, 2019, Regensburg) with a very impressive programme.

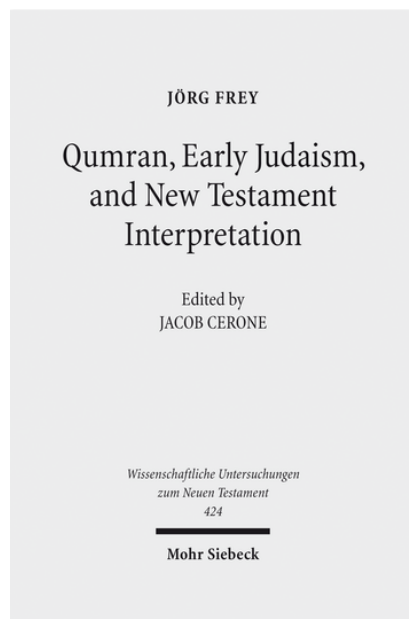
Right now, we are preparing the workshop “The Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles in Late Antiquity: Tradition and Innovation” (November 28-30, Regensburg) – and we are co-organising the conference “Sharing Myths, Texts and Sanctuaries in the South Caucasus: Apocryphal Themes in Literatures, Arts and Cults from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages” (February 25-27, 2020, Regensburg) together with our Fellow [Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev](#) – more information to follow soon.

3. Fellows' Brunch programme for winter semester is set up

In October, our weekly colloquium starts again with numerous papers from our Fellows as well as several Short Time Fellows. We decided to **bring forward our Fellows' Lunch from 12 to 10 a.m.** (and rename it as Fellows' Brunch accordingly), preceded by the opportunity to take a cup of coffee together in our Centre. Bringing your lunch box is of course still welcome – and we are looking forward to the new format, allowing us to meet in a casual atmosphere and to learn from each other at the same time. Please find the time schedule attached to this newsletter.

4. Publications connected to our *Centre for Advanced Studies*

JÖRG FREY, *Qumran, Early Judaism, and New Testament Interpretation*. Kleine Schriften III, ed. by Jacob N. Cerone (= *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* 424), Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck 2019.

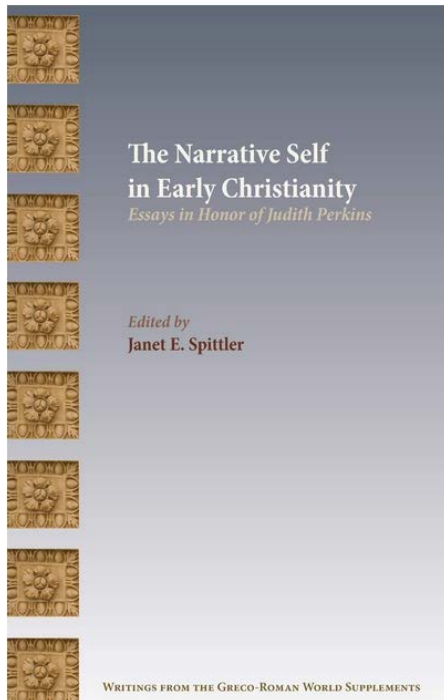


Die hier gesammelten Aufsätze fassen die Erträge aus 25 Jahren intensiver Forschung zu Qumran und dem Neuen Testament zusammen. Der Autor situiert die neutestamentlichen Texte im Horizont des

vielfältigen Judentums der Zeit des Zweiten Tempels, er präsentiert detaillierte Überblicke über das Corpus der Texte, präzise Untersuchungen zum Quellenwert der antiken Essenertexte, zur archäologischen Deutung der Anlage von Qumran, zur Entwicklung des qumranischen Dualismus, zur Herausbildung und Bedeutung der frühjüdischen Apokalyptik, zu den Qumran-Mählern und zur Frage der Autorität der Schriften in der Qumrangemeinde. Er untersucht die verschiedenen Modelle der Verbindung der Schriftrollen oder der Gemeinschaft mit Jesus und dem frühen Christentum, präsentiert methodologische Reflexionen zu solchen Vergleichen und detaillierte Überblicke zu den wichtigsten Einsichten, die aus den Funden für das Verständnis von Jesus, Paulus und Johannes gewonnen werden können. Der Band zeigt, wie sehr die Schriftfunde die neutestamentliche Forschung beeinflusst und verändert haben.

Publisher's website: <https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/buch/qumran-early-judaism-and-new-testament-interpretation-9783161560156>

JANET E. SPITTLER (ED.), *The Narrative Self in Early Christianity: Essays in Honor of Judith Perkins* (Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement, Band 15), Williston: SBL Press 2019.

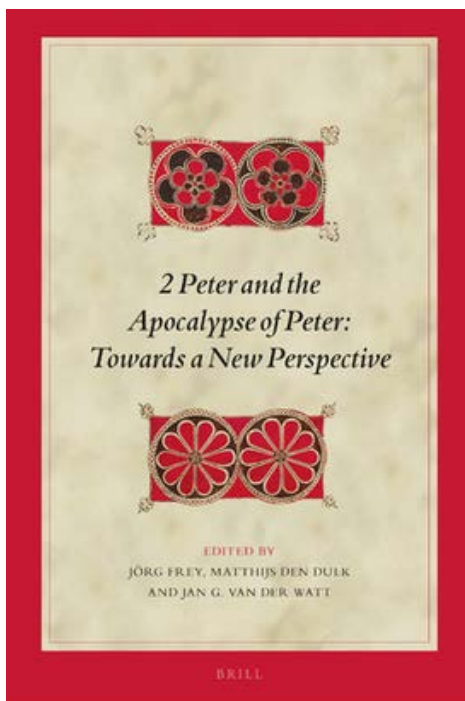


This volume of twelve essays celebrates the contributions of classicist Judith Perkins to the study of early Christianity. Drawing on Perkins's insights related to apocryphal texts, representations of pain and suffering, and the creation of meaning, contributors explore the function of Christian narratives that depict pain and suffering, the motivations of the early Christians who composed these stories, and their continuing value to contemporary people. Contributors also examine how narratives work to create meaning in a religious context. These contributions address these issues from a variety of angles through a wide range of texts.

Publisher's website:

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JÖRG FREY, MATTHIJS DULK, DEN AND JAN VAN DER WATT (ED.S): *2 Peter and the Apocalypse of Peter: Towards a New Perspective* (= Biblical Interpretation Series, Volume: 174), Brill: Leiden 2019.



In the 2016 Radboud Prestige Lectures, published in this volume, Jörg Frey develops a new perspective on 2 Peter by arguing that the letter is dependent on the Apocalypse of Peter. Frey argues that reading 2 Peter against the backdrop of the Apocalypse of Peter sheds new light on many longstanding interpretative questions and offers fresh insights into the history of second-century Christianity. Frey's lectures are followed by responses from leading scholars in the field, who discuss Frey's proposal in ways both critical and constructive. Contributors include: Richard Bauckham, Jan Bremmer, Terrance Callan, Paul Foster, Jeremy Hultin, Tobias Nicklas, David Nienhuis and Martin Ruf.

Publisher's website:

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5. New player in our team: Charlotte von Schelling

Just in time for our Centre's first birthday, we welcome a new employee to [our team](#): As our news editorial assistant, Charlotte von Schelling M.A. is responsible for **proofreading and coordinating our publications**, especially our conference proceedings. Having worked as a research assistant and lecturer/editor for various museums and publishing houses, she is the ideal cast for this task – and we are looking forward to a long and fruitful cooperation.

A quick reminder at the end of our newsletter: If you have issues of interest for the research group, publications or events to be announced, please just write a **short message to our coordinator** (stephanie.hallinger@ur.de); she will include them in the next newsletter.

Best wishes,

Tobias Nicklas, Harald Buchinger, Andreas Merkt,

Ulrike Linder-Windbichler, and Stephanie Hallinger

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