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# THE BOOK OF SAMUEL IN THE SHADOW OF EMPIRES

Relations between Israel, Judah, and Neighboring Nations  
in Historical, Compositional, and Theological Perspective

*Basel, 12–14 October 2022*

*Conference Organizers: Benedikt Hensel (Oldenburg) & Stephen Germany (Basel)*

## Wednesday, 12 October

- 9:30 Opening remarks
- 10:00 Zachary Thomas and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv)  
Copper, Nomads and Kings: The Early Iron Age Context of Edom and Transjordan in the History of David's Reign
- 11:00 Régine Hunziker-Rodewald (Strasbourg)  
Transjordan in the Book of Samuel: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives
- 12:00–14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 Ann E. Killebrew (Penn State)  
The Philistines in the Book of Samuel: An Archaeological Perspective
- 15:30 Benedikt Hensel (Oldenburg)  
Philistines and Assyrians in the Ark Narratives in 1 Sam 4–6 & 2 Sam 5–6
- 16:30 Hannes Bezzel (Jena)  
Who are 'the Philistines' in the Book of Samuel?

## Thursday, 13 October

- 9:00 Walter Bühner (Bochum)  
The Long Shadow of the Gibeonites: 2 Sam 21:1–14 in Context
- 10:00 Reinhard Müller (Göttingen)  
David's War against Amalek (1 Sam 30): Mirrors of Empire Building?
- 11:00 Cynthia Edenburg (Open University of Israel)  
In Search of Amalek: The Pursuit of an Historical Referent in 1 Sam 15 and 30
- 12:00–14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 Ernst Axel Knauf (Bern)  
Judah's southern neighbor in the 10th century BCE – Edom or Amalek?
- 15:30 Sarah Yardney (Chicago) [online]  
LXX Samuel in the Shadow of Empires? Some Thoughts on Methodology

## Friday, 14 October

- 9:00 Benedict Schöning (Duisburg-Essen)  
Defining Israel in Porous Borders: The Ambiguity of 1 Samuel's Narrative on National Identities
- 10:00 Stephen Germany (Basel)  
Israel, Judah, and Historical Typology in the Book of Samuel
- 11:00 Closing discussion

### Location

*Wednesday:*  
University of Basel  
Kollegienhaus, Room 035  
Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel

*Thursday–Friday:*  
University of Basel  
Deutsches Seminar,  
Seminar Room 4  
Nadelberg 4, 4051 Basel

### Registration

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