



Jerusalem in Memory and Eschatology: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Visions of the Past and Future of Jerusalem

An Academic Roundtable
February 16-17, 2022
Swedish Theological Institute, Jerusalem

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Conference Format

This conference is an academic roundtable, in which a select group of scholars share their research and engage in deep conversation over the span of a few days. Due to the pandemic, many of our participants will now be participating online, with others in person in Jerusalem. Despite this hybrid format, we strongly encourage the participants to attend all of the sessions, to best achieve the academic roundtable format and to generate meaningful conversation.

Paper Session Format

The paper sessions will consist of twenty-minute presentations, followed by twenty minutes of discussion per paper. Please plan to keep your presentation within the allotted twenty minutes, to allow for ample discussion time following all the papers in the session.

Invitation of External Audiences

The paper sessions are not public, and are intended as internal conversations between scholars. However, given the hybrid format, presenters are welcome to invite selected graduate students or close colleagues to remotely attend the paper sessions.

Summary of Schedule

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

I. Early and Contemporary Muslim Perspectives on Jerusalem

11:00am-12:30pm Paper Session #1

12:45-2:15pm Paper Session #2

II. Contemporary Christian Perspectives on Jerusalem

3:30-5:00pm Paper Session #3

5:30-7:00pm Paper Session #4

Thursday, February 17, 2022

III. Peace, Violence, and Contemporary Eschatologies

11:00am-1:15pm Paper Session #5

IV. Early and Contemporary Jewish Perspectives on the Temple Mount

2:45-5:00pm Paper Session #6

V. Conclusion

5:15-6:15pm Session #7

FULL SCHEDULE

**time zone: Israel Standard Time, GMT +2*

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

I. Early and Contemporary Muslim Perspectives on Jerusalem

11:00-12:30 Paper Session #1:

- Koji Yamashiro, “*Al-Nabiyy al-Ummiyy, al-Hijra* and Sectarianism: On the Jewish Christian Momentum in the Formation of Islam.”
- Iyad Zahalka, [paper title TBA].

12:30-12:45 Break

12:45-2:15 Paper Session #2:

- Antonio Cuciniello, “The Second Coming of Jesus in Islam.”
- Mustafa Abu Sway, “Jerusalem as the Epicenter of Islamic Eschatology.”

2:15-3:30 Lunch

II. Contemporary Christian Perspectives on Jerusalem

3:30-5:00 Paper Session #3

- Aron Engberg, “‘But His Furnace is in Jerusalem’: Evangelical Zionists and the Ambiguities of Sacred Space.”
- Maayan Raveh, “If Stones Could Speak: Jerusalem in Palestinian Christian Theology.”

5:00-5:30 Break

5:30-7:00 Paper Session #4

- Yaakov Ariel, “Evangelical Christians and the Jewish Temple: The Jerusalem Temple and Jews in Contemporary Christian Evangelical Eschatology.”
- Timo Stewart, “The Ark of the Covenant as a Key to Jerusalem: A 20th Century History of Christian and Jewish Encounters with the Edge of Reality.”

7:00 Dinner

Thursday, February 17, 2022

III. Peace, Violence, and Contemporary Eschatologies

11:00-1:15 Paper Session #5:

- Bronislav Ostránský, “Jerusalem from the Perspective of the ISIS Apocalyptic Propaganda.”
- Alon Goshen-Gottstein, “My House will be a House of Prayer for All Peoples: A History of Interpretation.”
- Glen Segell, “The Jewish Narrative for Restraint and Coexistence in Jerusalem.”

1:15-2:45 Lunch

IV. Early and Contemporary Jewish Perspectives on the Temple Mount

2:45-5:00 Paper Session #6:

- Lantz, Natalie. “The Hypertemple in Mind: Experiencing Templespace through Architectural Descriptions.”
- Yaron Eliav, “The Temple Mount as a Place and a Concept: 15 Years after *God's Mountain*.”
- Motti Inbari. “Religious Zionism and the Temple Mount Discourse.”

5:00-5:15 Break

V. Conclusion

5:15-6:15 Session #7:

- Break-out group discussions and concluding remarks.

6:15 Dinner