

**The Book of Psalms and Its Plurality:
Textual Transmission, Exegetical Methodology
and Theological Hermeneutics**

Malta Psalms Meeting
Valletta Campus, University of Malta
25-27 March 2025



Programme

Tuesday 25 March – *History of the transmission of the text of the Psalter*

Analysis of the *manuscripts* of the (proto-)Masoretic, Greek, and Syriac Psalters and the relationships between the different traditions.

9:00-9:30 Drew Longacre (Duke University)

9:45-10:15 Brent A. Strawn (Duke Divinity School)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:30 Alison G. Salvesen (Oxford University)

11:45-12:15 Chrysi Kotsifou (Niedersächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen.)

Lunch for all participants at the Valletta Campus (complimentary)

14:30-15:00 Felix Albrecht (Niedersächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen.)

15:15-15:45 Harry F. van Rooy (North-West University – South Africa)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-17:00 Wido van Peursen (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Official dinner for speakers (complimentary)

Wednesday 26 March – *Methodology*

Dealing with the question of how to “integrate” the complex situation of the Psalm manuscripts into the exegesis of the Psalter and evaluating the main methodological issues involved.

9:00-9:30 Beat Weber University of Pretoria (Dept. of Ancient and Modern Languages and Cultures)

9:45-10:15 Johannes Schnocks (Universität Münster)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:30 David Davage (Lund University)

Lunch at the nearby Is-Suq tal-Belt (optional)

14:30-15:00 Eberhard Bons (Université de Strasbourg)

15:15-15:45 Margherita Matera (Niedersächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen.)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-17:00 Marco Pavan (Pontifical University St Thomas Aquinas)

Free evening

Thursday 27 March – *Hermeneutics*

A study of the *theologies* of the different textual traditions of the Psalter.

9:00-9:30 Kathrin Liess (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

9:45-10:15 Stefan M. Attard (L-Università ta' Malta)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-11:30 Egbert H. Ballhorn (Technische Universität Dortmund)

11:45-12:15 Daniela Scialabba (Pontifical Biblical Institute)

Break for lunch

14:00-14:30 Susan Gillingham (Oxford University)

14:45-15:00 Conclusion by Attard, Pavan and Scialabba

Afternoon excursion, organised by Across Malta, to St Paul's Grotto and the St Agatha Catacombs in Rabat, and to the Cathedral and Cathedral Museum in Mdina, the former capital of Malta.



St Paul's Grotto



St Agatha's Catacombs, Rabat



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Cathedral, Mdina



Cathedral Museum, Mdina

Scientific Committee:

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