

The Context Group

*An international project on the Bible and the Bible Communities
in their Social and Cultural Contexts*

Annual Meeting

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ARRIVALS

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 PM Drinks

6:00 PM DINNER

7:00-9:30 FORMALITIES AND INFORMALITIES

John S. Kloppenborg, Presiding

Introductiones et Laudationes, Demonstrationes et Narrationes

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

8:00-8:45 AM BREAKFAST

SESSION ONE 8:45-12:00 AM

MEDITERRANEAN PRACTICES, John Kloppenborg, Presiding

8:45-9:45

Alicia Batten, *BTB Readers' Guide: Clothing and Adornment*

Commentator: Philip Esler

9:45-10:45

Zeba Crook, *The Gift and Fictive Friendship*

Commentator: John H. Elliott

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00

Erin Vearncombe, *Mimesis without Alterity? Paul's Rhetoric of Travel and Conquest in Romans 15*

Commentator: Scott Bartchy (Pending)

12:00 LUNCH

SESSION TWO 2:00 – 4:00 PM

GOSPELS, Zeba Crook, Presiding

2:00–3:00

Richard DeMaris, *Was the Gospel of Mark a Therapeutic Ritual Script?*

Commentator: Richard Rohrbaugh

3:00–4:00

Dennis Duling, *Matthew and the Emergence of Social Scientific Criticism*

Commentator: Eric Stewart

4:00–5:00

John S Kloppenborg, *Disaffiliation in Associations and the ἀποσυναγωγός of John*

Commentator: Dietmar Neufeld

5:30–6:45 Drinks

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Movie

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:00–8:45 AM BREAKFAST

SESSION THREE 8:45–12:00 AM

HEBREW BIBLE, Dietmar Neufeld, Presiding

8:45–9:45

Philip Esler, *Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38): Understanding a Hebrew Bible Story in its ancient context*

Commentator: Zeba Crook

9:45–10:45

Antonios Finitzis, *The “Other” in Early Post-Exilic Period: The Argument according to Haggai and Zecharia 1–8*

Commentator: Ritva Williams

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:00

Gary Stansell, *Friendship in the Old Testament*

Commentator: Stuart Love

12:00 LUNCH

SESSION FOUR 2:00-4:00 PM

RETHINKING, Scott Bartchy, Presiding

2:00-3:00

Kamala Parel, *The Household and the Oikonomia in Clement of Alexandria*

Commentator : Douglas Oakman

3:00-4:00

Discussion: W.V. Harris, *Rethinking the Mediterranean*

1. "The Mediterranean and Ancient History," W. V. Harris
2. "Practical Mediterraneanism," Michael Herzfeld
3. "Mediterraneans," David Abulafia
6. "Ritual Dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean: Case Studies in Ancient Greece and Asia Minor," Angelos Chaniotis
9. "The Ancient Mediterranean: The View From the Customs-house," Nicholas Purcell
15. "Four Years of 'Corruption': A Response to Critics," Peregrine Horden and Nicholas Purcell

4:15 Departure for Dinner, *The ViewPoint Inn*

4:30-5:50 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00-8:45 BREAKFAST

9:00-9:45 WORSHIP, Douglas Oakman, Presiding

10:00-11:00

Business Meeting

11:30 DEPARTURE

The ContextGroup Executive Board

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