

**INVENTION, REWRITING, USURPATION**  
**DISCURSIVE FIGHTS OVER RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS IN ANTIQUITY**  
31 MAY – 4 JUNE 2010

**Conference Programme**

**Monday, 31 May**

7:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 PhD seminar:

Respondents: David Brakke (paper 1), Karla Pollmann (paper 2), Kasper Bro Larsen (paper 3)

Chair: René Falkenberg

1. Erin Evans, PhD student, The University of Edinburgh, UK: "Sabaoth in the Books of Jeu and the Pistis Sophia: Three Figures, One Name"
2. Christian Müller, PhD student, Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE: "The Latin Reception of Athanasius of Alexandria"
3. Yongbom Lee, PhD student, Trinity College, Bristol, UK: "Paul's Creative Use of Authoritative Traditions"

11:00-12:30 PhD seminar:

Respondents: David Brakke (paper 1), Karla Pollmann (paper 2), Kasper Bro Larsen (paper 3)

Chair: Thorsten Rørbæk

1. Jonathan Cahana, PhD student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, IL: "'None of Them Knew Me nor My Brothers': Gnostic Anti-traditionalism and Gnosticism as a Cultural Phenomenon"
2. Sebastian Weigert, PhD student, University of Marburg, DE: "The Necessity of the Knowledge of Jewish Traditions for Jerome's Bible Translation"
3. Christina Michelsen, PhD student, University of Copenhagen, DK: "The Rhetoric of Intertextuality in the Annunciation Narrative in Luke 1:26-38"

12:30 Lunch

14:00-15:30

PhD seminar:

Respondents: David Brakke (paper 1), Karla Pollmann (paper 2), Kasper Bro Larsen (paper 3)

Chair: Uffe Holmsgaard Eriksen

1. Csaba Ötvös, PhD student, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, HU: "The Figure of Demiurge in the *Writing without Title* (NHC II,5)"

2. Chiara Barilli, PhD student, University of Bologna, IT: "Childhood and Children in Origen of Alexandria. Tradition and New Perspectives"

3. Islam Dayeh, PhD student, Freie Universität. Berlin, DE: "The Mosaic Law in the Qur'an. Biblical, Patristic and Rabbinic traces"

16:00-17:30

PhD seminar:

Respondents: David Brakke (paper 1), Karla Pollmann (paper 2), Kasper Bro Larsen (paper 3)

Chair: René Falkenberg

1. Andreas Westergren, PhD student, Lund University, Sweden: "Monks as Co-Lovers. Visions of Monastery, Church and Society in Theodoret's *Philotheos Historia*"

2. Kathleen Ess, PhD student, University of Heidelberg, DE: "Rewriting Piety, Usurping Rationality: Eusebius' Use of Philo in Book VII of the *Praeparatio Evangelica*"

3. Timothy Lang, PhD student, Duke University, US: "'Once Hidden, Now Revealed': Hermeneutics and the Formation of the Pauline Letter Collection"

18:00-18:30

Welcome

Speaker: Associate Professor [Anders-Christian Jacobsen](#)

18:30-20:30

Dinner

20:30-21:30

Speaker: [Tessa Rajak](#) – "Invention, Rewriting, Usurpation: Discursive Fights over Religious Traditions in Antiquity"

Chair: Anders Klostergaard Petersen

## Tuesday, 1 June

7:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 [Theme 1](#): *Reuse, Rewriting and Usurpation of Biblical and Classical Texts*

Speaker: [Harold Attridge](#): "Invention Rewriting Usurpation: The Case of the Johannine Gospel in the Second Century"

Respondent: Stefan Nordgaard Svendsen

Chair: David Brakke

11:00-12:30 [Theme 2](#): *Invention and Maintenance of Religious Traditions – Theoretical and Historical Perspectives*

Speaker: [Anders Klostergaard Petersen](#)

Respondent: Rubina Raja

Chair: Einar Thomassen

12:30 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Parallel Lecture Sessions:

(1) [Theme 1](#): *Reuse, Rewriting and Usurpation of Biblical and Classical Texts*

Speaker: [Kasper Bro Larsen](#) – "Eumaeus in Emmaus? Luke 24:13-35 and the Recognition Scenes of Greco-Roman Literature"

Respondent: Mikael Sommer

Chair: Erin Wright

(2) [Theme 2](#): *Invention and Maintenance of Religious Traditions – Theoretical and Historical Perspectives*

Speaker: [Jörg Ulrich](#) – "Conceptions and Developments of Early Christian Historiography."

Respondent: Birgitte Bøgh

Chair: Uta Heil

16:00-17:30

Parallel Paper Sessions:

(1) [Theme 1](#): *Reuse, Rewriting and Usurpation of Biblical and Classical Texts*

Speakers:

1. Jennifer Hart – “An Unworthy Baptism Revisited: The Mandaean Reading of Mark 1:4-11 and Matthew 3:13-17”

2. [Róbert Somos](#) – “Strategy of Argumentation in Origen’s *Contra Celsum*”

Chair: Robert Hansen

(2) [Theme 2](#): *Invention and Maintenance of Religious Traditions – Theoretical and Historical Perspectives*

Speakers:

1. [Oda Wischmeyer](#) – “New Traditions in Early Christianity. Kerygma, Kyriakon Deipnon, Baptism, and Love Commandment”

2. [Ellen Muehlberger](#) – “Training the Religious Imagination: The Changing Role of Representation in Late Ancient Christian Ritual”

Chair: René Falkenberg

18:00

Dinner

20:00-21:30

Author Interview and Joint Discussion:

[Karl Olav Sandnes](#) on his new book: *The Challenge of Homer – School, Pagan Poets and Early Christianity*, T & T Clark, 2009

Interviewer: Jakob Engberg

**Wednesday, 2 June**

7:00

Breakfast

8:15

Departure to the [Faculty of Theology](#), Aarhus University

- 9:15-10:45 [Theme 3: Orthodoxy and Heresy](#)
- Speaker: [Daniel Boyarin](#) – “Jesus the Jewish Heretic; After St. Jerome”
- Respondent: Silke-Petra Bergjan  
Chair: Jörg Ulrich
- Open to the public
- 11:00-12:30 Parallel Lecture Sessions:
- (1) [Theme 3: Orthodoxy and Heresy](#)
- Speakers:
1. [Uta Heil](#) – “Bible or Creed? Normative Rules in the Contest for Orthodoxy and Heresy”
  2. [Thomas Graumann](#) – “Orthodoxy, Authority, and the (Re)Construction of the Past in Church Councils”
- Chair: Uffe Holmsgaard Eriksen
- (2) [Theme 3: Orthodoxy and Heresy](#)
- Speakers:
1. [Marianne Sághy](#) – “Virgil for the Orthodox: Pope Damasus on the Roman Martyrs”
  2. [Hugo Lundhaug](#) – “Orthodoxy and Heresy in Upper Egypt: Shenoute’s Heresiological Polemics and Its Context(s)”
- Chair: Jakob Engberg
- 12:30 Lunch + Meeting with the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Aarhus University
- 14:00-16:30 Excursion: [Aarhus City](#)  
Options: (1) [Aarhus Cathedral](#), (2) [ARoS Aarhus Art Museum](#))
- 17:00-18:00 Reception at Aarhus Town Hall
- 18:30 Return to [Hotel Ebeltoft Strand](#)
- 19:15-20:15 Quick Light Meal

- 20:15-21:45 Double Session:
- [Theme 3](#): *Orthodoxy and Heresy*
- 20:15-21:00 Speaker: [Nils Arne Pedersen](#) – “Revisiting W. Bauer”  
(35 mins + questions)
- 21:00-21:45 Speaker: [Einar Thomassen](#) – “What is Heresy and Why did it matter?”  
(35 mins + questions)
- Chair: Carmen Cvetkovic

### Thursday, 3 June

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 [Theme 4](#): *Formation of the Biblical Canon*
- Speaker: [David Brakke](#) – “Scriptural Practices in Early Christianity: Toward a New History of the Canon”
- Respondent: Eve-Marie Becker  
Chair: Anna Marie Aagaard
- 11:00-12:30 [Theme 5](#): *Canons, Classics and Foundation Texts in Antiquity: A Comparative Perspective*
- Speaker: [Samuel Rubenson](#) – “What a Young Man Ought to Read. The School as an Arena for Religious Competition in Late Antiquity”
- Respondent: Anders-Christian Jacobsen  
Chair: Karla Pollmann
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 Parallel Lecture Sessions:
- (1) [Theme 4](#): *Formation of the Biblical Canon*
- Speaker: [Stephen Chapman](#) – “Second Temple Jewish Hermeneutics: How Canon is not an Anachronism”
- Respondent: Jan Dochhorn  
Chair: Ellen Muehlberger

(2) [Theme 5](#): *Canons, Classics and Foundation Texts in Antiquity: A Comparative Perspective*

Speaker: [Peter von Möllendorff](#) – “Canon as *Pharmakon*. Inside and Outside Discursive Sanity in Imperial Greek Literature”

Respondent: Vladimir Cvetkovic

Chair: Anders-Christian Jacobsen

16:00-17:30

Parallel Paper Sessions:

(1) [Theme 4](#): *Formation of the Biblical Canon*

Speakers:

1. [Giovanni Bazzana](#) – “‘Be Good Moneychangers’. The Role of an Agraphon in the Battle for the Canon of Scripture”

2. [Sebastian Moll](#) – “The Usurpation of the Old Testament”

Chair: Thorsten Rørbæk

(2) [Theme 5](#): *Canons, Classics and Foundation Texts in Antiquity: A Comparative Perspective*

Speakers:

1. Gábor Kendeffy – “*Velamentum Stultitiae*: I Cor 3:19. and I Cor 1:20-21. in Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes*”

2. Gunnar Haaland – “‘Our Cities Have Been Built Inland’: Plato, Cicero and Josephus on the Geographical Location of a Virtuous People”

Chair: Filip Ivanovic

17:45-19:15

[Karla Pollmann](#) – “Tradition and Innovation: Changing the Classical Literary Genres in Christian Late Antiquity”

Chair: Anders-Christian Jacobsen

19:30

Dinner and Party

**Friday, 4 June**

7:00

Breakfast

10:00

Departure