



## Jewish, Christian and Muslim Travel Experiences (3rd century BCE—8th century CE)

### Monday (27 January 2020)

Venue: Old Courtroom, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen (38 Oude Boteringestraat)

8:30–9	Coffee	<i>Chair: Barry Hartog</i>
9–9:05	Opening Remarks <i>Susanne Luther, Barry Hartog, Clare Wilde</i>	<u>Imaginary Travel</u>
9:05–9:10	Welcome on behalf of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen <i>Erin Wilson</i>	14:15–14:50 Travelling between Heaven and Earth in the Apocalypse of Abraham <i>Jacques van Ruiten</i>
<i>Chair: Jacques van Ruiten</i>	<u>Religion on the Road</u>	14:50–15:25 Imaginary Travel Experiences in Early Christianity: Seeing the Heavenly Jerusalem <i>Susanne Luther</i>
9:10–9:45	Nehalennia Revisited: Voyagers Addressing a North Sea Deity in the Second Century AD <i>Gert van Klinken</i>	15:25–16 Between Heaven and Earth: Imaginary Journeys of the Soul and their Cosmological Backgrounds <i>Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta</i>
9:45–10:20	Going Abroad with Your God(s): Graeco-Roman <i>interpretatio</i> and Jewish Tradition <i>Anthony Meyer</i>	16–16:30 Tea
10:20–11	Coffee	<i>Chair: Clare Wilde</i>
<i>Chair: Susanne Luther</i>		<u>Public Lecture</u>
11–11:35	Monasteries in Early Muslim Travels <i>Clare Wilde</i>	16:30–17:30 Imagining a “Realm of Islam”: Centricity, Capacity, Connectivity <i>Zayde Antrim</i>
	<u>Travel in Josephus</u>	17:30–18:30 Drinks
11:35–12:10	Travel Experiences in Josephus’ Judaean War: Composition and Character <i>Eelco Glas</i>	18:45 Dinner
12:10–14:15	Lunch	



**Tuesday (NOSTER Seminar) (28 Jan, 2020)**

*Venue:* Film Room, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

- 8:30–9 Coffee
- 9–9:05 Welcome on behalf of the Protestant Theological University  
*Mechteld Jansen*
- Chair: Annette Merz*
- Method in the Study of Travel
- 9:05–9:40 Why a Travel Narrative?  
*Sigurvin Lárus Jónsson*
- 9:40–10:15 Nautical fiction of Late Antiquity: Jews and Christians Traveling  
by the Sea  
*Reuven Kiperwasser*
- 10:15–10:45 Coffee
- 10:45–11:20 Walking in the Footsteps of Egeria: Recreating an Early Christian  
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
*Sidnie White Crawford*
- 11:20–11:55 Travel in Islam: In Search of Divine Power  
*Paul Heck*
- 11:55–12:15 Break
- 12:15–13:15 Graduate Student Papers (**parallel sessions; see the end of the  
programme**)
- 13:15–14:50 Lunch
- Chair: Lieve Teugels*
- Paul's Journeys
- 14:50–15:25 Acts of the Apostles: A Celebration of Uncertainty?  
*Bärry Hartog*
- 15:25–16 Paul's Travels: Authentic Reflections and Retrospective  
Representations in Dialogue  
*Annette Merz*

16–16:30 Tea

*Venue:* Old Courtroom, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University  
of Groningen (38 Oude Boteringestraat)

*Chair: Lidewijde de Jong*

Public Lecture (sponsored by CRASIS)

- 16:30–16:35 Welcome  
*Lidewijde de Jong*
- 16:35–17:35 Travel as an Aspect of Religious Leadership in Late Antiquity:  
The Examples of Rabbi Abbahu and Origen  
*Maren Niehoff*
- 17:35–19:15 Drinks
- 19:30 Dinner



**Wednesday (29 January 2020)**

Venue: Old Courtroom, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen (38 Oude Boteringestraat)

8:30–9 Coffee

Chair: *Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta*

Johannine and Rabbinic Travel

9–9:35 Heavenly Journey and Divine Epistemology in the Fourth Gospel  
*Theo Witkamp*

9:35–10:10 Rabbinic Geography: Between the Imaginary and Real  
*Catherine Hezser*

10:10–10:45 “To a King who Went to a Province Oversea”: Travel in Rabbinic Parables  
*Lieve Teugels*

10:45–11:15 Coffee

Chair: *Clare Wilde*

Closing Panel

11:15–12:15 Panel Discussion  
*Zayde Antrim, Marjo Buitelaar, Steve Mason, Maren Niehoff*

12:15–14 Closing Lunch

**Graduate Student Papers (Parallel Sessions)**

**Tuesday, 28 January 2020, 12:15–13:15**

Session I

Venue: Room 015, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

Chair: *Theo Witkamp*

12:15–12:35 Onwards to the Gift of the Nile: The Travel Experiences of the Judeans in Elephantine in Light of Papyrus Amherst 63  
*Ruwan van der Iest*

12:35–12:55 The Traveling of People and Ideas in Arabia in Late Antiquity  
*Caroline Lemmens*

12:55–13:15 Lefebvre Revisited: A Methodological Discussion of Travel as Lived Experience  
*Els Klok*

Session II

Venue: Exam Room, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

Chair: *Gert van Klinken*

12:15–12:35 “And as They Traveled Towards the East” (Genesis 11:2): Travel in the Book of Genesis and the Anonymous Travelers in the Tower of Babel Account  
*Robin ten Hoopen*

12:35–12:55 The Traveling Patriarchs in the book of Genesis: Jewish and Christian Interpretations  
*Hanan Mazeh*

12:55–13:15 The Traveling Sage in Aramaic and Greek Jewish Literature  
*Robert Jones*