**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)*

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

Bärty Hartog

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