The Last Days of the Kingdom of Israel
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Preliminary Program

Wednesday 15.03.2017

9:30-9:50  Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Welcoming Address

Part I: The Assyrian sources
9:50-10:30  Jamie Novotny (Munich), “Contextualizing the last days of the kingdom of Israel: what can Assyrian official inscriptions actually tell us?”
10:30-11:10  Eckart Frahm (Yale), “Samaria, Hamath, and the Assyrian western campaign of 720 BCE”
11:50-12:30  Karen Radner (Munich), “Brain drain: the deportation of the Israelites in the context of the resettlement policy of the Assyrian Empire”

12:30-14:30  Lunch

Part II: Biblical sources: The Book of Kings

14:30-15:10  Christoph Levin (Munich), “On the way to the original biblical record about the fall of Samaria”

15:50-16:30  Coffee Break

16:30-17:10  Steven McKenzie (Rhodes College), “The last days of Israel: chronological considerations”
Thursday 16.03.2017

Part II (cont’d): Biblical sources: The Book of Kings

9:30-10:10 Dan’el Kahn (Haifa), “The fall of Samaria: between history and historiography”
11:30-12:10 Georg Hentschel (Erfurt), “Did Hoshea continue the disastrous policy of his predecessors?”

12:10-14:00 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Guided Tour of Schloss Nymphenburg with Dr Sybe Wartena (Bavarian National Museum)

Part III: Biblical sources: The Prophets

16:00-16:40 Martti Nissinen (Helsinki), “The Book of Hosea and the last days of the Northern Kingdom: the methodological problem”
16:40-17:20 Hugh Williamson (Oxford), “Isaiah and the fall of the kingdom of Israel”
17:20-18:00 Friedhelm Hartenstein (Munich), “The fall of Samaria: a key concept for the interpretation of history in the Assyrian cycle Isaiah 28-31”

Friday 17.03.2017

Part IV: The archaeology of the kingdom of Israel

9:30-10:10 Ayelet Gilboa (Haifa), “Ceramic chronology and the end of the kingdom of Israel”
10:10-10:50 Norma Franklin (Haifa), “Megiddo and Jezreel reflected in the dying embers of the Northern Kingdom of Israel”

Part V: Methodological reflections

10:50-11:30 Ron Tappy (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), “Evidence from the final years of Israelite Samaria: a dialectic between texts and archaeology, or between modern day scholars?”
11:30-12:10 Bob Becking (Utrecht), “How to encounter an historical problem? ’722-720‘ as a case study”

12:10-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Concluding roundtable discussion