



## New Perspectives on the Joseph Story



1<sup>st</sup> Berlin—Oxford  
*Summer School*

June 20—24, 2016

Humboldt University of Berlin  
Department of Old Testament  
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Over the last several decades the Joseph Story has been discussed from various perspectives, including its position in the Pentateuch, the possible Egyptian background of Gen 37-50, and the language and structure of the text itself.

The *Summer School* will introduce students and doctoral students from Europe and around the world to new perspectives on the Joseph Story. Five international specialists from four different countries will discuss current perspectives on Gen 37-50:

*Monday (06/20/2016)*

Thomas Römer (Lausanne/Paris), The Joseph Story (Gen 37-50) and the Current Debate on Pentateuchal Criticism

*Tuesday (06/21/2016)*

Jan Joosten (Oxford), Dating the Joseph Story: Gen 37-50 and Linguistic Dating

*Wednesday (06/22/2016)*

Bernd U. Schipper (Berlin), Joseph in Egypt: The Egyptian Background of the Joseph Story

*Thursday (06/23/2016)*

Shani Tzoref (Potsdam), Joseph, the Dreamer: The Motif of Dreams in Second Temple Literature

*Friday (06/24/2016)*

Maren Niehoff (Jerusalem), Joseph and Potiphar's Wife from the Second Temple Period to Rabbinic Literature: Changing Attitudes to Sexuality and the Self.

*Lecturers:*

*Maren Niehoff* (PhD, University of Oxford) is Max Cooper Professor of Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

*Jan Joosten* (ThD, Brussels; PhD, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) is Regius Professor of Hebrew at the University of Oxford.

*Thomas Römer* (ThD, Heidelberg University; PhD h.c., Tel Aviv University) is Professor of Old Testament (*Bible hébraïque*) at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) and at the Collège de France, Paris.

*Bernd U. Schipper* (ThD, Bonn University; PhD, Hamburg University) is Professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Religion at the Humboldt University of Berlin.

*Shani Tzoref* (PhD, New York University) is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Potsdam University and at the Abraham Geiger College in Berlin.

*Schedule:*

The *Summer School* runs from Monday, June 20, 9:30 a.m. to Friday, June 24, 2 p.m. Each thematic unit is guided by one of the lecturers. It starts with an introduction to the state of research (10 a.m.–12 p.m.) followed by a lecture (1:30–3:00 p.m.) and a seminar (3:30–5:00 p.m.) with a discussion of the general argument in light of the Hebrew text.

### Language:

All seminar sessions during the Berlin—Oxford *Summer School* will be given in **English**.

### How to prepare:

Eight weeks before the *Summer School* each student will receive a **reader** with the literature and a list of the Hebrew texts which should be prepared for the seminars. For one of the seminars on the “state of research” (= first unit of the day) each participant should prepare a **15 minutes paper** which summarizes a classical position of previous research.

### Participation Fee:

The participation fee for the Berlin—Oxford *Summer School* is **300,- EUR**. This includes:

- 14 seminar sessions (90 min. each)
- course materials
- an attractive cultural programme, including a boat trip on the river *Spree* through Berlin
- lunch (from Monday to Friday)

Travelling costs, breakfast, dinner, housing and public transportation in Berlin (subway / S-Bahn) will **not** be covered.

All participants will receive a **certificate** from the Humboldt University Berlin, signed by the lecturers of the Summer School.

### Housing:

Housing can be offered for an additional fee of 300,- EUR (arrival time is Sunday 06/19 afternoon, Check out: Sunday, 06/26 morning). This includes a single room (with a shared bath) in an apartment in Berlin which will be rented for one week for the participants of the *Summer School*. The distance between the apartment and the venue of the *Summer School* is 15-20 minutes by public transportation (subway and /or S-Bahn).

### Application Procedure:

The number of participants of the Berlin—Oxford *Summer School* is limited to 12.

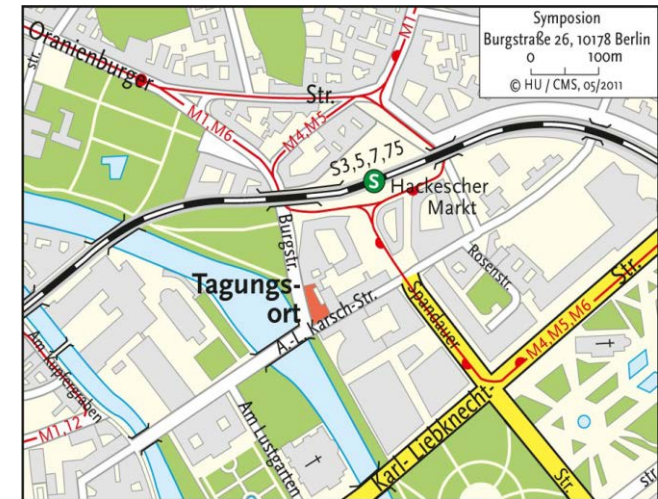
**Applications** should be made before **March 15, 2016** to the Department of Old Testament, attn. of Dr. Sonja Ammann (sonja.ammann@hu-berlin.de). They should contain a statement of personal motivation for participating in the *Summer School* as well as a curriculum vitae and previous student record/transcript.

Successful applicants will receive the **binding authorisation** to participate as well as detailed course information **between March 20 and 31, 2016**.

### Directions:

The location of the Theology Faculty is marked on the map below as “Tagungsort.” The building is just east of the Museum Island (address: Burgstrasse 26, D-10178 Berlin).

Hackescher Markt S-Bahn: S3, S5, S7, S75  
Alexanderplatz: U-Bahn U2, U5, U8



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