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This international conference focuses on the scribe's status, training, practices, and work in the Biblical world. What was the scribe's role in Eastern and Mediterranean societies? Were there rival scribal schools? What was their role in daily life? How many scripts and languages did they grasp? Did they master political and religious rhetoric? Did they travel or share foreign traditions, cultures, and beliefs? Were all scribes redactors, or simple copyists? What was their influence on the redaction of the Bible? How did they relate to political and religious powers? Did they have an authority of their own?

To explore these fascinating questions, we invite you to join us in Strasbourg on 17–19 June 2019 by registering here: <https://forms.gle/jcfg5rQLgtrCcJ1G7>. See you soon!

— Esther Eshel & Michael Langlois

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MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2019

INAUGURATION

15:30–17:30 **Private visit** of the National University Library (BNU) collection of inscriptions and manuscripts
17:30–18:30 **Emanuel Tov** • Approaches of Scribes to the Biblical Text in Ancient Israel

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019

SESSION 1

09:30–10:10 **André Lemaire** • West Semitic Royal Scribes ca. 1250–600 BCE
10:10–10:50 **Sara Milstein** • Insights into Scribal Training: The Origins of Biblical and Mesopotamian Law
10:50–11:30 **Aaron Demsky** • Cursing the Authority: From Mesopotamia to Canaan and Back

SESSION 2

- 13:30-14:10 **Regine Hunziker** • Female Literacy in the Biblical World: A Search for Traces
- 14:10-14:50 **Jan Dušek** • The “Nests” of the Aramaic Scribal Culture in the 9th-8th Centuries BCE Levant: An Attempt of Identification
- 14:50-15:30 **Anat Mendel-Geberovich** • Judaeon Glyptic Finds: An Updated Corpus and a Palaeographic *Status Quaestionis*

SESSION 3

- 16:00-16:40 **Stefan Wimmer** • Hieratic Numerals in Iron Age Hebrew Tax Bullae
- 16:40-17:20 **Aren Wilson-Wright** • Out of Egypt: Linguistic and Material Evidence for Egyptian Influence on Judahite Scribal Practice during the Saite Period
- 17:20-18:00 **Tania Notarius** • The Northwest Semitic – Akkadian Linguistic Convergence: *sefer* and *sofer* as a Case Study

WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2019

SESSION 4

- 09:30-10:10 **Bill Schniedewind** • Adaptation of Scribal Curriculum: Examples from the Letter Writing Genre
- 10:10-10:50 **Esther Eshel & Boaz Zissu** • Combining Palaeo-Hebrew and Aramaic Scripts in Ancient Inscriptions
- 10:50-11:30 **Michael Langlois** • Mixed and Peculiar Uses of the Old Hebrew Script by Dead Sea Scrolls Scribes

SESSION 5

- 13:30-14:10 **Paul Mandel** • Between *sofer* and *safar*: The Evolution of the Second Temple Period “Scribe”
- 14:10-14:50 **Guy Stiebel** • Text Case: Writing Under Extreme Conditions at Masada
- 14:50-15:30 **Elisa Uusimäki** • Traveling Scribes in Second Temple Judaism

SESSION 6

- 16:00-16:40 **Jeffrey Stackert** • Fatigue in the Revisionary Composition of the Hebrew Bible
- 16:40-17:20 **Martin Heide** • Abram’s Sojourn in Egypt (Gen 12) in Hellenistic Judaism: What Did the Scribes Transmit, What Did They Change, And Why Did They Change It?
- 17:20-18:00 **Gemma Hayes** • Scribes and their Spelling Practices in the Dead Sea Scrolls

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