



Workshop Religious Narratives

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at the Crossroads of Scripture, Tradition and Culture: Reflections on the Jonah Story

This workshop wishes to examine the reception of scriptural narrative in the three monotheistic traditions. While the fact that Biblical tradition has found a narrative extension in the religious lore of Judaism, Christianity and Islam has been honored in hosts of scholarly works, the comparative reading of these traditions together has not yet been given due attention.

Inspired by the path-breaking study of Abraham Geiger (1833), European scholars have long been fascinated with the interrelations between Jewish and Christian readings of Biblical narratives and the Qur'an. This project needs to be resumed, though with a fresh look at the texts that incorporates traditional and modern Arab and Muslim scholarship.

By focusing on shared narratives we wish to emphasize the continuity between the three traditions as well as to draw out some of the unique developments.

In short, what we suggest here is not merely a descriptive approach, but rather a comparative study of the history of the intellectual and cultural reception of scriptural narratives.

The workshop endeavors to explore the possibility and advantages of such a multidisciplinary comparative approach for both philological and cultural studies. For this reason, the focus will be limited to one particular narrative, namely that of Jonah, so that the processes of adaptation that religious narratives undergo will be more evident.

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