

Time and place: Monday, 27 May 2019 at HCAS

Organizers: Kaisa Kaakinen, Ilkka Lindstedt, Elisa Uusimäki

Gender and Religious Identity: A Workshop with Daniel Boyarin

*Each paper is 20+10 mins

Welcome 8.45-9.00

9.00-12.00: Gender session

9.00: Martti Nissinen, HY: *The Agency of the Female Prophets of the Hebrew Bible: Independent or Instrumental? Prophetic or Political?*

9.30: Saana Svärd, HY: *Studying Gender in the Ancient Near East*

10.00: Outi Lehtipuu, HY: *"No Male and Female": Gender and the Rhetoric of Recognition in Early Christianity*

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00: Susanna Asikainen, HY: *Investigating Emphasized Femininities in the Rewritten Biblical Narratives*

11.30: Katharina Keim, Lund: *Women and Gender in Pirqei deRabbi Eliezer*

12.00-13.00: Lunch break

13.00-15.30: Religious identity session

13.00: Antti Vanhoja & Nina Nikki, HY: *Paulinism and Anti-Paulinism: Cultural Evolutionary Perspectives*

13.30: Pekka Lindqvist, ÅA: *Confrontations and Exegesis in Early Judaism*

14.00-14.30: Coffee break

14.30: Maijastina Kahlos, HY: *Pagans, Heretics, or Sorcerers? Labels and Identities in Local Religion in the Fifth Century CE*

15.00: Riikka Tuori, HY: *Karaite Identity in Early Modern Europe*

17.00: Daniel Boyarin's keynote lecture "What is the Jews?"

Abstract: In this lecture, I will contend that the binary opposition: 'The Jews is a religion/'The Jews is a nation is based on a false dichotomy. It is further flawed by the assumption that nation is tantamount to nation-state such that only the option "religion" constitutes an oppositional position vis-a-vis a Jewish nation state. I will discuss scholarship that proves definitively that many--if not most--early Zionist political thought did not involve the building of a state. The bulk of the lecture will outline the idea of a Diaspora Nation as the once and (possible) future for the continued existence of the Jews.