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# Traditions, Transmissions, and Texts in Early Judaism and Christianity

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## Prague – Passau Symposium Series:

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May 2023: Social Memory Theory and Scripture Quotations in Mark

### Description

This is the second year of the Prague/Passau Symposium on Social Memory Theory and Biblical and Cognate Studies. While these meetings serve as a required component for doctoral students who are currently working in this field at both Charles University under the supervision of Prof. Hatina and Universität Passau under the supervision of Prof. Huebenthal, an invitation is extended to all who are interested. The aim of the Symposium in Prague is to provide an opportunity for Graduate/Doctoral Students and invited faculty to present their current research to their peers in an interactive format. The Prague sessions will be held on May 8 and 9. The first day will consist of student-led presentations. Every student should aim for a 45-minute session which should include both a presentation and a discussion time—based on last year's format. This is a valuable opportunity for students to engage with peers and faculty with the aim of developing their thesis projects.

The second day will consist of assigned presentations by students on the topic of embedded scripture texts in Mark's Gospel. Each student is assigned a scripture quotation and a corresponding chapter from Thomas Hatina's, *In Search of a Context: The Function of Scripture in Mark's Narrative* (JSNTSup 232; SSEJC 8; London: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002), which aims at understanding how scripture quotations contribute to Mark's narrative. Individual PDF chapters will be emailed to students. The aim is to creatively think about how we can advance these narrative readings in light of Sandra Huebenthal's recent publication, *Reading Mark's Gospel as a Text from Collective Memory* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020). Students are responsible for acquiring this book. While students can expand their research beyond these two volumes, the interaction of the two volumes should be central. The governing question is: How do Mark's quotations from the Jewish scriptures function as memory texts?

The Passau component of the Symposium is scheduled for May 15 and 16. The program for both days does not require preparation.

## Prague Schedule

### I. Tuesday, May 9

HTF UK, classroom H503, 5th floor of the main building  
Social Memory Theory in Current Research: Dissertation Projects

- 10:00-10:15, Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15-11:00, Session 1: **Stu Talene** (ETF UK/TWU, Langley)
- 11:00-11:45, Session 2: **Lukáš Krynský** (HTF UK)
- 11:45-12:00, Coffee Break
- 12:00-12:45, Session 3: **Naomi Rey**
- 12:45-2:00, Lunch
- 2:00-2:45, Session 4: **Michal Schejbal** (HTF UK)
- 2:45-3:30, Session 5: **Andrea Pichlmeier** (UNI Passau)
- 3:30-3:45, Coffee Break
- 3:45-4:30, Session 6: **Kyle Parsons** (ETF UK/TWU Langley)
- 4:30-5:15, Session 7: **Sandra Heubenthal** (UNI Passau), "*Jesus' Deviant Behavior as the New Normal in Mark's Gospel*"

### II. Wednesday, May 10

Czech Academy of Sciences, Centre for Classical Studies (Lower Hall): Social Memory Theory and Scripture Quotations in Mark  
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- 10:00-10:15, Introduction

- 10:15-11:00, Session 1, **Thomas Hatina**, “*Embedded Scripture as Memory Frames: Prospects and Problems*”
- 11:00-11:45, Session 2, **Kyle Parsons**, “*Exod 23:20; Mal 3:1; and Isa 40:3 in Mark 1:2–3*”
- 11:45-12:00, Coffee Break
- 12:00-12:45, Session 3, **Stu Talene**, “*Isa 6:9–10 in Mark 4:12*”
- 12:45-2:00, Lunch
- 2:00-2:45, Session 4, **Lukáš Krynský**, “*Ps 118:26 in Mark 11:9*”
- 2:45-3:30, Session 5, **Michal Schejbal**, “*Isa 13:10; Dan 7:13; Zech 2:10; and Deut 30:4 in Mark 13:24–27*”
- 3:30-3:45, Coffee Break
- 3:45-4:30, Session 6, Concluding thoughts and Implications: **Jiří Lukeš, Sandra Heubenthal, Thomas Hatina**

## Passau Schedule

The following agenda for the Passau portion of the Colloquium is currently in draft form.

It is entitled: **Reading Ancient *Bioi*: Social Memory Theory meets the Classics**

[Flyer in PDF](#)

### Monday, May 15

#### Part I - Workshop on the Reading of Ancient *Bioi*

- Reading together: Roundtable for generating methodology and research questions.  
Plenary session with experts and students, moderation: **Prof. Dr. Christian Handschuh** (Passau)  
**Faculty:**
  - o Dr. David Cielontko (ETF Prague)
  - o Prof. Dr. Christian Handschuh (Passau)
  - o Prof. Dr. Thomas R. Hatina (HTF Prague/Vancouver)
  - o Prof Dr. Sandra Huebenthal (Passau)
  - o PD. Dr. Torsten Jantsch (LMU Munich)
  - o Dr. Jiří Lukeš (HTF Prague)
  - o [PD Dr. Stephan Witetschek (LMU Munich)]
- 11:45-13:00, Working space: Putting together reading plans. Groups work on reading plans
- 13:00-14:30, Lunch break
- 14:30-16:30, Reading Mark. Plenary session, moderation: Prof Dr. **Sandra Huebenthal** (UNI Passau)

### Tuesday, May 16

#### Part II - Workshop on the Reading of Ancient *Bioi*

- 9:00-10:30, Reading Lucian’s *Life of Demonax*. Plenary session, moderation: Dr. **Dávid Cielontko** (UK ETF Prague)
- 11:00-12:30, Reading Philostratus’ *Life of Apollonius*. Plenary session, moderation: PD. Dr. **Torsten Jantsch** (LMU Munich)
- 12.30-14:00, Lunch break
- 14:15:30, Closing discussion. Plenary session, moderation: Prof. Dr. **Christian Handschuh** (UNI Passau)