

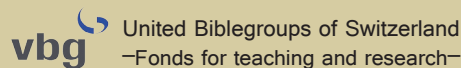
# Paradigm Change in Pentateuchal Research

Both in Judaism and in Christianity, the Pentateuch forms the first and fundamental piece of the Bible and in many ways can be seen as the basic document of Western religious history. The paradigm for the study of the Pentateuch that currently prevails in Biblical Studies dates from the 19th century and forms a cornerstone of Biblical Studies and of the reconstruction of the history of ancient Israel. This paradigm extends to the narratives of the Pentateuch as well as to its legal collections. According to this paradigm, the Pentateuch was composed over a long period, with the three most important stages JE (from before the Deuteronomy), D (the core of Deuteronomy, dated in the 7th century) and P (Priestly texts, from the exilic and postexilic periods).

This paradigm was established by Julius Wellhausen's «Prolegomena zur Geschichte Israels» (1878). It has been modified in many ways since its invention, and in the last thirty years it has been subject to various criticisms even by representatives of theological schools that were previously defending it; nevertheless, no fundamental paradigm shift has taken place to this date.

It is the aim of this conference to discuss this paradigm critically and to explore whether a fundamental paradigm change can overcome the current impasse of old models and open new approaches to the understanding of the Pentateuch. The international speakers are experts in the fields of Biblical Studies, Legal History, Linguistics, and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

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## General Information

### Location

STH Basel | Mühlestieggrain 50 | CH-4125 Riehen | Switzerland

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### Registration

Before 13 March 2017:

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### Expenses (advance payment)

Conference Fee incl. Lunch and Coffee CHF 130.- | Students CHF 60.-

Single day CHF 45.- | Students CHF 30.-

The registration is valid with payment of the conference fee only.

No refunds in case of nonattendance.

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### Dinner Friday

It is possible to join us for dinner on Friday evening, 19.00 in Riehen (separate registration; individual payment directly in the restaurant).

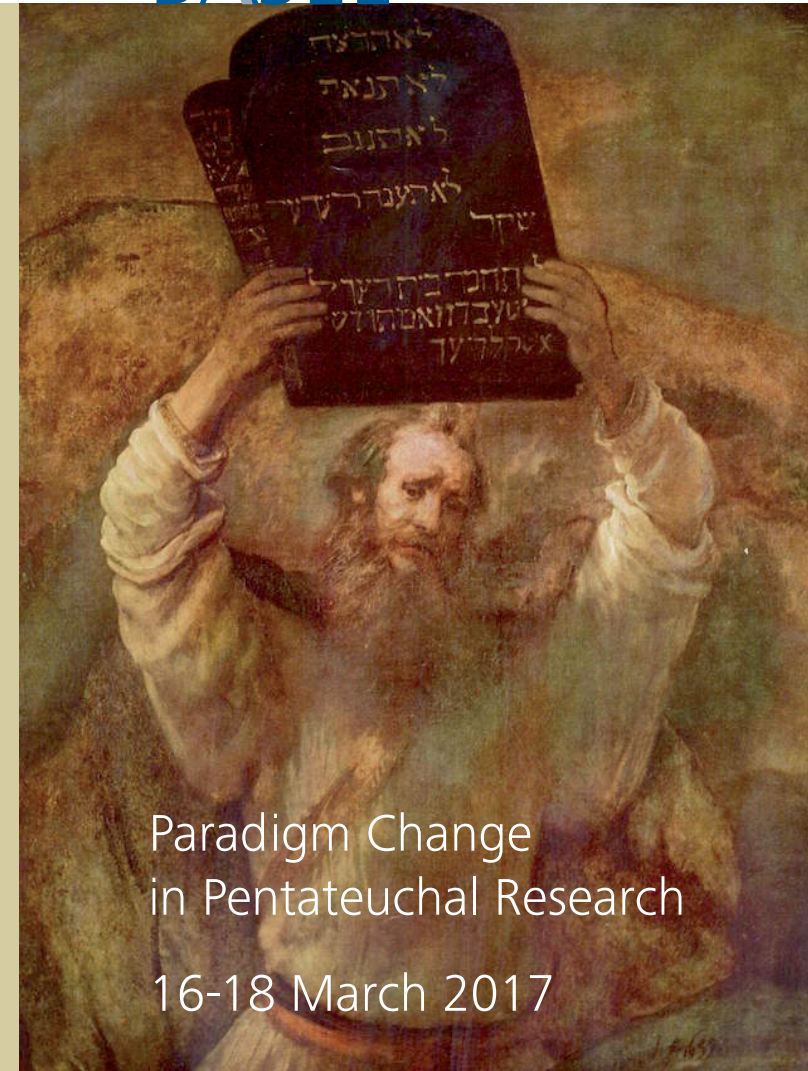
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Prof. Dr. Markus Zehnder, Biola University Los Angeles

# Programme

## Thursday, 16 March 2017

- 09.15 Opening
- 09.30–10.30 **Georg Fischer**, University of Innsbruck, Austria  
**Time for a Change! Why Pentateuchal Analysis is in a Crisis**
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00–12.00 **Richard Averbeck**, Trinity International University, Deerfield IL, USA  
**Reading the Torah in a Better Way: the Manifold Unity of Narrative, Law, and Priestly Writing**
- 12.00–13.30 Lunch Break
- 13.30–14.30 **Matthias Armgardt**, University of Konstanz, Germany  
**Deuteronomy and Pentateuch – the Perspective of Legal History**
- 14.30–15.30 **Guido Pfeifer**, Goethe University, Frankfurt a.M., Germany  
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- 15.30–16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00–17.00 **Markus Zehnder**, Biola University, Los Angeles, USA  
**The Relationship of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28**

- 17.00–18.00 **Benjamin Kilchör**, STH Basel, Switzerland  
**Wellhausen's Five Pillars for the Priority of D over P/H and their Lost Sustainability**

## Friday, 17 March 2017

- 09.00–10.00 **Joshua Berman**, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel  
**The Limits of Source Criticism: The Flood Narrative in Genesis 6–9**
- 10.00–11.00 **Lina Petersson**, Uppsala University, Sweden  
**The Linguistic Profile of the Priestly Narrative of the Pentateuch**
- 11.00–11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30–12.30 **Eckart Otto**, University of Munich, Germany  
**Deuteronomy as the Legal Completion and Prophetic Finale of the Pentateuch**
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00–15.00 **Kenneth Bergland**, Andrews University, Berrien Springs MI, USA  
**The Reception of Torah in Jer 34 as a Legal Blend of Lev 25 and Deut 15**
- 15.00–16.00 **Carsten Vang**, Lutheran School of Theology Aarhus, Denmark  
**The Non-Prophetic Background for the King Law in Deut 17:14-20**

- 16.00–16.30 Coffee Break
- 16.30–17.30 **John Bergsma**, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, USA  
**The Contrast between the Pentateuch and Ezekiel with Respect to Zion Theology: Implications for Theories of the Composition of the Pentateuch**

## Saturday, 18 March 2017

- 09.00–10.00 **Jan Retsö**, Gothenburg University, Sweden  
**The Tabernacle Description and the Dating of the Priestly Code: A Comparative Religious Approach**
- 10.00–11.00 **Sandra Richter**, Wheaton College, IL, USA  
**Silver in the Book of Deuteronomy: A Key to the Provenance of the Book?**
- 11.00–11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30–12.30 **Pekka Pitkänen**, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, England  
**Reconstructing the Social Contexts of the Priestly and Deuteronomical Materials in a Non-Wellhausenian Setting**
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch Break
- 14.00–15.00 Final Discussion