

Research Group Reunion

The Religious Experience of Crisis in the Mediterranean World (4th-7th Centuries)

JULY 9-11, 2012

MONDAY July 9, 2012

17:30 **Opening session:**

Chair: **Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony**

Lorenzo Perrone (Bologna University)

**Rediscovering Origen Today: First Impressions on the Newly
Discovered Collection of Homilies on the Psalms**

18:45 Reception at IAS lobby

TUESDAY July 10, 2012

9:00–10:00 **SESSION 1**

Chair: **Lorenzo Perrone**

Keynote lecture: **Derek Krueger** (University of North Carolina at Greensboro)

The Interior Lives of Biblical Figures in Early Byzantine Hymns

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:30 **SESSION 2**

Chair: **Hillel Newman**

Columba Stewart (Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota)

**A Tale of Three Cities: The Development of Asceticism and Monasticism in
Antioch, Edessa, and Nisibis across the Crises of the Fourth and Fifth Centuries**

Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony (The Hebrew University)

**"Neither Beginning nor End": The Messalian Imaginaire and the Formation
of Syriac Asceticism**

14:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 3**

Chair: **Roger Scott**

Ritta Lizzi (University of Perugia)

Inter christianos etiam gentilitatis cultores sed et veteris legis studiosi audientiae sint adhibendi: The Impact of Theological Controversies on the Intellectual Life of Late Antiquity

Yonatan Moss (Yale University)

Body Politics: Christological Debate and Political Dilemma in the Chalcedonian Crisis

16:30-16:45 **Coffee break**

16:45 – 18:45 **SESSION 4**

Chair: **Alberto Camplani**

Aryeh Kofsky (University of Haifa) and **Serge Ruzer** (The Hebrew University)

Shaping Christology in Hermeneutical Context: Theodore of Mopsuestia's Endeavor in Face of Contemporaneous Challenges

Sergey Minov (The Hebrew University)

Crisis through the Eyes of an East-Syrian Historian: John bar Penkaye on the Christological Controversies of the Fifth and Sixth Centuries

WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2012

9:00–12:30 **SESSION 5**

Chair: **Steven Kaplan**

Philippe Blauveau (University of Angers)

Various Evaluations of a Crisis: Emperor Justinian and Pope Vigilius on the Ecclesiastical Situation at the Eve of the Three Chapters Controversy (AD 540)

Alberto Camplani (La Sapienza, Rome)

Images of a Religious Crisis in Egyptian Historiography and Hagiography (Fifth to Seventh Centuries)

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

Chair: **István Perczel**

David Satran (The Hebrew University)

The First Origenist Controversy (393-403): Reassessments and Suggestions

14:30 – 16:30 **SESSION 6**

Chair: **Leah Di Segni**

Roger Scott (University of Melbourne)

Revisiting the Sixth-Century Turning Point

István Perczel (Central European University, Budapest)

The Revelations of the Fiery Gregory: A New Apocalyptic Text Found in India (Seventh Century?)

16:30-17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00-18:30 **SESSION 7**

Chair: **Ora Limor**

Hillel Newman (University of Haifa)

Dehistoricizing and Rehistoricizing Jewish Apocalyptic of the Sixth and Seventh Centuries

Lutz Greisiger (Buber Society of Fellows, The Hebrew University)

The Last Roman-Persian War of 602–628: Near Easterners' Owl and Constantinopolitans' Nightingale

All sessions will take place at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies,
The Hebrew University, Edmond J. Safra Campus, Givat Ram (Room 128)