

Bible Interpretation in Diverse Communities: Methods, Perspectives, Challenges

Summer School of the Centre for Contextual Biblical Interpretation at the Protestant Theological University and the Faculty of Religion and Theology of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, IN **UTRECHT 22-26 July 2024**

Program draft

	Monday 22 July	Tuesday 23 July	Wednesday 24 July	Thursday 25 July	Friday 26 July
9:00	Session 1: Welcome, Introduction to the week, getting to know each other Team	Session 5: Exilic interpretations of the Scriptures Guest lecturer	Exposure1 Dienstencentrum - PKN	Session 9: Bible interpretation and the quest for translation: interactive panel	Session 13: Bible interpretation through art at large: what about images, music and much more? Guest lecturer
10:30	Coffee & Tea break				
11:00	Session 2: The researcher and Bible using communities: Methodological questions in an interdisciplinary fashion D. Nagy	Session 6: The New Testament and its interpretations in diverse communities/ or Migratory interpretations of New Testament An Ting Yi	Exposure1 Dienstencentrum - PKN	Session 10: Using the Bible in different pastoral context: Input by and conversations with reflective practitioners	Session 14: Drawing the lines together: Interactive session on how far we got during this week+ Workshop in teams of three based on the question: Methods, perspectives and challenges
12:30	Lunch break	Lunch break		Lunch break	Lunch break
14:00	Session 3: Methods and methodological questions in Contextual Biblical Interpretation Guest and Klaas Spronk	Session 7: Parallel Sessions: pitching on your research interest in two or three groups Team members taking the groups	Exposure2 Catharijneconvent -	Session 11: Bible interpretation and inter-religious living together Guest lecturers	Session 15: Presenting the outcomes of Session 14 in an interactive way
15:30	Coffee & Tea break				
16:00	Session 4: An interactive lecture on: Biblical Hermeneutics and positionality: whose positionality? Peter-Ben Smit	Session 8: Workshops: 2X Bible interpretation and public theology Guest lecturers	Exposure2 Catharijneconvent -	Session 12: Gender Disputes as a Context for Biblical Interpretation PBS	Session 16: Wrapping up; feedback team
17:30	Dinner break	Dinner break	Dinner break	Dinner break	Summer School Dinner?
19:00-21		Movie night:		Optional event: e.g. a walk in Utrecht? The Bible in the city?	

Explanations to the sessions:

Session 1: Word of welcome, going through the program, sharing necessary information.

The getting to know each other part of the session could be done by asking the participants to take a Bible with them and explain why they took that particular Bible.

Session 2: This session provides a general yet interdisciplinary entry to mythological questions in relation to researching Bible using communities. Positionality, lived theology, oral and/or written practices are but some of the aspects highlighted in the session.

Session 3: This session will provide a general introduction to the recent development in contextual biblical interpretation and will highlight a couple of methodological challenges such developments seeks to address or generate. The session will be provided by two scholars (30 min each + 30 min discussions).

Session 4: Positionality and Biblical Hermeneutics.

Session 5: After a first day of more general and overview-type of introductions in contextual Biblical interpretation and its methodological challenges, this session will focus on specific theme: "Exilic interpretation of the Scriptures". Based on the expertise of the lecturer, the group should get insides in a thematic approach to contextual Biblical interpretation.

Session 6: Thematic Contextual Biblical Interpretation: the New Testament and its migration issues.

Session 7: Form a group of PhD students, a group of clergy/ministry people and a master's group. During the small groups everyone will pitch 90 seconds on his/her research project, work related to Bible interpretation and then the group formulates an agenda with points to be considered for working with "interpreting the Bible in diverse communities". These posters then will be shared in a plenary session:

Timewise: plenary intro. 10 min, Working in small groups: 50 min, Presenting in plenary and further discussions 30 min

Session 8: The Bible and its interpretative challenges in and for Public Theology. 2 x 40 min workshop in smaller groups. The idea is that we divide the group in two and they take turn in doing the workshop with both workshop-providers.

Session 9: Bible interpretation and the quest for translation: Interactive panel with X, Y and Z.

Session 10: Using the Bible in different pastoral context: Input by and conversations with reflective practitioners. The aim of this session is to expose the participants to voices of those who work with the Bible in different pastoral context (prison, Moluccan community- coloniality, migration-conditioned pastoral contexts, community processing enslavement histories/experiences).

Session 11: Bible interpretation and interreligious living together- 2x 30 minutes followed by Q &A.

Session 12: Gender Disputes as a Context for Biblical Interpretation. This too might become an interactive workshop if we involve e.g. people with different gender identification.

Session 13: guest lecturer (performance, painter, musician, writer/poet).

Session 14: Drawing the lines together

Session 15: Presenting outcomes

Session 16: Wrapping up; feedback.

