

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 6th–11th July 2025

Program

	Sunday 6 July	Monday 7 July	Tuesday 8 July	Wednesday 9 July	Thursday 10 July	Friday 11 July
9:30	Visiting local communities & activities [self-responsible]	Session 1: Welcome, introduction to the week, getting to know each other Team	Session 4: Exilic interpretations of the Scriptures Eveline van Staalduine-Sulman	Exposure 1 (10:00–11:30) Catharijneconvent – Rianneke van der Houwen	Session 7: Bible interpretation and the quest for translation Suzan Sierksma-Agteres	Session 10: Bible interpretation through art at large: what about images, music and much more? Hanna Rijken
11:00		Coffee & Tea break	Coffee & Tea break		Coffee & Tea break	Coffee & Tea break
11:30		Session 2: The researcher and Bible using communities: Methodological questions in an interdisciplinary fashion Dorottya Nagy	Session 5: Migratory Interpretations of the New Testament An-Ting Yi & Jake Awidi	Commute and lunch at Dienstencentrum (11:30–14:00)	Session 8: Using the Bible in different coloniality contexts Eva Abel & Vincent Kalvin Wenno	Session 11: Drawing the lines together: Interactive session on how far we got during this week; workshop in teams based on the question: Methods, perspectives and challenges Team
13:00		Lunch break	Lunch break		Lunch break	
14:30		Session 3: Methods and methodological questions in Contextual Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Hermeneutics and positionality Peter-Ben Smit	Session 6: Bible interpretation and public theology Dion Forster	Exposure 2 (14:00–15:30) Dienstencentrum – Israel and Palestine Wilma Wolswinkel Reflection and discussion (15:30–16:30)	Session 9: Bible interpretation and inter-religious living together Matthea Westerduin	Wrapping up, handing certificate, lunch together (13:00–15:00)
16:00		Free times and social activities	Free times and social activities	Free times and social activities	Free times and social activities	Free times and social activities

Webpage: <https://utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/humanities/biblical-interpretation-in-diverse-communities>

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