



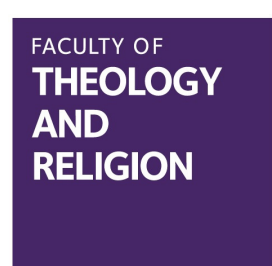
# Reconceptualising Monotheism: Concepts and Cultures in Ancient Israel

**4 November 2021 8:45 am - 6:30 pm GMT**

**Online Event**

Conveners: Prof. Hindy Najman, Prof. Joachim Schaper,  
Dr. Hywel Clifford

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/161876887127>



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## Programme of Events

8.45 – 9.00

Prof. Hindy Najman and Dr. Hywel Clifford (University of Oxford) and Prof. Joachim Schaper (University of Aberdeen) –  
Welcome & Introduction

### Session I

Chair: Dr. Hywel Clifford (University of Oxford)

9.00 – 9.45

Prof. Joachim Schaper (University of Aberdeen) – “Media Archaeology” and Research into the Origins of Jewish  
Monotheism: Some Thoughts on Method, in Dialogue with Jan Assmann and Others

9.45 – 10.30

Prof. Eckart Otto (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) – Historical Dialectics in the Judean History of Religion on  
Its Course to Monotheism

10.30 – 10.45

Break

### Session II

Chair: Prof. Hindy Najman (University of Oxford)

10.45 – 11.30

Dr. Nathan MacDonald (University of Cambridge) – Priestly Monotheism

11.30 – 12.15

Dr. Hywel Clifford (University of Oxford) – The Apologetic and the Axial: “Monotheism” between Israelite Yahwism and  
Early Greek Philosophy

12.15 – 1.00

Dr. Antonella Bellantuono (University of Lille) – Religious Coexistence in Antiquity: The Relationship between Jewish  
Monotheism and the Egyptian cults

1.00 – 2.00

Break

### Session III

Chair: Prof. Joachim Schaper (University of Aberdeen)

2.00 – 2.45

Prof. Peter Machinist (Harvard University) – Choosing the Proper Terminology: A Biblical Quest Toward Monotheism

2.45 – 3.30

Prof. Daniel Fleming (New York University) – Yahweh before Israel: A Pastoralist People of the Levantine Interior

3.30 – 3.45

Break

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### Session IV

Chair: Dr. Phillip Lasater (University of Oxford)

3.45 – 4.30

Prof. Friedhelm Hartenstein (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) – Monotheism, Aniconism, and Mental Images in the Light of Deuteronomy 4

4.30 – 5.15

Guy G. Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Oxford) – Semitic Monotheism: A Scholarly Myth and its Origins

5.15 – 6.00

Prof. Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich) – The Readability of the World: The Priestly Monotheism and Its Quest for God's Transcendence and the World's Rationality

6.00 – 6.30

Remarks

Lord Mendoza (Provost, Oriel College)

Plenary Reflections

Dr. Phillip Lasater (University of Oxford) and Prof. Hindy Najman (University of Oxford)

Closing Remarks

Prof. Joachim Schaper (University of Aberdeen) and Dr. Hywel Clifford (University of Oxford)

