



Research Seminars in Jewish Studies, Semester Two 2010

Wednesdays, 12-1.30pm

Monash Caulfield Campus, Building H, Level 8,

Wednesday August 25, 12-1.30pm

David Runia, Why Philo is an important thinker

Professor David T. Runia is the Master of Queen's College, University of Melbourne. He is the author of numerous books and articles on Philo and his reception history, including *Exegesis and Scripture: Studies on Philo of Alexandria* (London 1990) and *Philo and the Church Fathers* (Leiden 1995). He is also the Editor-in-Chief of *The Studia Philonica Annual* and co-editor of *Vigiliae Christianae*.

Wednesday September 15, 12-1.30pm

Jessica Whyte, "The law is an empty canal": recent responses to Gershom Scholem's "nothing of revelation"

Jessica Whyte completed her doctorate on the political thought of Giorgio Agamben in the Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Monash University in 2010. She has published articles in *Theory and Event*, *Law and Critique*, *The Australian Feminist Law Journal*, *Arena Journal*, *Conflitti Globali*, and *Ephemera* and has published chapters in the collections *Giorgio Agamben: Law, Literature, Life* (2008) and *Trauma, History, Philosophy* (2008).

Wednesday October 20, 12-1.130pm

Magdalena Zolkos, Hyperboles of Resentment in the post-Holocaust Writings of Jean Améry

Magdalena Zolkos is Research Fellow in Political Theory at the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy, University of Western Sydney. She is the author of *Reconciling Community and Subjective Life. Trauma Testimony as Political Theorizing in the Work of Jean Améry and Imre Kertész* (New York: Continuum, 2010).

Wednesday November 3, 12-1.30pm

Mira Benedikt, The rabbinic encounter with Christology: the Messiah of Midrash Psalms

Mira Benedikt is the final stages of her PhD with the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization. Her PhD examines the late antique rabbinic exegetical anthology on the book of Psalms, especially in relationship to contemporaneous Christian literature.

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