SNTS NEWSLETTER

Athens 2018 General Meeting

Practical Information
VENUE: TITANIA HOTEL, ATHENS
The 73rd General Meeting of the Society will be hosted by the University of Athens, and located at the city centre Titania Conference Centre Hotel (52 Panepistimiou Street, a 10 minute walk from Panepistimio Metro Station).

DATES: 7-10 AUGUST 2018
The General Meeting starts at 17:00 on Tuesday, 7th August with the first Business Meeting. It ends at the conclusion of the second Business Meeting on the evening of Friday, 10th August. There will be optional excursions on Saturday, 11th August.

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE
The Local Organising Committee is chaired by Society member Prof. Christos Karakolis, and includes Profs Sotirios Despotis, Georgios Galitis and Dr Athanasios Antonopoulos.

The Conference Organising Agency is Himalaya Travel (Athens). The website for the General Meeting is: snts2018.org; and the email address for all general queries is: info@snts2018.org.

REGISTRATION
Delegates may register online (snts2018.org) before 25th July. (Prior to 10th April there is an Early Bird rate, and after 10th June there is a late booking charge.)

ACCOMMODATION
Block reservations and special conference rates have been negotiated at the Titania Hotel (single €72/night; double/twin €82/night). Delegates who select this accommodation option need to make reservations through the info@snts2018.org website.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
The evening social programme includes a Welcome Reception at the Titania Hotel Olive Garden Restaurant and a Closing Banquet at Zafeiro Experience.

There will be three optional one-day excursions on Saturday, 11th August:
1. Athens, including Acropolis Hill & Museum, Mars Hill (Areopagus), Cape Sounio and the Temple of Poseidon
2. Ancient Corinth, Nafplio and the Theatre of Epidaurus
3. a One Day Cruise to the islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina

A number of other tours to Classical sites and the Greek islands can also be arranged, either before or after the General Meeting.

Academic Programme
Queries concerning the Academic programme should be addressed to Prof. Andrew Clarke, Secretary of the Society (secretary@snts.international).

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Prof. Jean Zumstein (Switzerland), 'Mémoire, histoire et fiction dans la littérature johannique'.

2. MAIN PAPERS
Main Papers will be given by Profs Harold Attridge (USA), Eve-Marie Becker (Denmark), Helen Bond (UK) and Dr Daniel Gerber (France). Titles for these papers will be listed on the General Meeting website in June.
3. QUESTIONES DISPUTATAE

The question to be debated this year will be
‘Does Study of Memory Contribute to a Better
Understanding of the Jesus Tradition?’

Memory studies have opened a new approach to
understanding New Testament literature.
Important questions remain however as the
subject of vigorous discussion. These will be the
central focus of this year’s Quæstio Disputata.
What is the relationship between individual and
collective memory? What role does fiction play in
the process of memory? Finally, what is the
relationship between memory studies and
historical research?

The format will be a brief presentation of the
theme (Jean Zumstein, President), followed by
brief responses and interchange among the four
panel members: Adela Collins (USA), Paul Foster
(UK), Sandra Huebenthal (Germany) and Alan
Kirk (USA), Moderator: William Loader
(Australia). The discussion will then open for
questions from the floor, beginning with pre-
submitted questions. You are invited to submit
questions for the panel (or a member of the
panel) in advance by emailing them to Jean
Zumstein (jean.zumstein@uzh.ch).

4. SHORT PAPERS

There are 18 slots for offered short papers. A few
slots are still available, and proposals, including
your name, the title of the paper, and a summary
(an abstract) of your Short Paper in English,
French or German, may be sent to the Secretary
(secretary@snts.international).

The speakers and the titles of their papers will be
advertised on the General Meeting website when
all the slots have been filled.

Delegates may as a rule present only one paper
at the same General Meeting, whether that be a
Main Paper, a Seminar Paper, or a Short Paper.
(One or more responses can additionally be
given.)

5. SEMINARS

Seventeen seminars are scheduled to take place,
each with its own topic or focus. These meet in
simultaneous sessions on Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday. At each session a paper is normally
presented and discussed. Delegates will register
for a first and second choice seminar, and most
will be allocated their first choice and be
expected to attend all three sessions of that
seminar.

Seminars scheduled to terminate this year may
apply for continuation. New seminars may also
be proposed (‘Seminar Guidelines’ with
procedure and deadlines are available on the
Society website or from the Secretary).

Updates and changes to the following
programme will be available on the General
Meeting website.

1. Constructions of the Histories of Early
Christianity (Cilliers Breytenbach and Clare

Wed: Adela Yarbro Collins (USA), ‘The Reception
of 1 Corinthians 7 in the Second and Third
Centuries’ – respondent: Christiane Zimmerman
(Germany);
Thu: Cilliers Breytenbach (Germany),
‘Athenagoras and the Early History of Attic
Christianity’ – respondent: James Kelhoffer
(Sweden);
Fri: Francis Watson (UK), ‘An Ambiguous Legacy:
The Epistula Apostolorum and its Editors’ –
respondent: Simon Gathercole (UK)

2. The Greek of the New Testament (Paul
Danove, Jesús Peláez and James Voelz).
Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Paul Danove (USA), ‘The
Grammaticalization of Communication by New
Testament Verbs and Nouns’;
Thu: Bradley McLean (Canada), ‘The Semiology
of Louw and Nida’s Greek-English Lexicon and
the Semiotic Theory of Louis Hjelmslev’;
Fri: Kyriakoula Papademetriou (Greece), ‘On the
New Testament Use of ἵνα as a Conjunction
Introducing Substantive Clauses: a Possible
Latinism’

3. Inhalte und Probleme einer
neutestamentlichen Theologie (Christof
Landmesser and Mark Seifrid). Terminates in
2019.

Wed: Richard Hays (USA), ‘”The Redeemer of
Israel”: Scriptural Reception as Key to Luke’s
Christology’;
Thu: Dieter Sänger (Germany), ‘Dialogische
Kanonizität. Altes Testament und Neues
Testament – eine kontrastive kanonische
Einheit’;
Fri: Mark Seifrid (USA), ‘Listening to the Law: Hagar, Sarah, and the Story of Scripture’

   Wed: Michael Labahn (Germany), ‘Zeichen, Glaube und Unglaube nach Joh 12,37ff.’ – respondent: Cosmin Prikop (Romania);
   Thu: Andreas Dettwiler (Switzerland), ‘Bedeutung und Funktion des Semeia-Begriffs im JohEv anhand von Joh 20,30-31’ – respondent: Laura Tack (guest, Belgium);

   Wed: David Downs (USA), ‘Physical Weakness, Illness, and Death in 1 Corinthians 11:30: The Ethics of Overeating and Deprivation in Pauline and Early Christianity’ – respondent: Matthias Konradt (Germany);
   Fri: John Collins (USA), ‘Wealth, Poverty, and Eschatology’ – respondent: Markus Bockmuehl (UK)

   Wed: Peter-Ben Smit (Netherlands), ‘Marginal Masculinities and Early Christian Mission’;
   Thu: Terence L. Donaldson (Canada), ‘Ethnē (“Gentiles”) as an Ascribed Identity: What Did Non-Jewish Christ-Believers Make of It?’ – respondent: Gosnell Yorke (Zambia);
   Fri: Paul Trebilco (New Zealand), ‘Salvation, Gift and Mission in 1 John: Unconditioned, but not Unconditional’

   Wed: James Thompson (USA), ‘Eschatology in Hebrews – Working Title’ – respondent: Gert Steyn (Germany);
   Thu: Gabriella Gelardini (Switzerland), ‘Eschatologie im Hebräerbrief – Arbeitstitel’ – respondent: Edwin Broadhead (USA);
   Fri: Elena Belenkaja (guest, Germany), ‘Räumliche und zeitliche Aspekte der Eschatologie im Hebräerbrief’ – respondent: John Ekem (Ghana)

   Thu: Laura Nasrallah (USA), ‘Letter-Writing as Technology: New Testament, Epigraphy, and Empire’;
   Fri: John Kloppenborg (Canada), ‘Social Networks and the Diffusion of Ancient Elective Cults’

   Wed: Gerbern Oegema (Canada), ‘Some Considerations about Comparing Ethics in Early Judaism and in the New Testament’;
   Fri: Lutz Doering (Germany), “And Who is My Neighbour?” Revisiting the Love Commandment and the Golden Rule in Ancient Judaism’

    Wed: Peter Arzt-Grabner (Austria), ‘Der Kompilationsprozess aus Sicht der Dokumentarischen Papyrologie’;
    Thu: Paul Duff (USA), ‘Tracking Titus and Chronicling the Collection: 2 Corinthians 8 and 9’;
    Fri: Paul Holloway (USA), ‘Verum gaudium res severa est. Reflections on the Hermeneutics of Literarkritik’

Thu: Alanna Nobbs (Australia), ‘How far do the Greek Papyri from Egypt show the Introduction/Use of Women’s Names Indicative of Female Virtues in the Third and Fourth Centuries?’ – respondent: Angela Standhartinger;
Fri: Alan Cadwallader (guest, Australia), ‘Towards an Index of Romanization at Colossae’ – respondent: Richard Ascough (Canada)

12. **Reading Paul’s Letters in Context:**
*Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches* (William Campbell and Judith Gundry).
Terminates in 2021.

Wed: Christopher Stanley (USA), ‘Paul the Cosmopolitan: A Post-Colonial Analysis’;
Thu: Kathy Ehrensperger (UK), ‘The Politeuma in the Heavens and the Construction of Collective Identity in Philippians’;

Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Jennifer Knust (USA), ‘New Testament Textual Criticism as Exegesis: Test Cases from the Gospel of John’ – respondent: Claire Clivaz (Switzerland);
Thu: Klaus Wachtel (Germany), ‘An Interactive Textual Commentary on Acts’ – respondent: Michael Holmes (USA);
Fri: Juan Hernández (USA), ‘The Exegesis and Textual History of the Apocalypse in Light of Recent Advances’ – respondent: Tommy Wasserman (Sweden)

14. **Memory, Narrative, and Christology in the Synoptic Gospels** (Samuel Byrskog, Stephen Hultgren and Jens Schröter).
Terminates in 2018.

Wed: Alan Kirk (USA), ‘Bios Elements in the Double Tradition’;
Thu: Torsten Jantsch (Germany), ‘Jerusalem as “Realm of Memory” (lieu de mémoire) in Luke-Acts’;
Fri: Samuel Byrskog (Sweden), ‘A Hermeneutics of Memory: Some Suggestions for Future Research’


Wed: Per Jarle Bekken (Norway), ‘Philo and Paul in Jewish Negotiations on Abraham: Fresh Observations on Common Exegetical Traditions and Motifs’ – respondent: A. Andrew Das (USA);
Thu: Ilaria Ramelli (USA): ‘Philo and Paul on Soteriology and Eschatology’ – respondent: Gregory E. Sterling (USA);
Fri: Volker Rabens (Germany): ‘Philo and Paul: A Comparison of their Respective Pneumatologies’ – respondent: Per Jarle Bekken (Norway)

Terminates in 2021.

Wed: Loveday Alexander (UK), ‘Ekkllesia and Empire: Social Networks and the Shape of the Church in Acts’ – respondent: Carl Holladay (USA);
Thu: Daniel Marguerat (Switzerland), ‘Les Actes, construction d’une mémoire sociale / Acts as a Construction of Social Memory’ – respondent: Knut Backhaus (Germany);
Fri: Lukas Bormann (Germany), ‘From Center to Periphery: Jerusalem in Luke-Acts / Vom Zentrum zur Peripherie: Jerusalem im lukanischen Schrifttum’ – respondent: Peter-Ben Smit (Netherlands)

17. **Resurrection: New Methods and Approaches** (Shelly Matthews and Daniel Smith).
Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Outi Lehtipuu (Finland), ‘Resurrection, Polemics and Identity’ – respondent: Judith Lieu (UK);
Thu: Shelly Matthews (USA), ‘Resurrection, Politics and Justice’ – respondent: Troy Martin
Fri: Daniel Smith (Canada), 'The Resurrection of Jesus: Questions, Comparators, Approaches' – respondent: Lidija Novakovic (USA)

**Other General Meeting Matters**

1. **GUESTS OF THE SOCIETY**

Members wishing to invite personal, academic guests (other than accompanying persons, including wives, husbands, partners, or children of members) to a General Meeting should first submit their names to the Assistant Secretary, Prof. Todd Still (todd_still@baylor.edu), who will consult with the President. Members should indicate briefly how their personal guest would contribute to the proceedings. All requests for guest invitations should preferably be received by the Assistant Secretary by 1st April. After this, requests will only be approved if there are available spaces.

Members are reminded of the current policy, which restricts the number of (personal) guests who can be invited to one guest per member and that no individual guest may be invited more than once in any four years. Please note that candidates being nominated for membership of the Society may not attend the General Meeting in the year in which their names are being proposed.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

To facilitate the exchange of views, speakers in all three languages of the Society are encouraged to speak clearly and slowly, taking into account that listening to a language that is not one's first language normally requires extra concentration. The full text of all Main Papers (whether in English, French or German) is to be submitted to the Secretary at least one month prior to the General Meeting. These texts will be forwarded to the Local Organising Committee for distribution to all delegates. Presenters of Offered Short Papers are also encouraged to make the text or a hand-out available at the door.

3. **AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT**

Speakers who wish to make use of audio-visual equipment (e.g., laptop, data projector) should make arrangements with the Local Organising Committee prior to the Meeting, in May or June (info@snts2018.org).

4. **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

There will be an opportunity to discuss the international agenda of the Society.

**Other Society Matters**

**Annual Subscriptions**

Members are reminded to pay their 2018 subscription. A secure payment using debit/credit card can be made at [www.cambridge.org/core/membership/snts](http://www.cambridge.org/core/membership/snts) (using the ‘Pay your Membership Dues’ button).

Members who are unable to pay online by credit or debit card may complete a downloadable form and send it with payment to Cambridge University Press, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge, CB2 8RU, UK. (The Society’s Constitution frames that: ‘a member whose subscription is more than two years overdue shall be deemed to have resigned membership’.)

The Society’s International Fund is used to assist a number of members (and sometimes guests) from under-represented countries to attend a General Meeting. Additional contributions to this Fund are always welcome. These can be made on the CUP Membership Services website ([www.cambridge.org/core/membership/snts/about-us/donations](http://www.cambridge.org/core/membership/snts/about-us/donations)). Donations can also be made either by bank transfer (details above), or directly to the Treasurer of the Society, Dr Kathy Ehrensperger, by International Money Order, or cheque payable in pounds sterling.

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Please notify the Treasurer, Prof. Kathy Ehrensperger (kehrensp@uni-potsdam.de), if you make payments to the International Fund by bank transfer.
Membership Address Changes
A simple online form enables you to let the Secretary know of any changes of contact details (title, name, institution, address, email) – snts.international/membership/.

New Members
Members are warmly encouraged to consider nominating others to membership of the Society, especially with a view to strengthening our international profile and gender balance. Details about the nomination process are available at snts.international/membership/.

Society Consultation
During the Montreal 2016 General Meeting, Prof. Judith Lieu introduced a wide-ranging discussion among members about the purpose and opportunities of our Society. The viewpoints of members were subsequently solicited through an online survey (2017), and the Committee then established a Working Group (2018) to consider the future shape of the Society. This group will report to the Committee in Athens. Members are encouraged to contact its chair, Prof. Carl Holladay (theocrh@emory.edu) with suggestions and comments about the Society, its workings and its General Meetings, including both the Academic and Social Programmes.

Committee and Officers
The Society’s Committee includes nine trustees, four Officers and two Editors, all elected from the Society’s membership.

At the second Business Meeting in Athens, the Society will elect a President (2019-20), two new Committee members (2018-21), a Treasurer (2019-23), and an Assistant Secretary for International Initiatives (2019-23).

2017-18 Committee
President of the Society and Committee Chair:
Prof. M. Wolter (Germany)

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Prof. C.R. Holladay (USA)

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Prof. J. Zumstein (Switzerland)

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2015-18
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