



## 73<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting

ATHENS 2018

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> – FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens, Greece

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# SNTS NEWSLETTER

## Athens 2018 General Meeting

### *Practical Information*

VENUE: TITANIA HOTEL, ATHENS

The 73<sup>rd</sup> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> August with the first Business Meeting. It ends at the conclusion of the second Business Meeting on the evening of Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. There will be optional excursions on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://snts2018.org); and the email address for all general queries is: [info@snts2018.org](mailto:info@snts2018.org).

### REGISTRATION

Delegates may register online ([snts2018.org](http://snts2018.org)) before 25<sup>th</sup> July. (Prior to 10<sup>th</sup> April there is an Early Bird rate, and after 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. QUÆSTIONES 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Rothschild). Terminates in 2020.

Wed: Adela Yarbro Collins (USA), 'The Reception of 1 Corinthians 7 in the Second and Third Centuries' – respondent: Christiane Zimmermann (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’

4. *The Johannine Writings* (Jörg Frey, Margareta Gruber and Christos Karakolis). Terminates in 2020.

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);  
 Fri: R. Alan Culpepper (USA), ‘Ecclesiological Imagery in John 21:1-14 and the Johannine Semeia’ – respondent: Christine Jacobi (guest, Germany)

5. *The Development of Early Christian Ethics within its Jewish and Greco-Roman Contexts* (Matthias Konradt and William Loader). Terminates in 2020.

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);  
 Thu: Richard Burrige (UK), ‘Poverty and Wealth in Luke-Acts’ – respondent: David Moessner (USA);  
 Fri: John Collins (USA), ‘Wealth, Poverty, and Eschatology’ – respondent: Markus Bockmuehl (UK)

6. *The Mission and Expansion of Earliest Christianity* (Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Paul Trebilco and Gosnell Yorke). Terminates in **2018**.

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’

7. *Hebrews* (Christian Eberhart and Wolfgang Kraus). Terminates in 2020.

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)

8. *Social History and the New Testament* (Hermet Löhr, Markus Öhler and Anders Runesson). Terminates in 2022.

Wed: Jürgen Zangenberg (guest, Netherlands), ‘Cities, Towns and Countryside in First Century Galilee. Observations towards a more “Integrative” Approach to “Jesus and Galilean Urbanism”’;  
 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’

9. *Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament* (Jens Herzer and Gerbern Oegema). Terminates in 2019.

Wed: Gerbern Oegema (Canada), ‘Some Considerations about Comparing Ethics in Early Judaism and in the New Testament’;  
 Thu: William Loader (Australia), ‘The Inter-marriage Issue in Early Jewish Theologies and the New Testament’;  
 Fri: Lutz Doering (Germany), ‘“And Who is My Neighbour?” Revisiting the Love Commandment and the Golden Rule in Ancient Judaism’

10. *Reconsidering Literarkritik of the Pauline Letters and its Impact on their Interpretation* (Eve-Marie Becker and Reimund Bieringer). Terminates in **2018**.

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’

11. *Papyrology, Epigraphy and the New Testament* (Peter Arzt-Grabner and John Kloppenborg). Terminates in **2018**.

Wed: Lincoln Blumell (USA), 'The New Testament Text of Didymus the Blind: A Reconsideration of the Tura Papyri and their Text-Critical Value' – respondent: Giovanni Bazzana (USA);  
 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';  
 Fri: Robert Brawley, Anders Runesson and Ekkehard Stegemann, Panel review of W.S. Campbell, *Paul and the Nations in the Divine Economy* (Lexington Fortress, 2018)

13. *New Testament Textual Criticism* (Claire Clivaz, Ulrich Schmid and Tommy Wasserman). 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'

15. *Philo and Early Christianity* (Per Jarle Bekken and Greg Sterling). Terminates in 2022.

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: Iliaria 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)

16. *Acta Politica: The Book of Acts and the Political Culture of the Roman Empire* (Knut Backhaus, Carl Holladay and Daniel Marguerat). Terminates in 2021.

Wed: Loveday Alexander (UK), 'Ekklesia 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

## VENUES FOR FUTURE GENERAL MEETINGS

Marburg: 30 July - 2 August, 2019  
 Rome: 28-31 July, 2020

The Committee is happy to receive invitations to host a General Meeting in 2021 or 2022

Details can be obtained from the [Secretary](#)

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(USA);

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SNTS International Fund Bank Account details

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Please notify the *Treasurer*, Prof. Kathy Ehrensperger ([kehrensp@uni-potsdam.de](mailto: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/](https://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/](https://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 ([theoctrh@emory.edu](mailto:theoctrh@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)

*Past President*:  
Prof. C.R. Holladay (USA)

*President-Elect*:  
Prof. J. Zumstein (Switzerland)

Presidential Nominee for 2019-20:  
Prof. J. Kloppenborg (Canada – observer)

2015-18 Dr J. Gundry (USA)  
Prof. T. Nicklas (Germany)

2016-19 Prof. U. Poplutz (Germany)  
Prof. R. Uro (Finland)

2017-20 Prof. D. Gerber (France)  
Dr K. Zamfir (Romania)

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