



SOCIETY OF ASIAN BIBLICAL STUDIES

16-19 JULY 2018; MALANG, INDONESIA

SESSIONS AT A GLANCE...

CONCURRENT SESSION I (1:45-4:00 pm; JULY 17)

Session I a: Reading Again? (1:45-4:00 pm; July 17) – Room 3F – Level 3

Presiding, LAYANG, Seng Ja, Kachin Theological College and Seminary, Myanmar

1. WANG, Xuesheng Nathanael - Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan
How Jewish is Jesus?
2. SITANGGANG, Asigor P. – Jakarta Theological Seminary, Jakarta, Indonesia
Three-Stage Pattern in the Gospels: The Use of the Rule of Three in a Rhetorical Perspective
3. HAUW, Andreas – SIT SAAT / Southeast Asian Bible Seminary, Indonesia
The New Covenant at Qumran

Session I b: Bible, Land, and Resources (1:45-4:00 pm, July 17) – Room 3G – Level 3

Presiding, HAVEA, Jione – Trinity Theological College, New Zealand

1. CHOI, Sik Ping - Bible Seminary of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
One Land Two Systems – The Ruling Ideology of Jeroboam as Opposed to that of King Solomon
2. YOO, Yoon Jong - Pyeongtaek University, South Korea
The concept of Han in and through exilic prophetic literature
3. CHALCRAFT, David - Liverpool John Moores University, UK
Reading Naboth's Vineyard in Imperial. Capitalist and Asian Postcolonial Contexts: The role of context in the sociological meaning and use of texts

Session I c: Bible and Diaspora (1:45-4:00 pm; July 17) – Room 3H - Level 3

Presiding, NADELLA, Raj, Columbia Theological Seminary, USA

1. GOSALA, Varaprasad – Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, India
Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles (Jer. 29: 1 – 7) – its significance and Relevance to the Refugees in Asia

2. LEE, Lydia – Northwestern University, South Africa
Seeking a Way Forward: Reflections on the Scholarly Imaginations of Good and Evil in the Book of Esther

3. LIM, Chin Ming Stephen – Singapore
Ruth as Esperanza? An Inter(con)textual Reading with Foreign Domestic Helpers in Singapore

CONCURRENT SESSION II (4:30-6:45 pm; JULY 17)

Session II a. Bible and Governmental Regimes (4:30-6:45 pm; July 17) Room 3 F – Level 3

Presiding, HUANG, Wei - Shanghai University, China

1. HARUN, Martin - STF Driyarkara Jakarta, Indonesia
Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; A critical reading of Rm 13:1-7.

2. AUNG, James H. T. – Kor-In Theological College & Seminary, India
Call for True Citizenship Under a Regime in Romans 13:1-7

3. GOH, Elaine W. F. - Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (Malaysia Theological Seminary), Malaysia
“Even If Not, We Will Not Serve Your Gods” : A Malaysian Christian Reflection from Daniel 3.

Session II b: Questioning Translations and Translation Questions (4:30-6:45 pm; July 17) – Room 3 G- Level 3

Presiding, WONG, Sonia Kwok - The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

1. LIM, Kar Yong - Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Malaysia
What’s in a Name? The “Allah” Controversy in Bible Translation and Political Discourse in Malaysia

2. SOESILO, Daud – United Bible Societies, Indonesia
The Empire Strikes Over and Over: The On-Going Struggle of Malaysian Christians with Their Bible Translations.

3. Tjen, Anwar – Indonesian Bible Society, Indonesia
Ideologies and Conflicts of Interests in Bible Translation: A Study Case of “Pro-Arabic” and “Anti-Arabic” Bible Translations in Indonesian context

Session II c: Postcolonializing the New Testament (4:30-6:45 pm; July 17) Room 3 H – Level 3

Presiding, LALITHA, Jayachitra – CSI Synod, Department of Christian Education, India

1. VARKEY, Mothy – Marthoma Theological Seminary, India
Baptism, Temptation, and Empire: A Postcolonial Reading of Matt 3:13–4:11
2. CAILING, Rolex M - FEBIAS College of Bible, Philippines
Paul's Ekklesia as an Alternative Society: An Exploration on 1 Corinthians
3. LOW, U-Wen - Alphacrucis College, Australia
Towards a Pentecostal, Postcolonial Reading of the New Testament

CONCURRENT SESSION III (10 am–12:30 pm, JULY 18)

Session III a. Cross textual readings (10 am–12:30 pm, July 18) Room 3F – Level 3

Presiding, AUNG, James H. T. – Kor-In Theological College & Seminary, India

1. HUANG, Wei - Shanghai University, China
Wisdom in Solomon's Judgement: A Cross-textual Reading
2. LISTIJABUDI, Daniel K. - Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia
Engaging with Cross-textual Hermeneutics and Beyond

Session III b: Readings for Life (10 am–12:30 pm, July 18)- Room 3G – Level 3

Presiding, KINUKAWA, Hisako, Center for Feminist Theology and Ministry, Japan

1. CHRISTIANI, Tabita Kartika – Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia
Jesus the Slaughtered Lamb: Revelation 5 from a Disability Perspective
2. LALITHA, Jayachitra – CSI Synod, Department of Christian Education, India
Is Death of Jesus, the Death of Roman imperial Nationalism? A Postcolonial Inquiry into the Book of Revelation
3. Ebojo, Edgar Battad - United Bible Societies/Philippine Bible Society, Philippines
Empires and The Living Texts: Biblical Manuscripts as a Microcosmic Paradigm for Asian Eisegesis

Session III c: Empire and HB (10 am–12:30 pm, July 18) Room 3H – Level 3

Presiding, SOESILO, Daud – United Bible Societies, Indonesia

1. WONG, Sonia Kwok - The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
The Solomonic Kingdom as a Collective Narcissistic Discourse of the Imperialized Yehudites
2. YOO, Yoon Jong - Pyeongtaek University, South Korea
Reading Historical Zedekiah and Contemporary Korea with Anti-Imperialism
3. Brett, Mark G – Whitley College, Australia
Postcolonial Interpretation of Isaiah 40–66

Session III d: Textual negotiations (10 am–12:30 pm, July 18) – Room 4E – Level 4

Presiding, LEE, Lydia – Northwestern University, South Africa

1. KIM, Koowon - Reformed Graduate University, South Korea
Three Kingdoms and David's Rise to Kingship
2. MENG, Zhenhua (Jeremiah) - Nanjing University, China
Stockholm Syndrome of the Oppressed? Biblical and Modern Asian Fans of Oppressive Empires
3. LI, Kwan-Hung Leo - Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK, Hong Kong
Nurturing Dialogue in Asian Context: Bakhtinian Perspective on Dialogizing the Decalogue and the Dialogic Authority of the Hebrew Bible

CONCURRENT SESSION IV (1:45-4:00 pm, JULY 18)

Session IV a. Bible, Empire, and Japan I (1:45-4:00 pm, July 18) Room 3F – Level 3

Presiding, CLARKSON, Shannon – Yale Divinity School, USA

1. KINUKAWA, Hisako - Center for Feminist Theology and Ministry, Japan
Resistance and Resilience Shown by Women against Japanese Imperialism (Mark 16:1-8)
2. VANDERBILT, Gregory - Gadjah Mada University – Indonesia
Romans 13:1-7 in Imperial Japan and the Making of a Postwar Conscientious Christian Citizen: Miyata Mitsuo at 90
3. MAEKAWA, Yutaka - Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan
Jesus' word overcame imperialistic power (John 4:21)

Session IV b. Bible and Power (1:45-4:00 pm; July 18) Room 3G – Level 3

Presiding, LISTIJABUDI, Daniel K. - Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia

1. BHASKER, Gregory – The United Theological College, India
Ochloi, Ethnoi, and Barbarpoi In The Acts of the Apostles: “Orientalist” Tendencies?
2. VANGURI, Manikya Rao – Andhra Christian Theological College, India
Bible and Empire in Asia: Indian Christians and Religion and Power in India
3. LATUMETEN, Nyssa Janice - Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia
Wounds That Still Remain: Looking at cases of violence against Papuan women and Tamar (2Sam.13) through the lens of trauma

Session IV c: Bible in Korea (1:45-4:00 pm, July 18) – Room 3H- Level 3

Presiding, LEE, Won - Calvin College, USA

1. PARK, Hye Kyung - Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan
Minjung Mothers’ Prayer: The Hermeneutical Encounters among Hannah, Mary, and Lee So-Seon
2. CHO, Jaecheon - Jeon Ju University, Korea
Both Cherished and Neglected - A Critical Assessment of the Biblical Exposition in Korean Pulpits
3. YANG, Guen Seok Yang - SungKongHoe University, Korea
An Intertextual Experiment in the Late 18th Century Korea

CONCURRENT SESSION V (4:30-6:45 pm, JULY 18)

Session V a: Textual Politics and Political Wrestles (4:30 pm-6:45 pm, July 18) Room 3F – Level 3

Presiding, GOH, Elaine - Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Malaysia

1. Raj Nadella, Columbia Theological Seminary, USA
To Each Its Own Strategy: Engaging the Empire Disparately
2. Sobranaraj, Madras Theological Seminary & College, Chennai, India
Rereading Paul’s Concept of Nationalism in the RSS-BJP Era in India Today
3. Seng Ja Layang, Kachin Theological College and Seminary, Myanmar
“Compassion as an imperative tackle in establishing harmonious Empire in Myanmar”

Session V b. Yesterday's Texts and Today's Problems (4:30-6:45 pm, July 18) – Room 3G – Level 3

Presiding, BHASKER, Gregory – The United Theological College, India

1. MONIRAJ, Aravind Jeyakumar – University of Hamburg, Germany
“Creation” in Deutero-Isaiah a Syntactic and Semantic Analysis of Isaiah 41:17-20 with Eco-Theological Implications
2. SOO HOO, Gilbert – Singapore Bible College, Singapore
Loving Sister Creation in Her Suffering: I am My Sister's Keeper in SE Asia (Rom 8:17-25)
3. HUR, Joomee - Johannes Gutenberg University, Germany
Modern Slavery in Asia, the Colonial Ideology in the Bible and Radical Engagement beyond Connivance

Session V c: Queer Readings in and for Asia (4:30-6:45 pm, July 18) – Room 3H – Level 3

Presiding, LIEW, Tat-siong Benny – College of the Holy Cross, USA

1. SULEEMAN, Stephen - Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia
Queer themes in the Indonesian tradition
2. WONG, Pearl – Queer Theology Academy, Hong Kong
Liberating the Bible: Queer Biblical Interpretation in Asian context
3. LEE, Yeong Mee – Hanshin University, South Korea
“Reading the Book of Ruth as a story of queer family”
4. HAVEA, Jione – Trinity Theological College, New Zealand
God did not let Jonah die?

CONCURRENT SESSION VI (1:45-4:00 pm; JULY 19)

Session VI a: Reading and Resistance (1:45 – 4:00 pm, July 19) Room 3F – Level 3

Presiding, TJEN, Anwar – Indonesian Bible Society, Indonesia

1. KUNZ-LUBCKE, Andreas - University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology, Germany
Female resistance against the empire: Two Vietnamese and one Biblical female figures as symbols for anti-imperial resistance
2. WILSON, Lindsay –Ridley College, Australia
Empire and the Joseph Narrative

3. MONIRAJ, Aravind Jeyakumar – University of Hamburg, Germany
Counter-Narratives as Stories of Resistance A Juxtaposed Reading of Selected Texts from Enûma Eliš and Isaiah 40-48

Session VI b: Review of Sugirtharajah's *Jesus in Asia* (1:45-4:00 pm, July 19) Room 3G – Level 3

Presiding, LEE, Yeong Mee – Hanshin University, South Korea

Jin Young Choi, Colgate Rochester Theological School, USA
Hisako Kinukawa, Center for Feminist Theology and Ministry, Japan
Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, USA
Monica Melanchthon, Pilgrim Theological College, Australia
Vethakani Vedhanayagam, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madurai, India

Respondent: R. S. Sugirtharajah, University of Birmingham, UK

Session VI c: Bible, Empire, and Japan II (1:45-4:00 pm, July 19)

Presiding, CLARKSON, Shannon – Yale Divinity School, USA

1. KAWASE, Mai - Rikkyo University, Japan
Imperialism and the Hymnals published during W. W. 2: a Hymnological Approach with an Emphasis on use of the word "MIKUNI" (Nation)
2. SONNTAG, Mira - Rikkyo University, Tokyo, Japan
The re-invention of foreign traditions—"God's Kingdom" as foundation for the Great Japanese Empire
3. CHANG, Hee Won - Charles Sturt University, Australia
Bible in occupied space; reading colonial Korea from (post)-colonial Australia

Plenary Session: "Teaching the Bible: Goals and Purposes" (11:00 am -12:30 pm, JULY 17) – Auditorium – Level 5

Presiding, CHRISTIANI, Tabita Kartika – Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia

Jayachitra Lalitha, CSI Synod, Department of Christian Education, India
Stephen Lim, Singapore
Yutaka Maekawa, Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan
Meng Zhenhua (Jeremiah), Nanjing University, China
Yoon Jong Yoo, Pyeongtaek University, South Korea

**Plenary session: "Teaching the Bible: Strategies and Tactics" (10-11:30 am, JULY 19)
Auditorium – Level 5**

Presiding, SITANGGANG, Asigor P. – Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia

Gregory Basker, The United Theological College, India

Elaine Goh, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (Malaysia Theological Seminary), Malaysia

Gilbert Soo Hoo, Singapore Bible College, Singapore

Seng Ja Layang, Kachin Theological College and Seminary, Myanmar

Daniel K. Listijabudi, Duta Wacana Christian University, Indonesia

Cathy Zhang, Renmin University, China