

**READING WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLES.**

**THE SOCIAL AND ECCLESIAL IMPLICATIONS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

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**June 20**

Arrival, welcome at the Centre for Biblical Studies, accommodation at Hotel Universitas

19.00 Dinner (Rhédey)

**June 21**

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| 9.00-9.10 | Opening, welcome  (Conference Room of Hotel Universitas) | Anna Soós (vice-rector BBU, Cluj) |
| 9.10-9.30 | Introducing *The Bible and Women* Project | Irmtraud Fischer (Graz) |
| **I. Cultural, Social and Religious Context** | | |
| 9.30-10.00 | Introducing Women in the Epistles. The Ideology of Gender Spaces and Roles in the Greco-Roman World | Korinna Zamfir (Cluj),  Uta Poplutz (Wuppertal) |
| 10.00-10.40 | The Rhetoric of Gender in the Epistles of the New Testament | Peter Lampe (Heidelberg) |
| 10.40-11.00 | Coffee |  |
| 11.00-11.40 | Jewish Female Leaders and Benefactors (*Archisynagogoi*, Elders, Mothers of the Synagogue, Hierisai) | Bernadette Brooten (Brandeis U., Waltham, MA) |
| 11.40-12.10 | Women in the Greco-Roman Society in the First Century (Priestesses, Prophetesses, Office Holders, Benefactors) | Ute Eisen (Giessen) |
| 12.10-12.50 | Women in Private Associations. Relevance for the NT Epistles | Eva Ebel (Zürich) |
| 13.00-14.50 | Lunch (Sinaia) |  |
| **II.** **Women in the Household** | | |
| 14.50-15.30 | Women as Wives. Marriage, Separation and Divorce | Christine Gerber (Hamburg) |
| 15.30-16.10 | Mothers. Motherhood as Vocation and Ideology. | Annette Huizenga (University of Dubuque, Iowa) |
| 16.10-16.30 | Coffee |  |
| 16.30-17.10 | Older Women. Role, Ministry, Example. Fictive Kinship. Age in the Service of Ideology. | Angela Standhartinger (Marburg) |
| 17.10-17.50 | Widows. Remarriage, Spiritual Marriage, and the Example of the *Univira* | Michael Sommer (Halle) |
| 17.50-18.30 | Slave *Paraenesis,* Women and Gender. Slave Women as Metaphors | Maria José Schultz (Santiago, Chile/Bilbao, Spain) |
| 20.00 | Dinner (Rhédey) |  |
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**June 22**

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| **III. Women in the *Ekklesia*** | | |
| 9.00-9.40 | Women Apostles, Co-Workers, Itinerant Teachers and Hosts of Domestic *Ekklesiai* | Dominika Kurek (Liverpool) |
| 9.40-10.20 | *Diakonoi* in the Corpus Paulinum | Ekaterini Tsalampouni (Thessaloniki) |
| 10.20-10.50 | Coffee |  |
| 10.50-11.30 | Virgins and Asceticism. Outlook: Thecla | Marinella Perroni (Roma) |
| 11.30-12.10 | Women as Learners and Teachers. Women’s (Lack of) Authority | Korinna Zamfir (Cluj) |
| 12.30-15.00 | Lunch (Sinaia) |  |
| **IV. The Rhetoric of Gender** | | |
| 15.00-15.40 | Is the Gospel Liberating for Women? Freedom, Equality and Submission | Silke Petersen (Hamburg) |
| 15.40-16.20 | The Voices of the *Corpus Paulinum*: The Speech and Silence of Women. The Gendering of Speech | Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (Oslo) |
| 16.20-16.50 | Coffee |  |
| 16.50-17.30 | Women and the Female Condition as Metaphors: Motherhood and Nursing. Freeborn and Slave (Sarah and Hagar). The Community | Uta Poplutz (Wuppertal) |
| 18.00-20.00 | Cultural walk in the old town |  |
| 20.00 | Dinner (Rhédey) |  |

**June 23**

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| **V. Theology of Gender / Gendering Theology** | | |
| 9.00-9.40 | God and Metaphors of Femininity in the Epistles | Beate Kowalski (Dortmund) |
| 9.40-10.20 | Women as Examples of Faith | Xavér Szabó OFM (Budapest) |
| 10.20-10.50 | Coffee |  |
| 10.50-11.30 | The Woman – From Companion to the Deceived Deceiver. The Reception of Gen 1-2 in the Epistles | Maria Elisa Estevez Lopez (Comillas) |
| 11.30-12.00 | Conclusions | Irmtraud Fischer (Graz) |
| 13.00 | Lunch (Rhédey) |  |
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