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## (Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity – An Interdisciplinary Conference

Monte Verità, Ascona  
16 – 19. July 2023



Congressi  
Stefano Franscini  
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di Zurigo



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Sunday, 16 July 2023



14.00 – 14.20 Opening and Greetings

Session 1

14.20 – 15.10 Konrad Schmid (Zürich):  
*The Dawn of Apocalyptic Revisited: The Antagonism of Theocracy and  
Eschatology in the Persian and Hellenistic Period*

15.10 – 16.00 Jonatan Ben Dov (Tel Aviv):  
*Pro-and-Anti-Apocalypticism at Qumran: An Updated View*

## Session 2

16.30 – 17.20 Moritz F. Adam (Zürich):  
*Apocalyptic Discourses in Hellenistic Judaism*

17.30 – 18.20 Hindy Najman (Oxford) / Loren Stuckenbruck (München):  
*Apocalypticism and Perfectionism in Jewish Antiquity*

18.30 – 20.00 Dinner



Monday, 17 July 2023

Session 3

08.45 – 09.00 Irene Schmidli (ETH Zürich / CSF)  
*Congressi Stefano Franscini Welcome Address*

09.00 – 09.50 Daniel Maier (Zürich / Copenhagen):  
*(Anti-)Apocalypticism in the Letters Attributed to Paul: Discourses within the  
New Testament*

09.50 – 10.40 Jörg Frey (Zürich):  
*“A Thousand Years Like One Day” (2 Pet 3:8): The Negotiation of Apocalyptic  
Expectation in 2 Peter and Related Texts*

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee Break

Session 4

11.10 – 12.00 Jan Bremmer (Groningen):  
*Jewish Apocalypticism in the Late Roman Republic and Its Early Roots*

12.00 – 12.50 Stefan Krauter (Zürich):  
*Libri Fatales - Roman Apocalypticism, Anti-Apocalypticism and Post-  
Apocalypticism*

12.50 - 13.40 Christoph Horn (Bonn):  
*Augustine on Apocalypticism in De civitate Dei*

13.40 – 15.15 Lunch

## 15.15 – 16.45 Short Papers 1 (Three parallel sessions)

### Session 1

Stefan Beyerle (Greifswald):  
*The Political Dimensions of  
Jewish Apocalypticism in  
Antiquity*

Petra Schmidtkuntz  
(Berlin):  
*“When the Snake Does Not  
Bite”: How the Notions of an  
Ideal Urzeit and Endzeit  
Belong Together and What  
This Tells Us about  
Apocalypticism*

Ignacio Pizarro (Rome):  
*“Then they will know that I am  
the Lord” (Ezek 38:23):  
The Role of Recognition in  
Ezekiel 38-39 in the Context of  
Apocalyptic Hermeneutics*

### Session 2

Nils Neumann (Hannover):  
*Apocalyptic Eschatology and  
Calmness in Luke 21*

Pablo Gonzalez Alonso  
(Navarra):  
*Celestial Journeys in Accounts  
of the Assumption*

### Session 3

Priscille Marschall  
(Lausanne):  
*The (Anti-)Apocalyptic  
Eschatology of the “Gnostic”  
Apocalypse of Peter  
(NHC VII,3)*

Przemysław Piwowarczyk  
(Katowice):  
*The Coptic Apocalypses in the  
Fourth Century and their  
Readers*

Mateusz Kusio (Warsaw):  
*Apocalyptic Anxiety among  
Early Christian Writers*



## 17.00 – 18.30 Short Papers 2 (Three parallel sessions)

### Session 1

Emily Pothast (Berkeley):  
*Aural Performance and  
Prophetic Rivalry in the Media  
Culture of John's Apocalypse*

Kampotela Luc Bulundwe  
(Geneva / Regensburg):  
*Promotion of Wine, Marriage  
and Submission to Temporal  
Authorities: Is 1 Timothy an  
Anti-apocalyptic Text?*

Jan Heilmann (Munich):  
*The Relevance of the Intended  
Audience of Apocalyptic Texts  
for Reconstructing  
(Anti-)Apocalypticism in  
Antiquity*

### Session 2

Sarah Wisialowski (Oxford):  
*Ending Days and Overcoming  
Time: Reading Daniel 10–12  
with Apocalypse*

Kishiya Hidaka (Zürich):  
*Is Daniel among the  
Deuteronomists?*

### Session 3

Arco den Heijer, (Kampen):  
*The Use of Apocalyptic  
Discourse in Philo's  
Philosophical Treatise De  
Providentia I*

Alon Deutsch (Tel Aviv):  
*Apocalyptic Reading of  
Aeneid 6: Some New  
Observations Concerning  
Aeneas' Katabasis*

Ari Finkelstein (Cincinnati):  
*Jews in John Malalas' Anti-  
apocalyptic Message*

## 19.00 – 20.30 Conference Dinner



Tuesday, 18 July 2023

Session 5

09.00 – 09.50 Bernd Schipper (Berlin):

*Apocalypticism in Ancient Egypt? – The Case of Prophetic Literature from the Ptolemaic Period*

09.50 – 10.40 Stefan Pfeiffer (Halle):

*Cleopatra – A "Fatal Monster" in Ancient Predictions of the Future?*

10.40 – 10.55 Coffee Break

Session 6

10.55 – 11.45 Michal Bar-Asher Siegal (Beer Sheva / Yale):

*Jews and Christians Thinking About the End: On Apocalypticism in the Babylonian Talmud*

11.45 – 12.35 Meghan Henning (Dayton):

*"Too Vivid or Not Vivid Enough? The Goldilocks Problem in the Ancient Reception History of Apocalyptic Rhetoric*

12.35 – 13.30 Lunch

## 13.30 – 14.30 Short Papers 3 (Three parallel sessions)

### Session 1

Jenny Labendz (New York):  
*Post-Apocalypticism in Late  
Antiquity: A Contribution  
from Rabbinic Literature*

Satoshi Otomo (Tokyo):  
*Kohelet der Anti-Apokalyptiker*

### Session 2

Ted Erho (Munich):  
*Early Greek Apocalyptists*

Arnaud Besson (Neuchatel);  
*Roma Aeterna*

### Session 3

Florian Neitmann  
(Münster):  
*Lost and Found in Translation:  
The Images of the Righteous in  
4 Ezra 7:122, 125 as a Case  
Study on Competing  
Methodologies and  
Transcultural Traditions*

Tanja Forderer (Tübingen):  
*The Last Battle: Acts 19:11-21  
and the Rider on the White  
Horse*





15.00: Excursion  
Lago Maggiore and Brissago Island



Wednesday, 19 July 2023

Session 7

09.00 – 09.50 David Hamidovic (Lausanne):  
*Subversion and Heavenly Tablets*

09.50 – 10.40 Ilaria Ramelli (Durham University):  
*Anti-Apocalypticism in Bardaisan of Edessa and Origen of Alexandria*

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee Break

Session 8

11.10 – 12.00 Barbara Holler (Zürich):  
*Epigraphy on the End of Time*

12.00 – 12.30:  
Conclusions

12.30  
Lunch and Departure

Organisers:



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