

SOTS Summer Meeting Programme, 2026

Registration, accommodation, the dinner restaurant, and the bar (the site of the opening reception) are all at **Cripps Hall**, University of Nottingham, University Park Campus, Lenton Hall Dr, Nottingham NG7 2QW. The lectures, book stall, and lunch are all in the **Sir Clive Granger Building**, a 5 minute walk away.

Monday 13th July

- 2.00 pm Committee Meeting (*Library, Cripps Hall*)
- 4.00 pm Registration (*Cripps Hall*)
- 6.00 pm Reception (in celebration of the forthcoming *Festschrift* for Prof. Katharine Dell), *Cripps Bar/Lounge*
- 7.00 pm Dinner
- 8.15 pm Presidential Paper: David Firth, 'The Psalter and Theodicy' (*Sir Clive Granger Building*)
- 9.00 pm Bar open (*Cripps Hall*)
- 12.00 am Bar closes

Tuesday 14th July

- 7.45 am Breakfast
- 9.00 am Sarah Turner-Smith, 'Did Adam hide because he was naked? Fear, obedience, and piety in the first human family' (PG/ECR paper)
- 9.30 am Kengoro Goto, 'How to Identify Northern Hebrew Features with New Criteria: Examples and Benefits'
- 10.00 am Break
- 10.10 am Moritz Franz Adam, 'What is an Author? Authorship and Ambiguity between Classical and Jewish Literature' (Winner of the 2025 Essay Prize)
- 10.50 am Coffee
- 11.20 am Gary A. Rendsburg, 'Towards a New Ugaritic Dictionary'
- 12.00 pm Walter Moberly, 'Creation and Fall: Towards Understanding Genesis 1-3'
- 1.00 pm Lunch
- 2.15 pm Update on REF 2029
- 3.15 pm Break
- 3.30 pm Rebecca S. Watson, 'From Ark to Anthropocene: The Role of Biblical Interpretation in Shaping Theological Responses to Climate Change'
- 4.10 pm Isabelle Hamley, 'The book of Judges and the failure of hegemonic masculinity'
- 4.50 pm Coffee
- 5.20 pm Ekaterina Kozlova, "'That Broken Reed of a Staff'" (2 Kgs 18:21 // Isa 36:6): On Foreign Aid, Geriatric Care, and Disability in Rab-Sheqah's Taunt'
- 6.00 pm Lodewyk Sutton, 'Where is the house of David? A spatial perspective on the exclusion of the human king in Psalm 115 and the Egyptian Hallel'
- 7.00 pm Dinner

8.15 pm	Prof. M. Daniel Carroll R., 'Echoes and Entry Points: Probing Religion in Amos from Latin America'
9.00 pm	Bar open
12.00 am	Bar closes

Wednesday 15th July

7.45	Breakfast
9.00 am	Aaron Koller, 'Folk categories in ancient Hebrew and the Hebrew Bible: Animals, Seasons, and Directions'
9.40 am	Hugh Pyper, 'An Orcadian <i>Song of Songs</i> , or How (Not) to Translate Biblical Poetry'
10.20 am	Coffee
10.50 am	Mark Sneed, 'Does Qohelet Believe in the <i>Tun-Ergeben-Zusammenhang</i> or Not and Why Does it Matter?'
11.30 am	Break
11.40 am	Business Meeting
1.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	Free time
3.15 pm	PG/ECR Short Papers: three 20-minute papers (including Q&A) by Molly Drake (Judean Pillar Figurines), Liz Grier (Covenant Allusions in Ps. 51), and Yannis Wing Yan Ng (Historically Alert and Ethically Engaged Interpretation)
4.15 pm	Break
4.30 pm	SOTS Tea, <i>Great Hall, Trent Building</i>
7.00 pm	Dinner
8.15 pm	Prof. Christl Maier: 'Political Threat and Scribal Interpretation: Jeremiah's Emergence as a Prophet to the Nations'
9.00 pm	Bar open
12.00 am	Bar closes

Thursday 16th July

7.45 pm	Breakfast
9.00 am	Ivan Petrovski, 'The Soundscape of the Ark Narrative in 1 Samuel 4' (PG/ECR paper)
9.30 am	Ihor Kuryliak, "'Sheol beneath is stirred up': The Nature of the Actions of the Dead in Isaiah 14:9-10' (PG/ECR paper)
10.00 am	Break
10.10 am	Paul J. Hocking, 'Two by Two: A New Way of Reading the Third Creation Unit'
10.50 am	Coffee
11.20 am	Sarah Nicholson, 'Survival Sex in Bethlehem: Can Ruth Make Herself a Body without Organs?'
12.00 pm	Dylan R. Johnson, 'Visual Power Networks: Semiotics of Solar Imagery in the Iron Age Visual and Textual Media in the Ancient Levant'
1.00 pm	Dinner, followed by departure