### Monday (27 January 2020)

**Venue:** Old Courtroom, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen (38 Oude Boteringestraat)

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**Chair: Susanne Luther**

**Chair: Bärty Hartog**

14:15–14:50 | Travelling between Heaven and Earth in the Apocalypse of Abraham |
14:50–15:25 | Imaginary Travel Experiences in Early Christianity: Seeing the Heavenly Jerusalem |
15:25–16 | Between Heaven and Earth: Imaginary Journeys of the Soul and their Cosmological Backgrounds |
16–16:30 | Tea                                                                 |

**Chair: Clare Wilde**

16:30–17:30 | Imagining a “Realm of Islam”: Centricity, Capacity, Connectivity |
17:30–18:30 | Drinks                                                             |
18:45 | Dinner                                                            |
Tuesday (NOSTER Seminar) (28 Jan, 2020)

Venue: Film Room, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

8:30–9 Coffee

9–9:05 Welcome on behalf of the Protestant Theological University
Mechteld Jansen

Chair: Annette Merz

Method in the Study of Travel

9:05–9:40 Why a Travel Narrative?
Sigurvin Lárus Jónsson

9:40–10:15 Nautical fiction of Late Antiquity: Jews and Christians Traveling by the Sea
Reuven Kiperwasser

10:15–10:45 Coffee

10:45–11:20 Walking in the Footsteps of Egeria: Recreating an Early Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Sidnie White Crawford

11:20–11:55 Travel in Islam: In Search of Divine Power
Paul Heck

11:55–12:15 Break

12:15–13:15 Graduate Student Papers (parallel sessions; see the end of the programme)

13:15–14:50 Lunch

Chair: Lieve Teugels

Paul’s Journeys

Bärry Hartog

Annette Merz

16–16:30 Tea
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Chair: Lidewijde de Jong

Public Lecture (sponsored by CRASIS)

16:30–16:35 Welcome
Lidewijde de Jong

16:35–17:35 Travel as an Aspect of Religious Leadership in Late Antiquity: The Examples of Rabbi Abbahu and Origen
Maren Niehoff

17:35–19:15 Drinks

19:30 Dinner
**Wednesday (29 January 2020)**

Venue: Old Courtroom, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen (38 Oude Boteringestraat)

8:30–9 Coffee

Chair: Lautaro Roig Lanzillotta

Rabbinic Travel

9–9:35 Rabbinic Geography: Between the Imaginary and Real

* Catherine Hezser

9:35–10:10 "To a King who Went to a Province Oversea": Travel in Rabbinic Parables

* Lieve Teugels

10:10–10:40 Coffee

Johannine and Classical Travel

10:40–11:15 Heavenly Journey and Divine Epistemology in the Fourth Gospel

* Theo Witkamp

11:15–11:50 The Consolation of Travelling: Rereading Seneca's *Ad Marciam*

* Christoph Jedan

Chair: Clare Wilde

Closing Panel

12–13 Panel Discussion

* Zayde Antrim, Marjo Buitelaar, Steve Mason, Maren Niehoff

13–15 Closing Lunch

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**Graduate Student Papers (Parallel Sessions)**

**Tuesday, 28 January 2020, 12:15–13:15**

**Session I**

Venue: Room 015, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

Chair: Theo Witkamp

12:15–12:35 Onwards to the Gift of the Nile: The Travel Experiences of the Judeans in Elephantine in Light of Papyrus Amherst 63

* Ruwan van der Iest*

12:35–12:55 The Traveling of People and Ideas in Arabia in Late Antiquity

* Caroline Lemmens*

12:55–13:15 Lefebvre Revisited: A Methodological Discussion of Travel as Lived Experience

* Els Klok*

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**Session II**

Venue: Exam Room, Protestant Theological University (25 Oude Ebbingestraat)

Chair: Gert van Klinken

12:15–12:35 “And as They Traveled Towards the East” (Genesis 11:2): Travel in the Book of Genesis and the Anonymous Travelers in the Tower of Babel Account

* Robin ten Hoopen*

12:35–12:55 The Traveling Patriarchs in the book of Genesis: Jewish and Christian Interpretations

* Hanan Mazeh*

12:55–13:15 The Traveling Sage in Aramaic and Greek Jewish Literature

* Robert Jones*