

# **The Scripture&Theology-Forum**

**EuARe 2025, Vienna  
- Programme -**

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**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**

## **S&T-Dinner**

See <https://scriptureandtheology.org/2025/05/17/st-dinner-2025-an-invitation-to-good-company/>

### **Exploring Methodological Interactions between Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology („Open Panel“)**

The **2025 Scripture & Theology Panel** invites scholars to submit papers that explore how Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology inform and shape one another. We seek contributions that analyze current or historical research methods, particularly those that highlight how such approaches can further develop the interaction between Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology. Descriptive or historical accounts are welcome, especially when they demonstrate ways to advance interdisciplinary methodologies.

#### **Key questions to consider:**

- How does research in Biblical Studies draw on insights from Systematic Theology?
- In what ways can Systematic Theology benefit from engagement with Biblical Studies?
- What methodological changes occur as a result of interactions between these two fields?
- What examples of best practices exist for engaging Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology in both historical and contemporary scholarship?

We encourage papers that reflect on these intersections and provide methodological insights, whether through theoretical exploration or by presenting a particular research approach. By examining the dynamic relationship between Biblical and Theological research, we aim to deepen our understanding of how these disciplines can challenge and enrich one another, leading to new academic insights.

**Submissions** are welcome from both junior and senior scholars across various faith traditions, with a special invitation for biblical scholars to contribute.

For **more information** about the Scripture & Theology Forum, including details about our members, ongoing projects, and resources, please visit [scriptureandtheology.org](https://scriptureandtheology.org).

This **year's organizational team** includes Tomas Bokedal, Michael Borowski, Hans Burger, Mark Elliott, Henk de Waard, and Donald Wood.

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

## **Scriptural Narratives and Faith Renewal**

*How ancient narratives inspire renewed theological reflection*

**8:30 AM**

- Jaap Dekker: The God of the Old Testament: Theological Interpretation as Practiced by Walter R.L. Moberly
- Arie Versluis: Narrative Ethics in the Old Testament and Its Relevance for Today

## **Epistemic Ethic between Biblical Study and Theology**

*Mapping Vulnerabilities in Theological Inquiry*

**9:45 AM**

- Sara Abdella Kedir: Mapping Vulnerabilities: A Case Study of an Epistemic Ethic of Care Between Biblical Study and Systematic Theology (Part I)
- Lianne Kalkman-Mahdi: Mapping Vulnerabilities: A Case Study of an Epistemic Ethic of Care Between Biblical Study and Systematic Theology (Part II)

## **Scriptural Complexity**

*Unraveling the multifaceted relations between scripture and theology*

**11:00 AM**

- Hans Burger: Analysis of the Complexity of the Relations between Scripture and Systematic Theology
- Michael Borowski: E pluribus unum: Continuing the Exercise of a Conceptual Theology for the theologies of Scripture

## **Method and Regulation in Scriptural Reception**

*The dynamic interplay between regulation and methodological challenges*

**2:00 PM**

- Andrea Albertin: Theology 'from' Scripture? The Challenge between Scripture and Theology, Once Again
- Friederike Nüssel: Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology between Regulation and Self-Regulation. Examples of the Interaction from Ecumenical Dialogue

# Knowing God, Doctrine, and the Recovery of the Biblical Narrative

*Hermeneutics, doctrine, and meaning in contemporary theology*

**3:15 PM**

- Knut Alfsvåg: Homoousios as Biblical Hermeneutics
- Giulio Osto: How to Know God? Indications of Method on the Relationship between the Bible and Theology from a Great Unpublished Book by Romano Guardini

**4:30 PM**

- André Villeneuve: Rediscovering the World's Story: The Role of Biblical Theology in Rekindling Faith in a Dying Age
- Willibald Sandler: Redemption as Transformation: Resource for Societal Transformations. A Dramatic-Kairological Outline

<b>EuARe Gala-Dinner</b>
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**Friday, July 11, 2025**

## **Scripture and its Authority**

*The interplay of Word, Spirit and Theology*

**8:30 AM**

- Henk van den Belt: The Autopistia of Paul's Letters to the Corinthians
- Sara Noventa: Seeking the Truth: A Zen Reading of the Holy Scripture and the Systematic Theology at the Service of the Announcement

## **Canonical Authority and Doctrinal Foundations**

*Exploring scriptural authority and doctrinal self-authentication*

**9:45 AM**

- Gabriel Turkiewicz: How Do We Try to Describe and Explain Original Sin? Systematic Review of the Bibliography on the Problem of Original Sin
- Cody Brown: "In Loving Himself, He Preferred Himself to the Things He Made" – Divine Rest and God's Relation to Creation in Augustine's Interpretation of Gen. 2:1-3

## **Method and Eschatology in Scripture**

*Approaches to method and eschatological interpretation*

**11:00 AM**

- Philip Sumpter: History and Eschatology in the Immanuel Sign of Isaiah 7:14
- Christian Danz: The Remembered Jesus. Reflections on the Relationship between Exegesis and Systematic Theology

## **Critical Responses to Frances Young's *Doctrine and Scripture in Early Christianity* (2 Vol)**

### **(„Author Meets Critique“ – Panel)**

The Scripture & Theology Forum invites critical responses to Frances Young's two-volume work, *Doctrine and Scripture in Early Christianity*. This "Author Meets Critique" panel provides an opportunity for scholars to engage with Young's influential study on the interrelation of doctrine and Scripture in the early church.

We seek submissions that not only critically assess Young's historical and theological contributions but also explore how her findings can foster deeper engagement between Scripture and theology today, particularly in terms of theological methodology. Key areas of interest include:

- How does Young's methodological approach illuminate the interaction between doctrine and Scripture in early Christian thought?
- In what ways can her work inspire contemporary theological reflection, especially on the role of Scripture in doctrinal development?
- How can Young's research inform theological methods in engaging Scripture today, both within systematic theology and biblical studies?

Submissions should aim to offer constructive and critical reflections on Young's work while also proposing how her insights can contribute to ongoing conversations at the intersection of Scripture and theology.

While Frances Young may only be able to join the panel online due to personal circumstances, presentations by proxy are not permitted. Additionally, papers for pre-reading must be submitted by May 15; late submissions will not be considered.

We encourage submissions from scholars at all career stages and from a diversity of disciplines.

<b>Friday, July 11, 2025</b>
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**03:15 pm**

Tomas Bokedal

Mark Elliott

Ian McFarland

Frances Young (virtual)

<b>19:00 optional Dinner</b>
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