

# FACES FROM THE PAST: ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN FIGURINES

Tallinn Colloquium, September 17 – 19, 2015



Organized by Raz Kletter, Urmas Nõmmik and Katri Saarelainen  
On behalf of the University of Helsinki – Centre of Excellence  
'Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions' (CSTT)

Under the Auspices of the Association of Coroplastic Studies (ACoSt)

**Venue:** Theological Institute, Tallinn (Pühavaimu 6)

## **THURSDAY 17.9.2015**

**09:30–10:00:** Opening Words

### **Opening Lecture**

Chair: Urmas Nõmmik

**10:00–10:45:** Amihai Mazar, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem:

*Late Bronze/Iron Age Figurines and Figurine Moulds from Beth Shean and Rehov, Israel*

**Coffee break:** 10:45–11:15

### **Session I: Iron Age Transjordan**

Chair: Christian Frevel

**11:15–12:00:** P. M. Michèle Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University:

*Gods, Goddesses, Men and Women in Ammonite Iconography*

**12:00–12:45:** Régine Hunziker-Rodewald, University of Strasbourg:

*“Made in Her Image”: Iron Age Female Terracotta Figurines from Jordan*

**Lunch:** 12:45–14:15

### **Session II: Iron Age Judah and Israel**

Chair: Adi Erlich

**14:15–15:00:** Katri Saarelainen, University of Helsinki:

*Anthropomorphic Figurines of Iron Age Northern Israel*

**15:00–15:45:** Erin Darby, University of Tennessee, Knoxville:

*Lachish and Jerusalem Cave I: Judean Pillar Figurines in Caves*

**15:45–16:30:** Raz Kletter, University of Helsinki:  
*Are there Regional Styles in Judean Figurines?*

**Coffee Break:** 16:30–17:00

### **Session III: Iron Age Cyprus**

Chair: Michèle Daviau

**17:00–17:45:** Giorgos Papantoniou, Trinity College Dublin:

*Transmissions and Transformations of Culture: The Cypriot Iron Age Figurines*

**Colloquium Dinner:** 19:00

## **FRIDAY 18.9.2015**

### **Opening Lecture**

Chair: Christian Frevel

**09:30–10:15:** Diana Edelman, University of Oslo:

*The Teraphim embodied as Figurines: Dead Ancestors or Household Gods?*

### **Session IV: Persian Period Idumea and Yehud**

Chair: Amihai Mazar

**10:15–11:15:** Adi Erlich, University of Haifa:

*Persian Period Terracotta Figurines from Idumaea as Regional and Ethnic Markers*

**Coffee break:** 11:15–11:45

**11:45–12:30:** Izaak de Hulster, University of Helsinki:

*Figurines in Achaemenid Period Yehud*

**12:30–13:15:** Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum:

*Southern Levantine Figurines of the Iron Age and Persian Period: A Comparative View*

**Lunch:** 13:15–14:30

### **Session V: Pottery Experiment**

Chair: Raz Kletter

**14:30–16:45:** (Asuur Pottery Workshop)

### **Concluding Discussion**

Chairs: the Organizers

**16:45–17:30:** (Theological Institute)

## **SATURDAY 19.9.2015**

**Tour of Tallinn:** 9:00–12:00.