

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Derby Symposium “New Directions in Social Scientific and Cultural Studies Approaches in Biblical Studies”**

**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Derby Symposium on Social Scientific and Cultural Studies approaches to Biblical Studies brings together those working with new approaches in Biblical Studies to convey their sense of the value of these ways of thinking, to bring new perspectives to the attention of other practitioners, and to benefit from the discussions.

The discussions will be between the invited speakers and members of the audience - colleagues who are able to offer constructive and informative opinions regarding sociological, socio-psychological, evolutionary and cognitive knowledge and their use in this context.

The symposium offers a platform for colleagues from Biblical Studies to learn more about sociology, spatial analysis, ethnic studies, cultural studies, gender studies, cognitive sciences of religion etc. On the other hand, social science colleagues benefit from seeing how social science ideas are applied and interrogated by being utilised in engagement with historical societies and their literatures and traditions.

The Derby symposium is one of the very few academic contexts where the social sciences and the critical study of sacred texts meet.

This year’s speakers include Ehud Ben Zvi (University of Alberta, Canada), Katie Edwards (University of Sheffield), Seth Sanders (Trinity College) and Joanna Collicutt McGrath (University of Oxford). Themes will be “Reading Bible as Utopia”, “Disability and the Bible” and “Cultural Studies Approaches to the Bible.”

Revised papers from the Derby Symposium of 2010 will be published in a book shortly.

**Date:** July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Venue:**

Enterprise Centre of the University of Derby

Bridge Street

Derby, DE1 3LD

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<http://www.derby.ac.uk/about-the-university/location-of-our-sites/enterprise-centre>

The Enterprise Centre is located close to Derby city centre. From Derby train station there is a bus ("Unibus 6").

<http://www.unibus.co.uk/unimap.html>

<http://www.unibus.co.uk/timetables/times/6uholiday.html>

(Please note that during university vacation the bus only leaves once every hour from the train station.)

There is limited reserved parking on the premises

**Registration:**

There is no charge for the event, but places are limited.

Please register your intention to attend the symposium by May 31st by emailing [f.uhlenbruch@derby.ac.uk](mailto:f.uhlenbruch@derby.ac.uk)