

## Discovering, Deciphering and Dissenting: Ben Sira's Hebrew Text, 1896–2016

**St John's College, Old Divinity School, 12–14 September 2016**

### **Monday 12 September 2016**

16:00–17:00	Registration and tea	16:30–17:10	Jan Joosten, "The Hebrew of the Ben Sira Manuscripts"
17:00–17:15	Introduction and Welcome	17:10–17:50	Haim Dihi, "The Contribution of the Language of the Book of Ben Sira to Biblical Hebrew Philology"
17:15–18:00	Benjamin Wright, "The Persian Glosses in MS B"	17:50–18:30	Noam Mizrahi, "Ben Sira's Hebrew(s) as Poetic Language(s)"
18:30–19:45	DINNER		
20:00–20:40	Stefan Reif, "Some First Editions of Genizah Manuscripts of Ben Sira: Approaches and Reproaches"	18:30–19:45	DINNER
		20:00–21:15	Mark Nicholls, "The Appointments Diaries of Charles Taylor" Andrew Macintosh, "Charles Taylor as a Man of St John's" Pancratius Beentjes, "Reflections on Ben Sira Scholarship"

### **Tuesday 13 September 2016**

9:00–9:40	Jean-Sébastien Rey, "Codicological and Palaeographical Characteristics of Ben Sira's Manuscript B"
9:40–10:20	Vered Noam, "Ben Sira: A Rabbinic Perspective"
11:30–11:00	COFFEE
11:00–11:40	James Aitken, "The Synoptic Problem of the Hebrew Manuscripts"
11:40–12:20	Renate Egger-Wenzel, "Various Attempts at Producing a Ben Sira Polyglot"

12:30 LUNCH

13:30	Walk to University Library
14:00–14:30	Manuscript Display
14:30–15:10	Ben Outhwaite, "Ben Sira: Manuscripts and Context"
15:10–15:50	Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, "The Palaeography of the Hebrew Ben Sira Manuscripts"

Return walk

16:10–16:30 TEA BREAK

### **Wednesday 14 September 2016**

9:00–9:40	Eric Reymond, "Ben Sira's Poetry in Manuscript C"
9:40–10:20	Friedrich Reiterer, "It's Not Only Important what is Said but How it is Said. Aspects of Understanding the Wisdom-Poetry"
10:20–11:00	Jeremy Corley, "Ben Sira's Hebrew Poetry in Comparison with the Psalter"
11:00–11:20	COFFEE
11:20–12:00	Núria Calduch Benages, "Poetic Imagery in the Book of Ben Sira: A Case Study of Sir 21:1-10"
12:00–12:40	Matthew Goff, "Styles of Exegesis in the Hebrew Manuscripts of Ben Sira"
12:40–13:00	Conclusion
13:00	LUNCH
16:10–16:30	Conference ends