

God, Bible, Prophets, and the State:
Religion and the Legacy of Political Realism
Workshop at the Catholic Academy Berlin, September 18-19, 2025

Thursday, September 18

- 3 pm **Welcome Reception & Introduction**
Christoph Kasten (Frankfurt/M.), Christoph Schmidt (Jerusalem) and Stephan Steiner (Katholische Akademie Berlin)
- 4 pm **Political Theology: A Transatlantic Conversation**
Marcia Pally (New York University/HU Berlin)
Covenant, Reformed Covenantal Political Theory, and Implications for Today

Bruno Godfroy (Université de Tours)
TBA
- 5:30 pm Coffee break
- 6 pm **Public Evening Panel Debate**
Alison McQueen (Stanford University)
"All the Maddest Divinity": Religion in Leviathan

Ronald Beiner (University of Toronto)
Mosaic Democracy? Hobbes, Milton, Harrington, and Spinoza on the Biblical Origin of the Democratic Regime
- 8 pm **Festive dinner for conference participants**

Friday, September 19

Hintergrundgespräch in Kooperation mit dem Hebrew Union College Jerusalem zur Vorstellung des neu gegründeten *Hermann Cohen Instituts für kritische politische Theologie*

9:15 am Political Theology between Europe and Israel

Christoph Schmidt (Hebrew University/Hebrew Union College of Jerusalem)

Jona's unspoken word – His Prophecy between Political Realism and God's Prophetic Theopolitics

Wolfgang Palaver (University of Innsbruck)

The Challenge of Neo-Integralism in Light of the Prophet Amos and the Concept of a Tangled Hierarchy

Menachem Lorberbaum (Tel Aviv University)

Leviathan: The Apocalyptic Moment in Politics

11:15 am Coffee break

11:45 am Round table on establishing a Summer School program between Berlin and the Hebrew Union College Jerusalem

1 pm Joint lunch and farewell

Venue:

Katholische Akademie Berlin, Third Floor

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