

MECHANISMS OF CANON-MAKING IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN AND MEDITERRANEAN SOCIETIES

19-21 December 1999

Sunday, 19 December: ANCIENT NEAR EAST

Chair: Haim Tadmor

Niek Veldhuis, "The Classical and the Canonical: A Mesopotamian Perspective"

Shaul Shaked, "Script and Exegesis in Zoroastrianism"

Chair: Shamaryahu Talmon

Menahem Haran, "The Canonization of the Hebrew Bible"

Steven Chapman, "How the Biblical Canon Began: Working Model and Open Questions"

Cristiano Grottanelli, "Oral Lies and Written Lies in the Hebrew Bible"

Monday, 20 December: GREECE AND ROME

Chair: Amiel Vardi

Margalit Finkelberg, "The Formative Stage of the Greek Epic Canon"

Hayden Pelliccia, "Euripides' Contribution to the Canonization of Aeschylus"

Chair: Joseph Geiger

Hubert Cancik, "Standardization of Ancient Texts in Public and Private Institutions"

Robert Lamberton, "The Neo-Platonists and their Books"

Tuesday, 21 December: LATE ANTIQUITY

Chair: Benjamin Isaac

Christoph Marksches, "Functions of Canon and Canonization in Ancient Christian Theology"

Guy Stroumsa, "Early Christianity – a Religion of the Book?"

Chair: David Stern

Moshe Halbertal, "Canonization as Viewed from Within: some Talmudic and Rabbinic Instances"

Hagith Sivan, "Constructs of Legal Canonicity in Late Antiquity"

Andrew Plaks, "Outside Perspectives"