

GUEST LECTURE**Jessi Orpana and Mika Pajunen****(University of Helsinki and Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)****Long live the (im)mutable Tradition?
Transmission and Adaptation in early Judaism**

The concept of tradition is currently widely employed in biblical studies, but scholarly perceptions of it differ markedly. On the one hand, tradition is often seen as something immutable that represents an enduring constant, but on the other hand, it seems evident that traditions changed over time and indeed needed to change in order to stay relevant in varying contexts. The immutability of a mutable tradition is discussed already in early Jewish textual sources where the immutability is often presented as an ideal. But in practice traditions evolved and were changed constantly in literary and oral transmission and through conscious adaptation to fresh contexts. In this talk we will discuss such questions related to tradition both on a more conceptual level and by taking up specific examples from the transmission and adaptation of creation and patriarchal traditions in early Jewish writings.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2021**18:00 | Seminar Room 4****(Atrium – Zentrum für Alte Kulturen, Langer Weg 11)**

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