

**“Semitic Rhetoric and not only”**  
**SECOND CONFERENCE**  
of  
International Society for the Study of Biblical and Semitic Rhetoric

September 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday – Wednesday) 2010  
Pontifical Gregorian University  
Piazza della Pilotta 4 – 00187 Rome – Italy

The second conference of the RBS, as well as the first one, is intended above all for those who are interested in rhetorical analysis: researchers, professors or students. They will be able to present analysis of biblical texts, and also of other Semitic literature, or to discuss methodological questions.

Nevertheless it seemed advantageous in this second conference to broaden the field of research. From the methodological point of view the relationships between rhetorical biblical analysis and narrative analysis will be examined. Moreover, considering geographical, linguistic and cultural diffusion it seems certain that some features of Semitic rhetoric can be found not only in pharaonic texts of Ancient Egypt, but also in ancient works of Greek literature: some texts of Homer and of Hesiod may have been constructed according to the technique called “ring composition”. Therefore the second conference intends to begin an exploration of these “territories” inviting its experts to share information and to discuss with those who are converse in the analysis of Semitic texts.

#### **1. COMMUNICATIONS SCHEDULE**

Besides the plenary sessions, short communications (20 minutes) are foreseen, each one followed by a discussion of 15 minutes. These presentations are mainly reserved for professors and researchers, although open as well to advanced students, at doctorate level especially but also at licence level.

- ***Before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009: presentation of the communication project***

Communication projects have to be sent before the end of this year, using the form available online on the RBS page. The project will include only a provisional title as well as a brief presentation of the communication (10-15 lines).

- ***Before April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010: presentation of the text of the communication***

Once the project is accepted by the scientific Committee, the author will compose the text of his/her communication in a form appropriate for the publication in the Acts (no more than 20 pages, according to the format of the “Retorica biblica” series). After the approval of the Committee the text will be conveyed to the other authors of conferences and communications, so that they can become acquainted with it before the conference and be able to prepare questions and suggestions during the discussion which will follow the presentations.

- ***Before November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010: submission of the text of the article for the Acts***

After the conference the author can modify his/her text taking into account the feedback of the discussion. The definitive text, formatted according to the guidelines of the editors of the volume, must be delivered within the indicated date, in order to allow its publication in spring (March 2011).

The languages of the conference are: Italian, French, English and Spanish.

## **2. PUBLICATION OF THE ACTS**

The Acts of the Conference will be published in the “Retorica biblica” series, as they were for the first conference held in 2008: Roland Meynet – Jacek Oniszczyk, ed., *Retorica biblica e semitica 1. Atti del primo convegno RBS, ReBib 12, EDB, Bologna 2009* (318 p.).

## **3. VALIDATION**

For students of the License in the Biblical Theology Department of the PUG, participation in the conference can be recognised as an optional course. The conditions for this validation will be specified later.

## **4. REGISTRATION**

Participation in the conference requires the payment of the registration fee. This covers:

- Registration for the conference
- Participation in the work of the conference
- The dossier of the documents of the conference
- Coffee and other refreshments during the intervals.

Normal fee:	100 €
Student’s fee:	25 €

For the students of the Gregorian Consortium (PUG, PIB, PIO) the registration is free; nevertheless it is necessary to fill out the registration form. If someone needs validation of participation to the conference as an optional course, it is compulsory to register through the university registration system as in the case of the other courses, just as it is necessary to enrol for exams.

Registration for the conference should be completed by filling out the appropriate form available online on the RBS page. Registrations are accepted until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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