

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## TENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

of the RBS

International Society for the Study of Biblical and Semitic Rhetoric

will be held in Rome from Thursday 24 to Saturday 26 September 2026

at the Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome)

### 1. SCIENTIFIC THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The Society is calling for papers to be presented in its specific field of Biblical and Semitic Rhetoric. Papers can be an analysis of texts, biblical or other, but in the field of Semitics, or treat a specific methodological issue. The languages of the conference are: Italian, French, English and Spanish.

### 2. PAPER SUBMISSION TIMELINE

In addition to the three plenary sessions (55 minutes), there will be also short communications (40 minutes), each one followed by a discussion. These presentations are mainly reserved for professors and researchers, although they are open as well to advanced students at the doctoral level especially, but also the licentiate level.

#### • *Before December 31, 2025: submission of proposal*

Paper proposals have to be sent before the end of the year 2025, using the form, accurately completed, and available online: [www.retoricabiblicaesemitica.org/en](http://www.retoricabiblicaesemitica.org/en)

#### • *Before April 30, 2026: submission of paper*

Once the project is accepted by the scientific Committee, the author will submit the completed text of his/her paper according to the publication guidelines in the Acts (no more than 20 pages, according to the format of the «Rhetorica Biblica et Semitica» series, that is approximately 56.000 characters, including spaces). He/she will send it by e-mail to the Association ([retoricabiblicasemitica@gmail.com](mailto:retoricabiblicasemitica@gmail.com)) before 30 April 2026.

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, 2026: submission of the text of the article for the Acts*

After the conference the author, whose text has been accepted by the scientific Committee for publication, 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 by the indicated date in order to be published during 2027.

### 3. PUBLICATION OF THE ACTS

The Acts of the Conference will be published in the “Rhetorica Biblica et Semitica” series, with the title: *Studi del nono convegno RBS*. See the presentation of the other published volumes on the RBS page: “Our Publications” (e.g. FRANCESCO GRAZIANO – ROLAND MEYNET – BERNARD WITEK, ed.,

Studi del settimo convegno RBS. International Studies on Biblical & Semitic Rhetoric, RBSem 30, Peeters, Leuven 2021).

#### **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.

Normal fee: 100 €

Student's fee: 50 €

Students of the Gregorian Consortium (PUG, PIB, PIO): 25 €

For the students of the Gregorian Consortium it is necessary to fill out the registration form. If someone needs validation by the Department, registration is still necessary through the university registration system as in the case of the other courses and seminars, just as it is necessary to enroll for the exam session.

Registration for the Conference should be completed by June 30, 2026. You have to fill out the appropriate form available online: [www.retoricabiblicaesemitica.org/en](http://www.retoricabiblicaesemitica.org/en) and to pay the registration fee.

Rome, July 13, 2025