

Conceptualizing Nature in Eastern Mediterranean Cultures of the Second-First Millennium BCE: The Use of Textual and Pictorial Evidence



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Steinhardt Museum of Natural History at Tel Aviv University

The Emory University and Tel Aviv University Colloquium is a joint project designed to foster unique interdisciplinary discourse. It seeks to address open questions in Hebrew Bible scholarship and in the study of ancient Near Eastern and East Mediterranean cultures of the second and first millennia BCE. **Did these ancient cultures have conceptions of nature?** And if so, **how could we discern such conceptions of nature in pictorial and literary sources?** **How might the conceptions of nature found in the Hebrew Bible relate to the conceptions of nature within the cultures of the ancient Near East and Eastern Mediterranean?**

Sunday, May 14, 2023

- I Introduction
- II World Orders and Cosmology
- III Climate Phenomena

* Excursions on Sunday afternoon, Monday and Wednesday are closed to the Colloquium participants.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

- IV Flora:
Glorious Trees
- V Fauna 1: Prophecy and Wisdom
- VI Fauna 2: Cult and Liturgy
- VII Flora and Fauna:
In the Lab

Special Event and Dinner
in Honor of Dr. Uzi Paz

Thursday, May 18, 2023

- VIII Landscapes
- IX Conceptualizing Nature 1
- X Conceptualizing Nature 2
- XI Closing session

The Colloquium is open for interested audiences in the Museum or remotely. Scholars, students, and the general public are welcome to [pre-register here](#). For further information, concnature@tauex.tau.ac.il



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