



Exploring the Complexity of Identities and Boundaries within the New Testament World

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Message from the Guest Editors

In this issue, we seek to reflect on and explore the complexity of identity and boundaries in the New Testament and Early Christianity against the background of the Graeco-Roman world. How can we better explain what Brian Tucker calls “the continuation of existing identities” and “the nested social dilemma”. And how can Tajfel and Turner’s Social Identity and Self-Categorization Theory and Social Identity Complexity Theory (hereon SIT), developed by Roccas and Brewer, and used in New Testament Studies by Jacobus Kok and others, help us to see the complex nature of ancient identity? We invite papers that explore ancient (Christian) identity complexity and nestedness, both in New Testament and Early Christian texts, and texts from its Graeco-Roman and Jewish Umwelt. Social Identity approaches are especially welcomed, but also those that use other theories and approaches like ethnicity theory, memory studies, ritual studies, network analyses, and more.





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