

Karin Hügel (Mag. theol.)

Profile

Theologian with expertise in the areas of biblical and Jewish studies, art history, and queer studies

Professional experience

October 2016 – October 2017: university employee at the University of Amsterdam
member of the Amsterdam School of Historical Studies (research in the course of dissertation project)

Education

PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam, dissertation project: queer readings of the Hebrew Bible (*Queere Lesarten der Hebräischen Bibel, forthcoming*)

2008: Mag. theol. (Protestant theology at the University of Vienna), diploma thesis in Old Testament studies

1991: general qualification for university entrance with distinction (gymnasium with focus on English, Latin and French)

Publications

Book

Homoerotik und Hebräische Bibel, Diplomica Verlag, Hamburg 2009.

Articles

“Die Sünde Sodoms als Fremdenhass im Buch der Weisheit 19,13–17”, in: Nadja Furlan Štante/Maja Bjelica/Jadranka Rebeka Anić (eds.), *Women’s Religious Voices: Migration, Culture and (Eco)Peacebuilding*, Philosophy in Dialogue/Philosophie im Dialog 7, LIT Verlag, Wien/Zürich 2021, 45-67.

“Queere Auslegungen der Liebesgebote aus Levitikus”, in: Agnethe Siquans/Anne-Claire Mulder/Clara Carbonell Ortiz (eds.), *Gender, Race, Religion: De/constructing Regimes of In/visibility*, *Journal of the European Society of Women in Theological Research/Revista de la asociación europea de mujeres en la investigación teológica/Jahrbuch der Europäischen Gesellschaft für theologische Forschung von Frauen*, Volume 28, Peeters, Leuven 2020, 201-236.

“Jüdische gesetzliche Auslegungen zu weiblicher Homoerotik”, in: *Journal of Ancient Judaism*, Volume 10, Number 3, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen 2019, 416-454.

“Queere Aneignungen von David und Goliath: Künstlerische Selbstporträts als besiegte Knabenliebhaber”, in: Walter Dietrich/Cynthia Edenburg/Philippe Hugo (eds.), *The Books of Samuel: Stories – History – Reception History*, Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium 284, Peeters, Leuven 2016, 541-553.

- “King David’s Exposure while Dancing: A Queer Reading of 2 Samuel 6”, in: *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament: An International Journal of Nordic Theology*, Volume 30, Number 2, Routledge, London 2016, 249-260.
- “Lesungen für Segnungsfeiern gleichgeschlechtlicher Paare, queer ausgelegt: Jonathans Zusage der Lebensgemeinschaft an David (1 Sam 18,1-4) und Ruths Treueschwur gegenüber Noomi (Ruth 1,14-17)”, in: Andreas Krebs (ed.), *Alt-Katholische und Ökumenische Theologie I (2016): Jahresheft des Alt-Katholischen Seminars der Universität Bonn*, Alt-Katholischer Bistumsverlag, Bonn 2016, 31-48.
- “Eine queere Lesart von Kohelet 4,9-12”, in: *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament: An International Journal of Nordic Theology*, Volume 28, Number 1, Routledge, London 2014, 104-115.
- “Queere Lesarten des Hohelieds”, in: Uta Blohm/Marta Bodo/Sigríður Guðmarsdóttir/Stefanie Knauss/Ruth Papacek (eds.), *In-between Spaces: Creative Possibilities for Theologies of Gender/Entre espacios: propuestas creativas para las teologías de género/Zwischenräume: Kreative Möglichkeiten für Gender-Theologien, Journal of the European Society of Women in Theological Research/Anuario de la asociación europea de mujeres para la investigación teológica/Jahrbuch der Europäischen Gesellschaft für theologische Forschung von Frauen*, Volume 21, Peeters, Leuven 2013, 169-185.
- “Eine queere Lektüre von Josef: Jüdische Interpretationen des schönen jungen Manns aus der Hebräischen Bibel”, in: *Biblische Notizen*, Volume 157, Herder, Freiburg im Breisgau 2013, 69-99.
- “Homoerotik und Hebräische Bibel”, in: *Menschenrechte und Macht, Werkstatt Schwule Theologie*, Volume 16, AG Schwule Theologie, München 2013, 119-142.
- “Queere Lesarten der Hebräischen Bibel: Das Buch Ruth und die Schöpfungsberichte”, in: Lisa Isherwood/Jenny Dagers/Elaine Bellchambers/Christine Gasser/Ursula Rapp (eds.), *Wrestling with God/En lucha con Dios/Ringen mit Gott, Journal of the European Society of Women in Theological Research/Anuario de la sociedad Europea de mujeres en la investigación teológica/Jahrbuch der Europäischen Gesellschaft für theologische Forschung von Frauen*, Volume 18, Peeters, Leuven 2010, 173-192.
- “Queere Lesarten des Buchs Ruth und der Schöpfungsberichte”, in: Hanna Rohn/Lisa Scheer/Eva Maria Zenz (eds.), *Frauenin/transFormation: Beiträge zur FrauenFrühlingsUniversität Graz 2009*, planetVERLAG, Wien 2011, 89-103.

Lectures and workshops

- Adam’s Androgyny, lecture in German, 9th Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Association Austria “Gender Embodied – Verkörpertes Geschlecht”, 1.10.2022, Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria.
- The Prostitution of Jewish Men and Boys, lecture in English, Confronting Gender Polarity and Nationalism, Interdisciplinary conference on Feminist Theologies, Religion and Sustainable Democracy in the Nordic Countries and Europe, 26.8.2022, University of Regensburg, Germany.

- The Prostitution of Jewish Men and Boys, lecture in English, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 20.7.2022, University of Salzburg, Austria.
- A Queer Reading of Joseph: Jewish Interpretations of the Beautiful Young Man in the Hebrew Bible, lecture in English, Annual Conference of the European Association of Biblical Studies, 6.7.2022, University of Toulouse, France.
- Parashot queerly read: Queer Interpretations of the Commandments of Love in Leviticus, interactive lecture in German, Keshet Germany, 6.3.2022, Berlin, Germany.
- The Prostitution of Jewish Men and Boys, lecture in English, Annual Conference of the European Association of Biblical Studies, 4.8.2021, University of Wuppertal, Germany.
- Queer Readings of the Song of Songs, Annual Conference of the European Association of Biblical Studies, 3.8.2021, University of Wuppertal, Germany.
- Queer Interpretations of the Commandments of Love in Leviticus, lecture in German, Study day of the student body of the Department of Protestant Theology “Feminist* Theologies”, 29.6.2021, University of Tübingen, Germany.
- The Jewish sociocritical tradition of Sodom in connection with Ezekiel 16:48-50, lecture in German, 8.1.2020, University of Vienna, Austria.
- Queer Interpretations of the Commandments of Love in the Biblical Book Leviticus, lecture in German, 7th Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Association Austria “Gender and Gender Relations in Transformation: Spaces – Relations – Representations”, 8.11.2019, University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- Queer Interpretations of the Commandments of Love in the Biblical Book Leviticus, lecture in German, 18th International Conference of the European Society of Women in Theological Research “Gender, Race, Religion, De/Constructing Regimes of In/Visibility”, 13.9.2019, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
- Jewish Legal Interpretations of Female Homoeroticism, lecture in English, Annual Conference of the European Association of Biblical Studies, 14.8.2019, University of Warsaw, Poland.
- Jewish Legal Interpretations of Female Homoeroticism, lecture in English, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 4.7.2019, Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.
- A Queer Reading of Qohelet 4:9-12, lecture in German, 6th Annual Conference of the Gender Studies Association Austria “Cultures of Knowledge and Diversity: Positions, Diffractions, Participations”, 28.9.2018, University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna, Austria.
- Jewish Legal Interpretations of Female Homoeroticism, lecture in English, 1st European Lesbian* Conference “Lesbians in Europe: Connect, Reflect, Act, Transform”, 7.10.2017, Brotfabrik, Vienna, Austria.

Readings for Blessing Ceremonies of Same-Sex Couples Queerly Interpreted: Jonathan's Pledge of a Life Partnership Towards David (1 Sam 18:1-4) and Ruth's Vow to Be Faithful to Naomi (Ruth 1:14-17), lecture in German, 1st Joint International Conference of the Associations of Gender Studies from Germany, Austria and Switzerland "Present Challenges of Gender Studies", 29.9.2017, University of Cologne, Germany.

Adam's Androgyny, lecture in German, 17th International Conference of the European Society of Women in Theological Research "Translation. Transgression. Transformation", 26.8.2017, Kardinal Knig Haus, Vienna, Austria.

Queer Readings of the Song of Songs, lecture in German, CoVen don't preach: Lezzing my Religion, 11.6.2016, Autonomous Centre, Cologne, Germany.

Queer Appropriations of David and Goliath: Artistic Self-portraits as Defeated Pederasts, lecture in German, Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense LXIII "The Books of Samuel: Stories – History – Reception History", 31.7.2014, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

King David's Exposure while Dancing: A Queer Reading of 2 Samuel 6, lecture in English, International Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, 8.7.2014, University of Vienna, Austria.

A Queer Reading of Joseph: Jewish Interpretations of the Beautiful Young Man in the Hebrew Bible, lecture in German, Winter Meeting of The Old Testament Society in the Netherlands and in Belgium, 2.2.2012, Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Female Homoeroticism and the Hebrew Bible, lecture in English and German, 13th International Conference of the European Society of Women in Theological Research "Wrestling with God", 8.2009, University of Winchester, Great Britain.

Homoeroticism and the Hebrew Bible, lecture in German, FrauenFrhlingsUniversitt, 4.2009, Technische Universitt Graz, Austria.

Homoeroticism and the Hebrew Bible, workshop in German, 2nd Network Congress of Christian Lesbian and Gay Groups "... and the Diversity Dwelt Among us", 10.2008, Bielefeld, Germany.

Awards

City of Vienna Culture Grant for the research project "Violent and Humiliating Sex Between Men in Rabbinic Literature" 2021.

Grant of the Gender Studies Association Austria for the research project "Queer Readings of the Hebrew Bible" 2020.

Covid-19 City of Vienna Culture Grant 2020.

City of Vienna Culture Grant for the research project "Queer Readings of the Biblical Stories of Sodom und Gibeah" 2019.

Travel grant of the European Association of Biblical Studies 2019.

Skills

Languages

German (first language)

English (fluent), French and Italian (language certificates in Romance studies)

Latin, Old Greek, Old Hebrew, Aramaic.

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