

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

Steinhardt Museum of Natural History at Tel Aviv University
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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?

An interdisciplinary team of scholars will convene in the **Steinhardt Museum of Natural History at Tel Aviv University on May 14th-18th 2023**, for three days of discussions indoors and two days of outdoor research excursions. Over thirty scholars from the USA, Europe, the United Kingdom, and Israel will participate in the workshop. Specialists in the disciplines of Hebrew Bible, Assyriology, Hittology, Egyptology, and Classics will engage archaeologists with particular expertise in Iconography, Archaeobotany, and Archaeozoology, along with other experts in Botany, Zoology, Climatology, and Geography.

The Colloquium is open for interested audiences. Scholars, students, and the general public are welcome to participate during the three days of indoor sessions. Please pre-register at concnature@tauex.tau.ac.il. The Colloquium will also be hybrid, and allow remote participation. If you are able to join us remotely, please, mention that on the registration form.

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