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Meeting Begins: 7/2/2016

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Note that the deadline for paper proposals is 11:59 PM (23:59) Eastern Standard Time (UTC -5) on the day PREVIOUS to the deadline below.

Call For Papers Opens: 10/28/2015

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The Law for the Cities of Refuge in Num 35:9-34: Repetition or Reformulation?

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My aim is to try to answer this basic question: in what way does Numbers 35:9-34 contribute to the law governing the "cities of refuge", already present in the pentateuchal traditions of Exodus 21:12-14, Deuteronomy 19:1-13, and Joshua 20:1-9? Is it a mere repetition of the same legislation, perhaps an expansion and enhancement with new details, or rather, is it a reformulation of the previous legislative tradition, marking a real advancement in biblical law? I will try to approach these questions starting from the interpretation of one of the key terms of the pericope – "bishgagah" – and its specific function within the passage, in order to develop some hypotheses concerning the composition of the law in Numbers 35:9-34.