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# The First Verse of Genesis: The Joy and Difficulty of Intertextual Reading

Lecture by Israeli Author  
**Dror Burstein**

The lecture will follow various texts which echo the first verse of Genesis, from the ancient Babylonian creation myth and the Book of Jubilees, to modern Hebrew literature and contemporary cosmology.

**Friday, October 17, 2014**  
**5:00pm**

FAMES, Sidgwick Site, Rooms 8&9  
Reception and refreshments following

Dror Burstein is, among other things, poet, culture critic, teacher, and most importantly, an exciting and profound author whose works deal with the legacy of Hebrew literature, with authenticity and reproduction, as well as modern prophecy and moralism in the age of globalism. Burstein won several prestigious awards in Israel: the Jerusalem Prize for Literature (1997), the Ministry of Science and Culture Prize for Poetry (2002), the Bernstein Prize for his novel, *Avner Brenner* (2003) and the Prime Minister's Prize (2006). Two of his latest books, *Kin* and *Netanya* were translated into English and published by Dalkey Archive Press.

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