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The Nils Klim Committee Citation: Frederik Poulsen

Frederik Poulsen (b. 1984) is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Theology at the University of Copenhagen. Poulsen is an exceptionally accomplished scholar in Biblical studies, and his publications have already received international acclaim. At the age of 35, he has published no less than three full-length research monographs with renowned publishers. All three books—*God, His Servant, and the Nations in Isaiah 42:1-9* (Mohr Siebeck, 2014); *Representing Zion: Judgement and Salvation in the Old Testament* (Routledge, 2015) and *The Black Hole in Isaiah. A Study of Exile as a Literary Theme* (Mohr Siebeck, 2019)—are original and significant contributions to central questions in Old Testament scholarship.

His work is characterised by an innovative combination of historical-critical and literary methodologies that have enabled him to cast new light on these ancient texts. His second doctoral thesis (*doctor theologiae/dr.theol.*), *The Black Hole in Isaiah. A Study of Exile as a Literary Theme*, challenges the notion that Zion-Jerusalem is the main issue in Isaiah. Instead, Poulsen argues that exile serves as its dark counterpoint. By focussing on exile and diaspora, which involve profound experiences of alienation and suffering, Poulsen creates a link between ancient history and current issues of identity and belonging.

Due to the depth and excellence of his work, Poulsen has been awarded a number of prestigious grants and fellowships. His classical scholarly expertise, and his creative approaches to Old Testament studies, have already earned him a solid position in Biblical studies.

On behalf of the Nils Klim Committee,
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