
Doctoral Network in Jewish History: Basel, Manchester and QMUL

At the School of History, QMUL, 23 April 2015

Venue: The Leo Baeck Institute Library, Arts Two, Second Floor

Hosted by Professor Miri Rubin (QMUL),
with Distinguished Guest Professor Erik Petry (Basel)

Programme

10.00 *Coffee and Welcome*

10.15-11.30 *Session I: Entangled Lives in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean*

Katharina Keim (PGR, Manchester): *Pirquei de Rabbi Eliezer: Structure, Coherence, Intertextuality, and Historical Context*

Marci Freedman (PGR, QMUL): *Transmission and Reception of Benjamin of Tudela's 'Book of Travels'*

Cecil Reid (PGR, QMUL): *A Fourteenth-Century Purim Story: Treachery and Salvation at the Court of Alfonso XI of Castile (1340)*

Benjamin Williams (Leverhulme ECF, Manchester): *Reading the Bible in the Ottoman Empire*

11.30-11.45 *Coffee*

11.45-12.30 *Session II: German-Jewish Experiences*

Sabina Bossert (PhD student, Basel): *'A humble tool in the hands of God' – Religious elements in David Frankfurter's life*

Tabea Richardson (PGR, QMUL): *Trespassing racial, national and religious identity in Germany before and after the Holocaust: Jewish and Christian women in the so-called Christian-Jewish dialogue*

12.30-1.30 *Lunch*

1.30-2.20 *Walk around the Mile End campus*

2.20-3.00 *Session III: Facing Racial States*

Rodney Reznick (PGR, QMUL): *Cosmopolitanism in the 1930s Discourse on German Jewish Immigration into South Africa*

Florence Largilliere (PGR, QMUL): *Conflicting Identities: Discourses of Fascist Italian Jews Faced with the Racial Laws*

3.00-3.15 *Tea*

3.15-4.15 *Session IV: Contemporary Jewish Identities*

Selin Yilmaz (PhD student, Basel/Istanbul): *Rethinking of the National Security Doctrine of Israel in the context of the Constant Perception of Existential Threat*

Tereza Ward (PGR, Manchester): *Social and Religious Jewish Non-conformity: Representations of the Anglo-Jewish Experience in the Oral Testimony Archive of the Manchester Jewish Museum*

Joe Cronin (PGR, QMUL): *How did the immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union change attitudes towards the Holocaust in Germany's Jewish communities?*

4.45 **Guest lecture by Professor Erik Petry (Basel)**

What is Jewish History, and why work towards a PhD in Jewish History?