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Department of History - University of Maryland
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EMODIR - Early Modern Religious Dissents and Radicalism**

Sunday, January 12

16:00 – 16:30

Registration

16:30 – 17:30

Conference Opening

On Behalf of the Scientific Committee:

Yaakov Mascetti (Bar-Ilan University)

Elhanan Reiner (National Library of Israel, Jerusalem)

Fabio Ruggirello (Director, Istituto Italiano di Cultura Tel Aviv)

Stefano Ventura (Scientific Attaché, Italian Embassy of Tel Aviv)

Cataloguing Old Hebrew Books in Italian Libraries

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National Central Library of Rome

Caron Sethill (National Library of Israel)

Chiara Camarda (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

17:30 – 18:30

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland)

Nicholas Terpstra (University of Toronto)

Finding Cracks in the Wall: Exclusion, Engagement, and Position for Early Modern History

19:00 – 22:00

Reception and Accompanying Exhibition

Monday, January 13

8:30 – 9:00

Reception

9:00 – 10:00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Bernard Cooperman (University of Maryland)

Filippo de Vivo (Birkbeck – University of London)

Communication, Circulation, Construction: Old and New Paradigms in the History of Early-Modern Cultural Mobilities

10:00 – 11:30

Renaissance Challenges of Otherness

Chair: Gur Zak (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Nirit Ben-Aryeh Debby (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Peaceful Coexistence or Violent Clash in the Venetian-Ottoman Encounter in Early Modernity

Stefano Villani (University of Maryland)

Modes of Conversions and Acculturation Strategies in Early Modern Italy

Tamar Herzig (Tel Aviv University)

Jews, Converts, and the Visual Arts in Renaissance Italy

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30

Imagining the Jews: The Catholic Point of View

Chair: Philip M. Soergel (University of Maryland)

David Malkiel (Bar-Ilan University)

Jewish-Christian Relations in Renaissance Italy: Resolving a Historiographical Debate

Emily Michelson (University of St Andrews)

Layers of Imaginary Others in Conversionary Rome

Michael Sherberg (Washington University in St. Louis)

Writing Renaissance Jews into History: Tiraboschi's Storia della Letteratura Italiana

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Lunch

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Imagining the Jews: The Protestant Point of View

Chair: Yaacov Deutsch (The David Yellin College of Education)

Bruce Gordon (Yale University)

Teachers, Rabbis and Books: Jews in the Autobiographical and Exegetical Works of Konrad Pellikan

Martin Rothkegel (Elstal Theological Seminary)

Jacobus Palaeologus from Chios (ca. 1520-1585) and the Marrano Dilemma

Federico Zuliani (University of Turin)

Jewish Thessaloniki as cité de refuge for Italian Protestants in the Sixteenth Century

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

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Reframing the Jewish Renaissance

Chair: Alessandra Veronese (University of Pisa)

Giuseppe Veltri, (University of Hamburg)

Redefining Qabbalah and Skeptical Tradition: Simone Luzzatto as Reader of Dante Alighieri

Fabrizio Lelli, (University of Salento)

The Hebrew Bible as the Primary Source for Jewish-Christian Intellectual Relationships in the Italian Renaissance

Edoardo Angione (Roma Tre University)

Thinking the Unthinkable: A Sephardic Agent between Rome and Istanbul (1605-1610)

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 – 9:00

Coffee

9:00 – 10:00

Keynote Lecture

Chair: Germano Maifreda (University of Milan)

Tamar Herzog (Harvard University)

Religious and Civic Neophytes: Iberian Conversos from an Italian Perspective

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00

Cultural Borders, Inquisition and Neophytes

Chair: Yoel Finkelman (National Library of Israel)

Katherine Aron-Beller (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Defining the Jew in Inquisitorial Strategy in 16th-Century Italy

Martina Mampieri (Lichtenberg-Kolleg - The Göttingen Institute for Advanced Study - University of Göttingen)

Neophytes, Slanderers, and Jewish Dogs: Imagining and Defining the Jews at the Outskirts of the Papal States (16th Century)

Germano Maifreda (University of Milan)

The Neophyte as Informant: Emic/Etic Descriptions, and the Strange Case of the Abraded Tombstones in the Jewish Cemetery of Ancona (17th Century)

12:00 – 13:30

Textual Entanglements and Biblical Scholarship

Chair: Serena Di Nepi (Sapienza University of Rome)

Guido Bartolucci (University of Calabria)

Self in Translation: David de' Pomis and the Place of the Jews in Renaissance Italy

Margherita Mantovani (Sapienza University of Rome)

Hebrew–Latin Translations of Averroes' Preface to Metaphysics A

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Eric Lawee (Bar-Ilan University)

Jeremiah's Blunders: Isaac Abarbanel's Renaissance Biblical Scholarship and Its Critics

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Scribes, Copists and Printers

Chair: William Kolbrener (Bar-Ilan University)

Emma Abate (CNRS - French National Center for Scientific Research)

Jewish Scribes and Translators in the Renaissance Rome: Who Was in the Workshop of Egidio of Viterbo?

J. H. Yossi Chajes (University of Haifa)

The "Magnificent Parchment": Transcending Boundaries of Text, Image, Medium, and Community in Early Modern Italy

Adam Shear (University of Pittsburgh)

Books as Markers of Identity? Text and Paratext in the Shaping of (Imagined) Community

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

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Poets, Musicians and Writers

Chair: Yaakov Mascetti (Bar-Ilan University)

Lynn Westwater (George Washington University)

"Stimando ciò esser concesso... ad una donna, e donna ebrea": Sarra Copia Sulam's Defense of Women and Jews in Early Modern Venice

Piergabriele Mancuso (Medici Archive Project)

Repertoires and Interactions: Music A-semanticism and Social Exchanges in Renaissance and Early Modern Italy

Alessandro Guetta (INALCO)

Yehuda Hayyim Carpi, a Forgotten Translator/Poet

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 – 9:30

Coffee

9:30 – 11:00

Jewish Intellectuals and the Sciences

Chair: Raz Chen-Morris (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Avner Ben Zaken (Ono Academic College)

Amatus Lusitanus and the Making of Science in Motion

Ilana Wartenberg (Tel Aviv University)

Bilingualism in Scientific Texts Written by Jews in Renaissance Italy

Shulamit Furstenberg-Levi (New York University)

The Missing Names: Links between Jewish Intellectuals and the Accademia Pontaniana in Naples during the Renaissance

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Jews and/in Italian Cities

Chair: Dov Stuczynski (Bar-Ilan University)

Evelien Chayes (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Porous Libraries and Jewishness in Early Modern Italy. Studying Letizia Nahmias' Spectral Archives

Tovi Bibring (Bar-Ilan University)

"Would you have replaced your faith with my faith? And your religion with my religion?" Immanuel ha-Romi in the Streets of Fermo

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

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Concluding Comments

Chair: Serena Di Nepi (Sapienza University of Rome)

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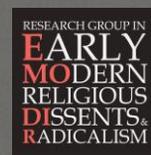
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