

Italian Jews in Context: Relations, Exchanges, Networks

An International Conference

The Graduate Center, CUNY and Columbia University, March 9 and 10, 2015

March 9, 2015 - The Graduate Center, Rooms C202-203
365 Fifth Avenue, New York

10:00 **Greetings and introduction**

10:30-12:45 **Traveling Rabbis and Halakhic Debates**
Chair: **Kenneth Stow** (University of Haifa)

Howard Adelman (Queen's University)
Women, Wine and Song: Leon Modena and the Mikveh at Rovigo controversy -- the Sho"t that were heard around the world

Matt Goldish (Ohio State University)
Abraham Rovigo's Home as a Center for Itinerant Scholars

David Malkiel (Bar Ilan University)
The Shadar-Host Economy in Early Modern Italy

Cristiana Facchini (University of Bologna)
Wissenschaft des Judentums in Italy: the Third Phase (1890s-1930s)

12:45-1:45 **Lunch** (by invitation)

1:45-4:00 **Ideas and Texts in Motion across Europe**
Chair: **Lois Dubin** (Smith College)

Alessandro Guetta (Inalco, Paris)
The Italian Translations of Hebrew Literature in the late Renaissance: Jewish and Christian Values Brought Closer?

Clémence Boulouque (Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania)
Elia Benamozegh's Printing Presses in Livorno: Mapping Sephardic Identity and Intellectual Networks in the Nineteenth Century

Asher Salah (Bezalel Academy and Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania)
Wissenschaft des Judentums across the Alps: Intellectual Networks between Italian and German Jewish Intellectuals in the 19th century

Alessandro Grazi (Independent Scholar)
New Trans-Regional and Transnational Perspectives on Nineteenth-Century Judaism

4:00-4:15 **Coffee break**

4:15-6:00 **Philanthropy and Trans-National Jewish Solidarity Networks**

Chair: **Jane Gerber** (The Graduate Center, CUNY)

Adam Teller (Brown University)
Venetian Jewry and the Polish-Jewish Refugees of the Mid-Seventeenth Century: The Transregional Philanthropic Networks of Early Modern Italian Jews in Action

Evelyne Oliel-Grausz (Sorbonne, Paris)
Livorno and Intercommunal Networks in the 18th century: a Sephardic/Mediterranean Metropolis

Matthias Lehmann (UC Irvine)
La Puerta de la Frankia: Livorno, Istanbul and Pan-Jewish Networks in the Eighteenth Century

6:45 **Evening program and dinner, Columbia University**
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9:00-9:15 **Morning coffee**

9:15-11:00 **The Transformations of a Mediterranean Jewish Hub: the Jews of Livorno between Family Ties and Modern Citizenship**

Chair: **Benjamin Ravid** (Brandeis University)

Bernard Cooperman (University of Maryland)
The Structures of Innovation: Demographic Mobility, Economic Networking, and Institutional Creativity in Pisa/Livorno in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century

Jessica Marglin (University of Southern California)
Nationality and Jewish Law on Trial: The Life and Death of Nissim Shamama

Alyssa Reiman (University of Michigan)
Claiming Livorno: Citizenship, Commerce, and Culture in the Italian Jewish Diaspora

11:00-11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15-1:00 **Italian Jewish Households and Mediterranean Commercial Networks**

Chair: **Elisheva Carlebach** (Columbia University)

Federica Francesconi (College of Idaho)
Cosmopolitan Intimacy: Commercial Networks, Matrimonial Strategies, and the Jewish Household in Eighteenth-Century Italy

Constanze Kolbe (Indiana University)
Topographies of Commerce: The Making of an Ionian Jewish Adriatic through Newspapers

Joseph John Viscomi (University of Michigan)
Pontremoli's Peaches: a Microhistory of an Italian Jewish Family in the Eastern Mediterranean

1:00-2:00 **Lunch** (by invitation)

2:00-3:45: **Jewish Solidarity Networks in the 20th Century: Facing Racial Persecutions and the Post-War Order**

Chair: **Ruth Ben-Ghiat** (NYU)

Tullia Catalan (University of Trieste)
To be under Observation: Italian Jews and European Jewish Philanthropic Organizations in 1938-39

Arturo Marzano (University of Pisa)
Post-Shoah Relief and Rehabilitation: the Haksharot for Jewish DPs in Italy (1945-48)

Marcella Simoni (University of Venice)
Young Italian Jews in Israel and Back (1945-1956)

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Rosetta Segre with Marisetta Treves, Mario Fubini and two friends. "Passover 1928 - On board of the "Firenze", en route to Tripoli. Photo n.715-024, from the collection of *Fondazione CDEC* (Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea), Milan