

Friends, Enemies, **FRENEMIES**

Ambivalences of Jewish - Muslim Relations

GIF Young Scientists' Meeting



Jews watching the Western Wall and the Temple Mount / al-Haram al-Sharif; Mandatory Palestine, 1929

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Heidelberg University for Jewish Studies

Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg: Landfriedstraße 12, 69117, Heidelberg

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MONDAY | 27.1

Venue: Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

08:45-09:00 | **Arrival**

09:00-09:30 | **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr. Eric Zimmerman, German-Israeli Foundation;
Dr. Andreas Brämer, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien;
Prof. Oren Barak, Hebrew University;
Prof. Dr. Johannes Becke, Hochschule für
Jüdische Studien Heidelberg.

09:30-11:00

Mizrahi-Muslim Relations in the Middle East and North Africa

Chair: Anna Kollatz | Heidelberg University

**Studying Jews in Muslim (con)texts:
Methodological Approaches**

Orit Ouaknine-Yekutieli | Ben-Gurion University

**Trapped Neighborhoods, Trapped Identities:
Mizrahi Jews and Palestinian Arabs in
Musrara and Wadi Salib**

Abigail Jacobson | Hebrew University

**In the Shadow of Reform: Maskilic
Perspectives on Jewish-Muslim Relations in
Tunisia, 1857–1881**

Tamir Karkason | Martin Luther University Halle-
Wittenberg



11:00-11:30 | **Coffee break**

11:30-13:15

Knowing the Other

Chair: Nikolas Jaspert | Heidelberg University

**The Ambivalence of Knowledge: The School of
Oriental Studies and Jewish-Muslim Relations
in Mandate Palestine**

Amit Levy | University of Haifa

**Khifat el-Damm as Affectionate Mockery:
Laughing at and with the Jews in the Egyptian
Comedy Film Hassan, Marcus and Cohen**

Eyal Sagui Bizawe | Truman Institute, Hebrew
University

**‘The Awakening of the Jewish World’:
An Arabic History of Zionism**

Maytal Mark | New York University

**The Language of the Enemy? Hebrew
Textbooks in the Arab World**

Johannes Becke | Hochschule für Jüdische
Studien Heidelberg



13:15-14:00 | **Lunch**

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14:00-16:00

**Jewish-Arab relations in the Land of
Israel/Palestine**

Chair: Matthias Koenig | Heidelberg University

**Ashkenazim as migrants in Palestine, and
their relations with the Arab host society**

Yair Wallach | SOAS, London

**An Imam and a Rabbi go to the doctor:
Muslim and Jewish responses on missionary
activity in late Ottoman Gaza**

Josef Jeschke | Martin Luther University of Halle-
Wittenberg

**Brothers in Arms: Jews and Muslims in Early
Medieval Palestine**

Tal Laufer | Ben-Gurion University

**Between the Yishuv and the Palestinian
community: The Public Health Service in
Haifa under the British Mandate rule**

Ahmad Mahmoud | Hebrew University

MONDAY | 27.1



16:00-16:30 | **Coffee break**

16:30-17:30

A grassroots view on Jewish-Muslim relations in the West

Discussant: Uri Rosenberg | Heidelberg University

The Democratic Potential of Religion: Strengthening democratic religious authorities

Saskia Schäfer | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Seda Colak | “meet2respect“

The end of the Berlin cultural utopia? Muslim-Jewish dialogue within the arts

Dekel Peretz | Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen

Choosing peace over struggle: Experience from working with German Muslims on the topic of Israel/Palestine

Tom Khaled Würdemann | Heidelberg University

17:30-18:30

Jewish-Muslim relations in the West: Theory and practice

Chair: Elisabeth Becker-Topkara | Heidelberg University

Jews, Muslims and the Spanish state: A discourse of hate or an opportunity for coexistence?

Paula Arana Barbier | Heidelberg University

The Distinction between Anti-Semitism & Anti-Zionism in America: The Case of Yasir Qadhi

Elad Ben David | Ben-Gurion University

keynote lecture

19:00-20:30

Alte Aula, Grabengasse 1

Know Your Enemy, Be Your Enemy: Israeli Socio-Politics Post October 7th

Assaf David

Van Leer Jerusalem Institute



20:30 | **Reception Dinner**

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TUESDAY | 28.1

Venue: Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

09:00-11:00

Interreligious relations between polemics and dialogue

Chair: Joachim Kurtz | Heidelberg University

The 1889 Baghdad cholera: Jews and Muslims in times of crisis

Neta Talmud | Hebrew University

'I Was Asked by a Clever Gentile': Jewish-Muslim polemics in Morocco in the early modern period

Michal Ohana | Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's Depiction of Muslims in Oral Sermons and in Writing

Netta Schram | Hebrew University

Jewish-Muslim relationships in old Morocco seen by the Corcos family archives

Sydney Corcos | Independent researcher

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

11:15-13:00

Israel/Palestine before and after 1948

Chair: Yair Wallach | SOAS, London

'Editorial Liminality' and Jewish-Arab Ambivalence in The Palestine Post, 1932-1938

Gilad Halpern | Ben-Gurion University

Between the Muslims and the Jews? The Druze story of 1948 in the Galilee

Lily Eilan | Heidelberg University

'They look upon us as ,nebechs' who fell in love with the Arabs': The Histadrut's Arab Department, 1948-1953

Oded Marck | Ben-Gurion University

'Muslims were never subject to a foreign government. The Jewish ruling is a new phenomenon for them': Jewish/Muslim Relations in Israel and the Formation of Islam in the State of Israel

David Borabeck | Oxford University

 13:00-14:00 | **Lunch**

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14:00-16:00

Intimate Enmity: Dynamics of Proximity and Distance

Chair: Johannes Becke | Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

2 Become 1: Ambivalence and Violence in an Illegal Outpost Settlement in the West Bank

Amir Reicher | Hebrew University

(Self-)representations of Karaite Jews and Karaism in the Egyptian Arabic press in the first half of the 20th century

Felix Gunsenheimer | Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

Writing Jewish and Muslim 'Others' in the aftermath of October 7, 2023: 'Their' Place in Contemporary Palestinian and Israeli Poetry Anthologies

Joshua Krug | Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg

Intergroup relations and immigration: Jews from Central Asia and Azerbaijan in Israeli 'Mixed' Jewish-Arab Cities

Chen Bram | Hadassah Academic College and Truman Institute, the Hebrew University

TUESDAY | 28.1

 16:00-16:30 | **Coffee break**

16:30-18:30

Jewish-Muslim Relations in the post-Ottoman space

Chair: Henning Sievert | Heidelberg University

Economic Segregation Practices Alongside Post-Ottoman Norms in Mandate Jerusalem

Tal Chenya | University of Haifa

A joint Judeo-Christian conspiracy against Islam, or Jews driving a wedge between Muslims and Christians? The Millî Görüş Movement's discourse on Jews (and Christians) in the 1970-1990s

Uri Rosenberg | Heidelberg University

Us among Turks? The Strange Case of Turkish-Israeli Relations against the Backdrop of Ottoman Experience with Zionism

Omri Eilat | University of Haifa

18:30-19:00 | **Closing remarks**

 19:00 | **Dinner**

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 **Zoom link for the entire workshop:**

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