

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Hilary Term 2015

Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies

“JEWISH BOOKS IN AMSTERDAM 1600-1850:

Authors, Producers, Readers and the Construction of Jewish Worlds”

Convenors: Professor Shlomo Berger and Dr César Merchán-Hamann

The seminars will be held on Tuesdays (except for week 6), from 2-4pm in the Weston Library



Week 1, 20 January

Professor Shlomo Berger (University of Amsterdam)
and **Dr César Merchán-Hamann** (Bodleian, Oxford)

*Why ‘history of the book’ and why history of the
Amsterdam Jewish Book 1650-1850?*

Week 2, 27 January

Professor Myriam Silvera

(Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata)

*From manuscripts to books: the comparison
between the manuscript tradition of a work by
Isaac Orobio de Castro and the printed version of
the same*

Week 3, 3 February

Dr Bart Wallet (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam)

*Towards a Dutch Jewish Library: Language Politics
and the Amsterdam Jewish Book, 1795-1848*

Week 4, 10 February

Dr Lucia Raspe (Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main)

A Sephardic Minhagim Book from Amsterdam

Week 5, 17 February

Dr Avriël Bar-Levav (Open University, Israel)

*The meaning of order: Siftei Yeshenim (Amsterdam
1680), the first printed Hebrew bibliography and its
cultural implications*

Week 6, MONDAY 23 February

Dr Theo Dunkelgrün (University of Cambridge)

*Samuel de Casseres (d.1660) and the
Spanish and Hebrew Bibles of Amsterdam 1661*

Week 7, 3 March

Professor Marion Aptroot

(Heinrich-Heine-University, Düsseldorf)

Yiddish ephemera printed in Amsterdam

Week 8, 10 March

Dr Javier Castaño (Spanish National Research Council)

*Laying the foundation for a New Tradition:
A Baroque reading of Hispano-Jewish classics*

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