Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Programme for Hilary Term 2017
THE DAVID PATTERSON LECTURES

The Lectures are held in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room,
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG (Tel. 01865 610422)

Mondays at 7.15pm (Drinks from 6.45pm)

16 January
Professor Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt University)
Remembering Sepharad: history, memory, politics

23 January
Dr Eitan Klein (Israel Antiquities Authority)
Explorations and discoveries in the Judaean desert caves: recent work of the Antiquities Looting Prevention Unit

30 January
Professor Jonathan D Sarna (Brandeis University)
Jews and American politics: historical ideals and contemporary realities

6 February
Professor Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)
Jews, Roma (Gypsies) and the Holocaust: separate suffering, shared memories

13 February
Dr Turkay Nefes (Dept of Sociology, University of Oxford)
The perception of Jews in contemporary Turkish politics

20 February
Professor Laura Leibman (Reed College)
Hidden from History: multiracial Jews in the early Atlantic world

27 February
Dr Norman Solomon (OCHJS) and Dr Alexander Knapp (SOAS)
Ernest Bloch: the man and his music [BOOK LAUNCH: Ernest Bloch Studies, CUP, 2017]

6 March
Ruth Ellen Gruber (Co-ordinator, Jewish Heritage Europe)
The past and present of Jewish Heritage Travel

ALL ARE WELCOME
OXFORD SEMINAR IN ADVANCED JEWISH STUDIES

“Jews, Liberalism, Anti-Semitism: The Dialectics of Inclusion (1780-1950)”

Convenors: Professor Abigail Green and Professor Simon Levis Sullam

The seminars will be held on Mondays at 11.15am in Lecture Room VII, Brasenose College unless stated otherwise

Week 1: Mon 16 Jan
Pierre Birnbaum (Université Paris I)
French State Jews: between integration and Anti-Semitism, from the Dreyfus Affair to the Second World War

Week 2: Thurs 26 Jan  History Faculty, 11.15am
Lisa Leff (American University)
The Panama Affair: Financial scandal, political corruption, and the rise of modern Anti-Semitism (joint session with the Modern History Seminar)

Week 3: Mon 30 Jan
Malachi Hacohen (Duke University)
The Jewishness of Cold War Liberalism: Nation state, Jewish cosmopolitanism and the conundrum of modernity

Week 4: Mon 6 Feb
Jaclyn Granick (University of Oxford)
The Great War and the origins of Twentieth Century American Jewish Liberal Humanitarianism

Week 5: Mon 13 Feb
Jonathan Kwan (University of Nottingham)
Heinrich Jacques 1831-1894: Liberalism, Anti-Semitism and everyday life in Vienna

Week 6: Tues 21 Feb  Rothermere American Institute, 4pm
Laura Leibman (Reed College)
The material of race: how emancipation transformed early American Jews (joint session with the American History Research Seminar)

Week 7: Mon 27 Feb
Lindsay King (UCLA)
‘Our Fair Readers’: Jewish journalists and new inclusivity, Vienna 1837-1848

Week 8: Mon 6 March
David Feldman (Birkbeck College, University of London)
Towards an intellectual and political history of the term ‘Anti-Semitism’

ALL ARE WELCOME
OSAJS PUBLIC LECTURE
Monday 13 March at 7pm
In the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles'

Professor Sir Chris Clark (Cambridge)
Jews and the End of Days

OSAJS CONFERENCE
13-14 March at the Clarendon Institute

Full programme details and information on how to register on the OCHJS website

THURSDAY LUNCHETIME SEMINARS IN JEWISH STUDIES
1 - 2pm in the Clarendon Institute

Convenor: Professor Martin Goodman

Week 2, 26 Jan:
Ville Mäkipelto (Helsinki)
The Septuagint as documented evidence for ancient editorial techniques:
case examples from the book of Joshua

Week 3, 2 Feb:
Professor Florentina Geller (Berlin)
Cosmogonic and Cosmographic Patterns in the Slavonic Apocalypse of Enoch (2 Enoch)

Week 5, 16 Feb:
Dr Julie Mell (NC State University)
The Myth of the Medieval Jewish Moneylender: The Evidence from Anglo-Jewish Documents

Week 6, 23 Feb:
Andreas Pfuetzner (Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte, Universität Wien)
Framing Europe: Jewish Liberals and the Romanian-Jewish Question (1856-1919)

Week 7, 2 Mar:
Dr Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion)
From the Talmud to the Bible - towards a new intellectual-religious biography of Nahmanides
SEMINAR ON JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE
IN THE GRAECO-ROMAN PERIOD

The following seminars will be held on Tuesdays, 2.30 to 4pm,
at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Convenor: Professor Martin Goodman

January 17
Dr Yuval Shahar (Tel Aviv)
Talmudic literature as an historical source: the test case of R. Akiva

January 24
Professor Hindy Najman (Oriel)
Rewriting redemption: interpretative poetics in The Apostrophe to Zion (11Q5, column 20)

January 31
Professor Mark Geller (UCL and Freie Universität Berlin)
Commentary and hermeneutics from Assur to Pumbeditha
[joint session with Topics in Ancient Near Eastern Studies and Egyptology seminar]

February 7
Professor Tessa Rajak (Somerville)
Torah and Paideia in 4 Maccabees

February 14
Professor David Jacobson (UCL)
Symbolic portraits on Judaean coins

February 21
Professor Tal Ilan (Freie Universität Berlin)
A feminist commentary on Tractate Hullin in the Babylonian Talmud

February 28
Professor Gilles Dorival (Aix-Marseille)
Was there a Christianisation of the text of the Septuagint?
[Grinfield Lecture on the Septuagint]

March 7
Professor Fergus Millar (Brasenose)
Jews, Greek and the Bible in Greek: so what?
(i) Jewish literature in Greek, 300 BCE - 130 CE

ALL ARE WELCOME
TRADITIONS IN MOTION: THE CIRCULATION OF TEXTS, 1100-1900

Quarrell Room, Exeter College
Thursdays, 2:15pm, followed by tea

Convenors: John-Paul Ghobrial (History) and Joanna Weinberg (Oriental Studies)

Week 1 (19 January)
Stefano Zacchetti (Balliol College, Oxford)
Not what the Buddhists did: Matteo Ricci’s Chinese Translation of Epictetus

Week 2 (26 January)
Alastair Hamilton (American University in Cairo)
Johann Michael Wansleben: an early use of Arabic sources in Ottoman Egypt

Week 3 (2 February)
Ada Rapoport-Albert (University College, London)
Trans-cultural Sectarians: The Messianic Cult of Jacob Frank and His Daughter in Eighteenth-Century Poland

Week 4 (9 February)
Peter Hill (Christ Church, Oxford)
The First Arabic Translations of Enlightenment Literature: Syrians, Greeks and Franks in Damietta, 1808-1818

Week 5 (16 February) No Meeting

Week 6 (23 February)
Elliott Horowitz
A Sixteenth-Century Hebrew Catechism by a Convert from Judaism, and its Use by Modern Missionaries

Week 7 (2 March)
Thomas Roebuck (University of East Anglia)
Thomas Smith (1638-1710) and His Journey to the Levant: Continuities and Transformations in Oriental Scholarship

Week 8 (9 March)
Kristzina Szilágyi (University of Cambridge)
The Story of ‘Antar in Jewish and Christian Manuscripts

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This seminar is supported by funding from the Oxford Unit for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and the Programme in Eastern Mediterranean Studies in the History Faculty.
THE 2nd ALFRED LEHMANN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Thursday 9 March, 5pm at the Clarendon Institute, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HG

Professor David Sorkin
(Lucy G. Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History, Yale University)

Was Equality for Jews Central to the French Revolution?
A Contrarian Analysis

Refreshments to follow

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SEMINAR IN MODERN ISRAEL STUDIES

The seminars will take place on Tuesdays at 5pm.

Venue: SIAS, 11 Bevington Road, Ground Floor Seminar Room

Convenors: Professor Derek Penslar, Dr Sara Yael Hirschhorn, Dr Roman Vater

January 31
Kimmy Kaplan (Ben Gurion University)
“‘I’m a Jew – not a Zionist”: Extreme Ultra-Orthodoxy in Israel

February 7
Sammy Smooha (Haifa University)
Israel: a Liberal-, an Ethnic-, or a Non-Democracy?

February 14
Ilana Webster-Kogen (SOAS)
An Emerging African Mediascape: Levinski Street, Tel Aviv's Labour Migration Hub

February 21
Amos Edelheit (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)
Authority and Oppression in Modern Hebrew Literature

Discussant: Adriana X Jacobs (Oxford)

February 28
Nir Boms (Tel Aviv University), Matthieu Cimino (Oxford)
Syrian-Israeli Relations in Crisis: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Co-sponsored by the Middle East Centre
OXFORD-TEL AVIV PROGRAMME IN THE STUDY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Secular and Sacred Time in the Ancient World

Thursdays 5-6.30pm in the Clarendon Institute

Coordinators: Martin Goodman and Teresa Morgan

January 19: Notions of time

Evangeline Kozitza
‘The Protevangelium of James on time standing still’

Henry Bowles
‘Zeman and Chronos in the Presocratics and in pre-Islamic Arabic poetry’

January 26: Time and history

Felipe Oliveira
‘Notions of history in Second Temple Judaism’

Mateusz Kusio
‘Periodisation of history in Apocalyptic’

February 2: Attitudes to time expressed in artefacts

Aikaterini Vavaliou
‘Sacred time in Byzantine architecture’

Aubrey Young
‘Sacred time in Armenian Church archaeology’

February 9: Distinguishing secular time

Ariel Levine
‘Greek imagery in a secular Levantine setting’

Jaroslaw Kurek
‘Ephrem the Syrian on secular and historical time’

February 16: Jews and sacred time

Macey Shay
‘Halakha and shabbat’

Ursula Westwood
‘Josephus on sacred time and war’

The speakers in the Oxford seminar will participate in a joint workshop with the Departments of Classics, History and Jewish Philosophy to be held in Tel Aviv on March 19-20.
Language Classes

**Biblical Hebrew**
Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 3-8  4.45-5.45pm: Continuers
5.45-6.45pm: Beginners

Please register with the tutor: Dr Stephen L Herring (Lector in Biblical Hebrew, OCHJS)
e-mail: stephen.herring@orinst.ox.ac.uk

**Modern Hebrew Ulpan**
Thursdays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-8  5.45-6.45pm: Beginners
6.45-7.45pm: Intermediate

Please register with the tutor: Daniel Herskowitz
e-mail: daniel.herskowitz@wolfson.ox.ac.uk

**Yiddish Classes**
Mondays at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 1-4 and 6-8*  4.45-5.45pm: Beginners
5.45-6.45pm: Intermediate & Advanced

Please register with the tutor: Dr Khayke B Wiegand (Corob Lector in Yiddish, OCHJS)
e-mail: BeruriahWiegand@aol.com

* Please note there will be no classes in week 5 this term

All are welcome. Members of the public are advised that in some classes teaching may be adjusted to meet University requirements.
BIBLICAL HEBREW READING GROUP

Wednesdays 1-2pm at the Clarendon Institute

Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8

Convenors: Dr Laura Quick e-mail: laura.quick@worc.ox.ac.uk
Dr John Screnock e-mail: john.screnock@orinst.ox.ac.uk

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ROMAN JUDAEA

A series of six lectures by Professor Martin Goodman

(OU Department for Continuing Education in conjunction with OCHJS)

Fridays 2-3.30pm at Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford

27 Jan: Introduction
3 Feb: Herod and Herodians
10 Feb: Roman rule in Judaea to AD 70
17 Feb: Jewish society in first-century Judaea
24 Feb: Varieties of Judaism in the first-century AD
3 Mar: Religious reactions to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD70

Enrolment with the Department for Continuing Education is required for this series. Please see www.conted.ox.ac.uk The course code is V620-209.
VISITING FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS: Hilary Term 2017

Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies
“Jews, Liberalism, Anti-Semitism: The Dialectics of Inclusion (1780-1950)”

Seminar leaders:
Professor Abigail Green (Brasenose College)
Professor Simon Levis Sullam (Università Ca’Foscari, Venice)

Visiting OSAJS Fellows
Professor Malachi Hacohen (Duke University)
Professor Ari Joskowicz (Vanderbilt University)
Ms Lindsay King (PhD candidate, UCLA)
Dr Nathaniel Kurz (Birkbeck College)
Dr Jonathan Kwan (University of Nottingham)
Professor Lisa Leff (American University)
Professor Laura Leibman (Reed College)
Professor Julia Phillips Cohen (Vanderbilt University)
Professor Matthew Silver (Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel)

Visiting Scholars
Dr Jaclyn Granick (British Academy Newton International Fellow)
Dr Ying Han (Beijing)
Dr Eitan Klein (Israel Antiquities Authority)
Dr Julie Mell (NC State University)
Dr Yuval Shahar (Tel Aviv University)
Dr Roman Vater (Manchester University)
Dr Oded Yisraeli (Ben-Gurion University)

Visiting Doctoral Students
Ms Lucia Linares (University of Cambridge)
Mr Ville Mäkipelto (University of Helsinki)
Mr Andreas Pfuetzner (Institut für osteuropäische Geschichte Universität Wien)

THURSDAY COFFEE AND CAKE

Every Thursday morning during term from 11 to 11.30am in the Common Room.
An opportunity to meet and catch up with others working in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

All are very welcome

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