

**‘The Book of Customs (*Sefer ha-Minhagim*) (Venice 1593) by Shimeon Guenzburg and Its Dissemination in the Ashkenazi World’**

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**Thursday, 24 November 2022  
6-7pm (UK time)**

**This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)**

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