

# The David Patterson Lectures Week 8

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## The Spectacularization of Violence: The *Giudiate* and Theological Anti- Judaism in Early-Modern Rome Garb'

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**Abstract:** The *giudiate* were itinerant theatrical plays mocking the Jews, usually performed on carts pulled by animals through the popular neighbourhoods of Rome during the Carnival in the early modern period. A distinctive feature of these performances was the combination of distorted languages and idioms, including Italian, Hebrew, Judeo-Italian, perceived as odd by Christians and Jews. Through the centuries, this comic/heinous representation of the Hebrew language, alongside the demonisation and dehumanisation of Jews, became recurring themes of Renaissance and Baroque Italian (non-itinerant) theatre. This lecture will address the *giudiate's* origins within the Roman Carnival context and their evolution on stage.

Thursday, 15 June 2023  
6 – 7 pm (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.

No need to register if attending in person.

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpd-uuqTgqHN0xaH7dTbfReGrbb0BLGSfQ>

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