

Jews in a Multi-Ethnic Network

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The present research project, which is the outcome of scientific cooperation between the universities of Erfurt, Haifa and Munich, under the auspices of the German-Israel Foundation, seeks to investigate the issue of inter-ethnic relations in modern Eastern and Central Europe by examining inter-ethnic meeting points in social life and day-to-day existence. We aspire, therefore, to avoid the obstacle of the primordialist-constructivist tension by focusing special attention on the "seam lines" or boundaries between various ethnic groups and cultures. In so doing, we adopt two basic perspectives - micro-historical and macro-historical, each of which combines both a theoretical and an empirical stage. To date we have focused on the micro-historical examination in studying the Czech-German-Jewish triangle in the Czech lands in the 1880-1938 period, looking at the following three issues: (1) Ethnicity: Neighbors and Strangers in a Multi-Ethnic Environment; (2) Intimacy: Intermarriage as Encounter and Estrangement; (3) Sociability: The Resort as a Place of Inclusion and Exclusion.

At the conference a macro-historical study of multi-ethnic Eastern and Central Europe will be presented with emphasis on a multi-disciplinary approach, on expanding the theoretical dimension of ethnic studies, and on establishing a comparative framework for examining



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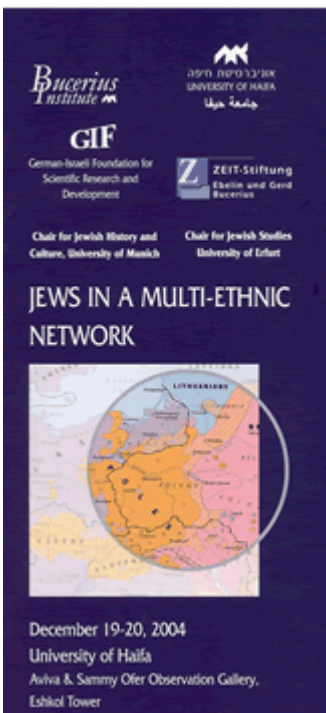
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interactional and inter-ethnic patterns.

Conference Schedule, Lecturers and Topics

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Greetings

First Session: Multi-Ethnic Networks in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy

Chair: *Andreas Gotzmann*, University of Erfurt

Michael John, University of Linz

Jewish Communities in Vienna, Lemberg and Czernowitz 1880s -1920s

Natan Meir, University of Southampton

Jews, Ukrainians, and Russians in Late Imperial Kiev: Interethnic Relations in the Charity and the Social Club

Chen Bram, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Multi-Ethnic Networks as a Way of Life: the Case of Caucasian Mountain Jews

Second Session: Multi-Ethnic Networks in the Interwar Nation-States

Chair: *Mirjam Triendl*, University of Munich

Jeffrey Kopstein, University of Toronto and *Jason Wittenberg*, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Ethnic Diversity, Democracy, and Electoral Extremism in Interwar Poland and Czechoslovakia

Martin Jaigma, Ljubljana Graduate School of Humanities

Social Mobility of Estonian Jewish Intelligentsia Between the Two World Wars

Peter Weber, University of Sussex

Ethnic and Religious Co-habitation in Bukowina under Romanian Rule (1920-1944)

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First Session: Multi-Ethnic Experience and Patterns of Self-Identity

Chair: *Michael Brenner*, University of Munich

Marcos Silber, University of Haifa: Poles, Jews and Germans in Lodz during World War I: Multiple Cultures and Multiculturalism as Strategies of Hegemony

Alon Rachamimov, Tel-Aviv University

The Great War and Jewish Collective Identifications: The Contradictions and Travails of Avigdor Hameiri

Malachi Hacohen, Duke University

The Rise, Fall and After-Life of the Central European Jewish Intelligentsia

Second Session: Ethnicity and Nationalism

Chair: *Yfaat Weiss*, University of Haifa

Michael K. Silber, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Rise of Ethnicism and the Emergence of Jewish Nationalism: The Paradoxical Dialectic of Jewish Collective Identities in the mid-Nineteenth Century

Dimitry Shumsky, University of Haifa

Another Ethnic Nationalism? - Rethinking the Ethnic Dimension of Jewish Nationalism in the Fin-de-Siècle Central Europe

Michael L. Miller, Central European University, Budapest

Multi-Ethnicity as a Cauldron for Jewish Nationalism: the Case of Moravia

Concluding Session:

Chair: *Yfaat Weiss*, University of Haifa

Commentary:

Dan Diner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig