

International workshop

Colonialism, Orientalism and the Jews: The Role of Gender and Postcolonial Studies Approaches

Workshop IV of the ReNGOO Research Network Gender in Antisemitism, Orientalism and Occidentalism

June 24th - 26th 2015

University of Antwerp | Hof van Liere
Prinsstraat 13b | 2000 Antwerpen

Convenors

Christine Achinger (University of Warwick)

Ulrike Brunotte (Maastricht University)

Vivian Liska (University of Antwerp, Institute of Jewish Studies)

Christina Späti (Université de Fribourg)

Axel Stähler (University of Kent)

The workshop will explore the possibility of applying perspectives developed in the context of Gender and Postcolonial Studies to Jewish Cultural Studies and Studies in Antisemitism with a special emphasis on the orientalization of Jews and Jewish self-orientalization.

In this workshop we wish to offer the framework for a discussion of ways in which recently developed theoretical and methodological approaches, primarily in Postcolonial Studies and in its historically entangled relation to the Study of Antisemitism, may be made productive for an investigation of “Colonialism, Orientalism and the Jews.” Special attention will be given to the ways in which Jewish self-orientalization challenges suggestions by Edward Said and others that orientalism is nothing more than a patronizing attitude and a “strange, secret sharer” of Western Antisemitism.

Wednesday June 24th 2015

17h15 Welcome & introduction by **Ulrike Brunotte** (Maastricht University) and **Axel Stähler** (University of Kent)

Panel 1 **Colonialism, Orientalism and the Jews**

Chair: **Christine Achinger** (University of Warwick)

17h30 **Ulrike Brunotte** (Maastricht University)
'The Jewes did Indianize; or the Indians doe Judaize': Philo-Semitism and anti-Judaism as Media of Colonial Transfer in Seventeenth-Century New England

18h00 **Dekel Peretz** (Universität Potsdam)
Franz Oppenheimer's Concept of Hybridity in the Process of Civilization

20h00 Welcome words by **Vivian Liska** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)
Keynote lecture: Steven Aschheim (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Modern Jewish Experience and the Entangled Web of Orientalism
Chair: **Vivian Liska**

21h00 Q&A

21h30 Reception

Thursday June 25th 2015

Panel 2 **Jewish Orientalization and Self-Orientalization**

Chair: **Barbara Breysach** (Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder))

9h30 **Hildegard Frübis** (Institut für Kunst- und Bildgeschichte, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Orientalization, Self-Orientalization and the Image of the 'Beautiful Jewess'

10h00 **Mirjam Rajner** (Bar-Ilan University)

Turbaned German of Mosaic Faith: Moritz Daniel Oppenheim's Visual Self-Orientalization

10h30 **Sylke Kirschnick** (Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

Self-Orientalization as Masquerade: Else Lasker-Schüler

11h00 **Anke Gilleir** and **Lene Rock** (KU Leuven)

Chinese and Jews – Chinese as Jews? Aspects of Exoticism in the Work of Alfred Döblin

11h30 Coffee Break

Panel 3 **The Jew in Literature: Antisemitism, the Colonial Paradigm and the Orient**

Chair: **Geert Lernout** (University of Antwerp)

12h00

Cecilie Speggers Schrøder Simonsen (Roskilde Universitet)

Can Aus dem Ghetto be Read as Self-Colonizing Literature?

12h30

Christine Achinger (University of Warwick)

Barren Land and Beautiful ailleurs – Gustav Freytag's Images of the East

13h00

Axel Stähler (University of Kent)

The Jews and the Destruction of Jerusalem in German Art and Oratorios of the Nineteenth Century

13h30

Lunch Break

Panel 4 **Jewish Masculinity, Gender and Orientalism**

Chair: **David Dessin** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

15h00

Gabriele Dietze (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Affective Masculinity – Queering Jewish Orientalism in German/Austrian Modernism

15h30

Karin Stoegner (Universität Wien)

Antisemitism, Sexism and the Legitimation of the Nation State

16h00

Ofer Nordheimer Nur (Tel Aviv University)

Hashomer Hatzair as Underground Judaism in the 1920s: A Männerbund in Palestine

Panel 5 **Enlightenment, Colonialism and the Holocaust**

Chair: **David Dessin** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

16h30

Nikita Dhawan (Universität Innsbruck)

Entangled Legacies: Enlightenment, Colonialism and the Holocaust

17h00

Coffee Break

17h30

Keynote lecture: Ivan D. Kalmar (University of Toronto)

Cousins of Arabs: Orientalism, Racialized Religion and Jewish Self-Orientalization in the Long Nineteenth Century

Chair: **Vivian Liska** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

Evening

Dinner

Friday June 26th 2015

Panel 6 **Jewish Masculinities and Homosexuality**

Chair: **Dennis Baert** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

9h00

Ofri Ilany (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Homo-Semitism: Jewish Men, Greek Love and the Rise of Homosexual Identity

Panel 7 **Jews as Orientals and De-Orientalization**

Chair: **Dennis Baert** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

9h30

Christina Späti (Université de Fribourg)

Orientalism and Antisemitism in Switzerland

10h00

Johannes Becke (Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg)

Dismantling the Villa in the Jungle: Occidentalism and Self-Occidentalization in Israel's Anti-Zionist Left

10h30

Jihan Jasmin S. Dean (TU Berlin; Frankfurt Research Center for Postcolonial Studies)

De-Orientalization of Jews after 1989 – The Relationship between Discourse and Subjects

11h00

Coffee Break

11h30

Keynote lecture: Derek Penslar (University of Oxford)

Jewish Creoles? Zionism, Colonialism, and the Construction of Israeli Identity

Chair: **Vivian Liska** (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)

12h30

Lunch and End of Workshop

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