

Third Contact Day Jewish Studies on the Low Countries

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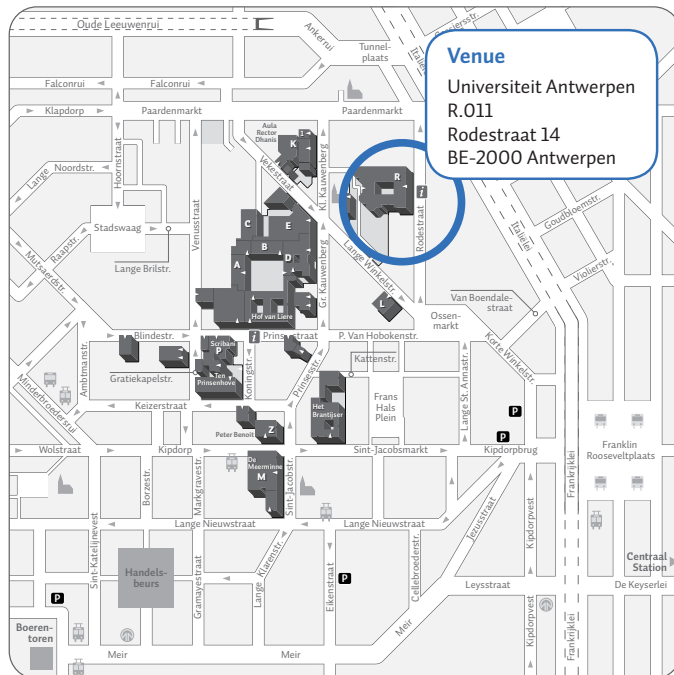
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Contact Day in English - participation free of charge



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Derde contactdag Joodse Studies van de Lage Landen

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The Institute of Jewish Studies organizes its third interdisciplinary conference concerning Jewish Studies on the Low Countries in cooperation with the Department of History at the University of Antwerp. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate contacts between researchers working within this area of study. We especially wish to offer a forum to young researchers to present “work in progress” and also welcome more established researchers, so that a positive exchange can be established between different research generations.

Het Instituut voor Joodse Studies organiseert in samenwerking met het Departement Geschiedenis aan de Universiteit Antwerpen een derde interdisciplinaire ontmoetings-studiedag op het terrein van de joodse studies van de Lage Landen. Doel van deze dag is de verschillende onderzoekers die zich bezighouden met joodse studies van de Lage Landen met elkaar in contact te brengen. We bieden in het bijzonder jonge onderzoekers een forum om “work in progress” te presenteren en verwelkomen daarnaast ook meer gevestigde onderzoekers. Deze dag beoogt een wisselwerking tussen verschillende onderzoeksgeneraties.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

08:30 Registration and Coffee

09:00 Welcome

Vivian Liska - Instituut voor Joodse Studies, Universiteit Antwerpen

Opening Remarks

Karin Hofmeester - Universiteit Antwerpen / IISG Amsterdam

Veerle Vanden Daelen - Universiteit Antwerpen

09:10 SESSION I

THE SEPHARDIC DIASPORA IN EARLY MODERN HISTORY

Chair: **Evelyne Oliel-Grausz** - Université de Paris I, Sorbonne

- **Daniel Strum** - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Flemish Insurers and Jewish Policyholders: the Information Asymmetry Problem in Business Relationships beyond Religious and Ethnic Affiliations
- **Jessica Roitman** - Birkbeck College, University of London
The Embarrassment of Poverty: 'Native' Jewish Responses to 'Foreign' Immigration in Comparative Perspective, Amsterdam and London in the Eighteenth Century
- **Tirtsah Levie Bernfeld** - Independent Scholar, Amsterdam
Sephardi Widows in Early Modern Amsterdam
- **Michael Hoberman** - Fitchburg State College / 2010 Fulbright Scholar at Utrecht University
New-England Is Seldom Wholly without Them: Boston's Frazon Brothers and the Limits of Puritan Zeal

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 SESSION II

ARTISTIC REPRESENTATIONS OF JEWISH LIFE AND DEATH

Chair: **Karin Hofmeester** - Universiteit Antwerpen / IISG Amsterdam

- **Kent Coupé** - Reed College of Portland Oregon
Laura Leibman - Reed College of Portland Oregon
Cities of the Dead: Architectural Motifs and Burial Practices in Curaçao's Religious and Ethnic Communities
- **Saskia Coenen Snyder** - University of South Carolina
Holywell Street vs Jodenbreestraat: Jewish Spaces in the Aesthetic Imagination in Nineteenth-Century London and Amsterdam
- **Barbara Dickschen** - Université Libre de Bruxelles / Fondation de la Mémoire Contemporaine
Arno Stern (1888-1949): The Itinerary of a Jewish Artist in Pre-War Belgium

12:30 Lunch Break

13:30 SESSION III

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF MODERN JEWISH LIFE: MIGRATION, FAMILY FORMATION AND ASSIMILATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BOURGEOIS LIFE-STYLES

Chair: **Veerle Vanden Daelen** - Universiteit Antwerpen

- **Fransje de Jong** - Universiteit Utrecht
Jewish Entrepreneurs in the Dutch Film Business, 1910-1940
- **Lien Vloeberghs** - Universiteit Antwerpen
The Passage of Eastern and Central European Jewish Immigrants through Antwerp between 1920 and 1939. A Jewish Story about the Journey to the New World
- **Huibert Schijf** - Universiteit van Amsterdam
Jewish Bourgeoisie in Amsterdam, 1796-1914
- **Peter Tammes** - Universiteit Leiden
Frans van Poppel - NIDI
Differentials in Marital Fertility among Jewish Families in Amsterdam, 1880-1940

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 SESSION IV

POST-WAR JEWISH MIGRATIONS AND IDENTITIES

Chair: **Jacques Déom** - Université Libre de Bruxelles

The Illegal Immigration to Palestine of Jewish Refugees from Belgium, 1945-1948

- **Bart Wallet** - Universiteit van Amsterdam / Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
The Vaad Hahatzala and the Reconstruction of Orthodoxy in the Netherlands, 1945-1950
- **Arnaud Bozzini** - Université Libre de Bruxelles
Identity (Re)construction and Political Engagement. Jewish Activists and the Communist Party of Belgium (1944-1956)

17:00 Break

17:10 SESSION V

RELIGION AND THE ETHICS OF DISABILITY AND DISEASE

Chair: **Mylène Botbol-Baum** - Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve

- **Carolina Valdebenito** - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Gila Schnitzer - Vrije Universiteit Brussel / CGG VAGGA-Jeugd zorg
Religious Influences on the Jewish Conceptualization of Disability
- **Goedele Baeke** - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
"We are (not) the master of our body". Religion and Ethics at the End of Life. Attitudes of Elderly Jewish Women in Antwerp towards Treatment Decisions in Advanced Disease

18:10 Closing Remarks