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 Occidentalistm

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**

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| 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 |

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| 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)  

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Panel 4  | Jewish Masculinity, Gender and Orientalism  
Chair: David Dessin (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp)  

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Panel 5  | Enlightenment, Colonialism and the Holocaust  
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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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