



The Jewish Law Association
18th Biennial Conference, 14-17th July 2014
in association with the
Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp

Central Theme: Judaism, Law and Literature
(Programme as at July 13th)

Monday 14/7

15.00 – 17.30 Registration

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Session 1A, Chair: Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman [Room C.101]

Talya Fishman: *Ha-hiluqim she-beyn Anshe Mizrah u-Vene Erets Yisrael*: Thoughts on the Multivocality of Rabbinic Legal Culture:

Shlomo Pill: Negotiating Authorship and Authority in the Textual Canonization of Orally-Transmitted Revelatory Traditions in Jewish and Islamic Jurisprudence

Session 1B, Chair: Larry Rabinovich [Room C.001]

Calogero Massimo Cammalleri: *Yet man is born unto labour, as the sparks fly upward*: prolegomena for a legal study of work in the bible (vocabulary, concepts and structures)

Aaron Orenstein: Literary expressions for the gravity of "tooth and foot" damage.

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

17.30 – 19.30 **Session 2, Chair: Bernard Jackson:** Plenary Opening session with Presidential Lecture [Room C.103]

Elliot Dorff (Presidential Lecture): My Experience of Using Jewish Law in Secular Governmental Commissions

20.00 Conference Dinner (at Hoffy's)

Tuesday 15/7 (17 Tammuz)

9.30 – 11.00 (Plenary) **Session 3, Chair: Larry Rabinovich [Room C.103]**
Moshe Simon-Shoshan: Truth, Justice and the Narrative Way: Mishnah *Baba Qamma* 8:6
Chaim Saiman: Halakhah: Law AS Literature (and Back Again)

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **3 Parallel Sessions 4**

Session 4A, Chair: Bernard Jackson [Room C.001]

Calum Carmichael: The Integration of Law and Narrative in Genesis through 2 Kings

John W. Welch: Narrating Homicide in the Hebrew Bible and the Book of Mormon

Session 4B, Chair: Sara Ronis [Room C.101]

Shai Wozner, Law, Sin and Punishment: Reflections on the Tree of Knowledge Myth

**B.Z. Rosenfeld: Halachic Decisions in the Rechob Inscription, and their Legal and
Historic Ramification for Jewish Society and Rabbinic Literature**

Session 4C, Chair: Jak Verwaal [Room C.102]

**Tehilla Beerli-Alon: Genetics Tests and The Mamzerut Threat - A Glimpse Inside The
Israeli Courtroom**

Marton Ribary: The literary-legal evolution of the taxonomy of damages in the Talmud

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Visit to new Belgian Holocaust Museum

16.30 – 18.00 **3 Parallel Sessions 5**

Session 5A, Chair: Chaim Saiman [Room C.001]

**Shalem Yahalom: The Sixty Students in the School of Ri – the Historical Kernel Behind
the Literary Creation**

**Sara Ronis: Between the Mishnah and the Babylonian Talmud: Judicial Opinions and the
Construction of Rabbinic Authority**

Session 5B, Chair: Jack Welch [Room C.102]

**Dr. Andrea Gondos: ‘For Hand-Washing Arouses Blessings’: Literary Representation of
Jewish Law in Kabbalistic Texts”**

Levi Cooper: Hasidic Tales and Jewish Law: Parallel Paths to Performance

Session 5C, Chair: Bernard Jackson [Room C.101]

Efraim Sand: ‘Repudiated women’ in Mesopotamia and Israel [Hebrew]

**Thalia Gur Klein: Lawful and unlawful usage of power and coercive sexuality in Judges
19-21**

18.00-18.30 Coffee Break. Those who have ordered sandwiches for the evening may collect them from the Agora Caffee at 18h30

19.00 Executive Committee Meeting [Room C.101]

Wednesday 16/7

9.00 – 10.00 **Parallel Sessions 6**

Session 6A, Chair: Dennis Baert [Room C.101]

Shira Weiss: Halakhic Innovation in Medieval Responsa: The Case of the *Qatlanit*

**Michael Broyde, The Case of the Get from the Husband in a Permanent Vegetative State:
A Preliminary Analysis**

Session 6B, Chair: Elisha Ancselovits [Room C.102]

**Ronen Reichman: The tannaitic Discussions on Legal Research Methods as reflected in
literal Revisions of halakhic Traditions**

Alexander Dubrau: Rabbinic stories about divergent legal models of thought

10.00-11.15 **Plenary Session 7**

Session 7, Chair: Arye Edrei [Room C.103]

**Avshalom Westreich: Panel: The role of Modern-Day Rabbinical Courts (Bigman,
Broyde, Jackson, A. Westreich)**

11.15-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **3 Parallel Sessions 8**

Session 8A, Chair: Levi Cooper [Room C.101]

**Nechama Hadari: Questionable Orders – War crimes, individual responsibility and a
reading of tractate Horayot**

**George Wilkes: Genre as a factor in the study of what is ‘legal’ in Maimonides’ texts on
making war and pursuing peace**

Session 8B, Chair: Vivian Liska [Room C.102]

**Sergey Dolgopolski: Rethinking the Implicit: Fragments of the Project on Aggada and
Halakhah in Bialik, Kafka, and Benjamin**

**Rares Piloiu: Reforming this world or redeeming it? The idea of religious law in interwar
Central European Jewish literature and philosophy**

Session 8C, Chair: Stefan Goltzberg [Room C.001]

**Ron S. Kleinman: The Halakhic Validity of Gentiles' Laws and Customs Based on
“Custom”: The Method of Rashba – Law and Rhetoric”**

**Itay Lipschuts: Talmudic Partition Rules in Priority-Less Litigations and its Influence on
Economic Literature**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Guided Tour of Jewish Antwerp

17.00 – 18.30 **3 Parallel Sessions 9**

Session 9A, Chair: Avshalom Westreich [Room C.102]

Daniel Sinclair: Torah as Verse (*Shirah*)

Daniel Reifman: Law and Narrative in the Bible: A Semiotic Approach

Session 9B, Chair: Michael Broyde [Room C.001]

**Yaacov Shapira: Narrative and Halakhah – The Place of Talmudic Narrative in
Talmudic Halakhah**

**Michael Baris: ‘For I am the One in Nega’im, I am the One in Ohalot’: Dualism and
Monism in Aggadic Conceptualization of the Law**

Session 9C, Chair: George Wilkes [Room C.101]

**Leah Bornstein-Makovetsky: The Halakhic Attitude of Izmir Sages in the 19th Century to
Jewish converts to Protestant Christianity**

Benjamin Porat: Property and Exclusivity: Two Visions, Two Traditions:

18.30-19.00 Coffee Break. Pre-ordered Sandwiches may be collected from the Agora at 19h00

20.00 Business Meeting of Jewish Law Association [**Room C.101**]

Thursday 17/7

9.30 – 11.00 **Parallel Sessions 10**

Session 10A, Chair: Sergey Dolgopolski [Room C.101]

Federico Dal Bo: K. as the New Isaac: The Ending of Kafka's "The Trial" as a Retelling of "Isaac's Sacrifice"

Vivian Liska: Kafka, Narrative and the Law

Session 10B, Chair: Talya Fishman [Room C.102]

Elisha Ancselovits: Encyclopedic Knowledge in Stories and Contextual Knowledge in Law: Biblical Laws and Tannaitic Exegesis as Narrative Typifications

Leon Wiener Dow: Legal and Literary Indeterminacy as a Philosophical - Theological Stance

Session 10C, Chair: Stephan Wendenhorst [Room C.001]

Jay R. Berkovitz: Order in the Courts: Litigation and Jurisprudence in the Pinkas of the Beit Din of Metz, 1771-1789

Evelyne Oliel-Grausz: Jews, community, and conflict resolution: arbitration and adjudication of conflicts in Amsterdam and Livorno during the 18th century

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Final Plenary Session 11, Chair: Vivian Liska [Room C.103]**

Greetings from Vice Rector of University of Antwerp

Moshe Halbertal: Law and Narrative in the Talmud: Conflicting Paradigms

Final Plenary Panel: Phillip Ackerman-Lieberman, Amos Israel-Vleeschhouwer, Leib Moscovitz, Bernard Jackson

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30: **Parallel Sessions 12**

Session 12A, Chair: Nechama Hadari [Room C.101]

Stephan Wendenhorst: A Jewish Dimension of Early Modern Legal Culture: Jewish Law in Early Modern Treatises on the Sources and the Literature of Law

Hendrik Pekárek-Hinz: The Jewish Roots of German Criminal Law? – German-Jewish authors in the debates on the reform of German Criminal Law in the 19th century

Session 12B, Chair: Efraim Sand [Room C.102]

Ari Solon: The radical hermeneutics of The Merchant of Venice

Larry Rabinovich: I.J. Singer's Yoshe Kalb: A Literary Refashioning of a Nineteenth Century Legal Dispute

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