

Jewish Studies and Sociology of Knowledge: Discourse, Lifeworld and the Transformation of Traditions

International Conference

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Jan Victors, Boas übernimmt das Erbe Eli Melechs, 1651/53
Städel Museum, Frankfurt am Main

Program:

Monday, February 8

4.00 pm Guided tour through the Hochschule

5.00 pm Welcome, Johannes Heil, Rector HfJS

5.15 pm Welcome, Ronen Reichman

Keynotes

5.30 pm **Martin Nonhoff** (University of Bremen)
Is There a Lifeworld Beyond/Beneath Discourse? On the Intricacies of Combining Habermas and Foucault for Analysing Traditions

6.30 pm **Daniel Wrana**
(University of Education Northwestern Switzerland)
Tradition - Transformation - Reflexivity. Positions of a Poststructuralist Analysis of Discursive Practise

7.30 pm Reception

Tuesday, February 9

1st Session

9.30-10.30 am **Vered Noam** (Tel Aviv University)
From the Battlefield, Through the Temple, to the Attic: The Transformation of Jewish Traditions from the Second Temple Era to the Rabbinic Period

10.30-11.30 am **Reuven Kiperwasser** (Freie Universität Berlin)
Face Value: Facing the Other in the Stories of Palestinian Talmud

11.30-12.00 pm Coffee Break

12.00-1.00 pm **Sylvie-Anne Goldberg** (EHESS-CRH Paris)
Sociology of Knowledge and Jewish Studies: How was Saadia Gaon's Theory of Knowledge Reframed?

1.00 pm Lunch

Judaism's long religious and cultural tradition has been subject to many and manifold transformations. Understanding the reasons behind and the dynamics of these transformations requires a theoretical approach to the nature and function of traditions in general and a methodological approach suitable to analyze specific shifts in the continuous development of traditions. The international conference on "Jewish Studies and Sociology of Knowledge: Discourse, Lifeworld and the Transformation of Traditions" at the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien in Heidelberg aims at exploring the analytical possibilities to be gained in Jewish Studies through the integration of sociological approaches among its methodological instruments, primarily sociological theories of discourse and knowledge.

2nd Session

2.00-3.00 pm **Yair Lorberbaum** (Bar Ilan University)
R. Shlomo ben Adret (Rashba) and the Rise of Halakhic Religiosity of Mystery and Transcendence

3.00-4.00 pm **Mirjam Thulin**
(Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte Mainz)
From Practices to Concepts: Shtadlanut and Tzedakah in the Early Modern and Modern Era

4.00-4.30 pm Coffee Break

3rd Session

4.30-5.30 pm **Samuel Heilman**
(Queens College New York)
Who will lead us? Contemporary Hasidic Succession

5.30-6.30 pm **Maya Balakirsky** (Touro College New York)
Jewish Sacred Space and the Islamic Soviet Republics

7.30 pm Visit of the synagogue of Heidelberg and Dinner

Wednesday, February 10

4th Session

9.00-10.00 am **Giuseppe Veltri** (University of Hamburg)
Three Considerations on (Transmission of) Knowledge

10.00-11.00 am **Carsten Wilke**
(Central European University Budapest)
The Lifeworldly Aspects of the Talmud in Nineteenth-Century Stereotypes and Scholarship

11.00-11.15 am Coffee Break

11.15-12.45 pm Concluding remarks and perspectives

1:00 pm Lunch

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