

International Workshop

How Jews Know.

Epistemologies of Jewish Knowledge

June 2-4, 2015 | Freie Universität Berlin | Room JK 33 / 121
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June 2, 2015

9:00-9:30 Greetings

Joachim Küpper (Freie Universität Berlin | Dahlem Humanities Center)
Rainer Kampling (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

9:30-10:15

Elad Lapidot (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)
Do Jews Know? Torah as Science of Judaism

10:15-11:00

Ron Naiweld (CRH-Etudes Juives, CNRS)
Knowing What Should Be Known: The Talmud's Epistemology of Historical Knowledge

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00

Tali Artman Partock (University of Cambridge)
Irrational Truths: Midrash as Myth

12:00-12:45

Mark Geller (Freie Universität Berlin)
The Babylonian Talmud: Things are not Always What They Seem

12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15

J. H. (Yossi) Chajes (University of Haifa)
Seeing the Forest Through Trees: Ilanot and the Visualization and Creation of Kabbalistic Knowledge

15:15-16:00

Federico Dal Bo (ICI Berlin)
A Sage Understands of His Own Knowledge" (mHag 2:1). Degrees and Hierarchy of Knowledge in the XIII Century Kabbalah

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:00

Gabriel Levy (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
Judaic Information, Complex Creation, and the Limits of Human Understanding

17:00-17:45

Hillel Ben Sasson (Tel Aviv University)
Knowing God or Speaking to Him? The Name YHWH's Epistemological Legacy

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9:30-10:15

Sylvie-Anne Goldberg (CRH-Etudes Juives, EHESS)
Let's Be Anachronistic: Theory of Knowledge and Rationality in Sa'adia Ga'on's Thought

10:15-11:00

Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell University)
The Grand European "Tur"

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00

Cedric Cohen Skalli (University of Haifa)
A Critical Study of Modern Scholarship on Isaac Abravanel: From Politics to Cultural Agency

12:00-12:45

Lukas Muehlethaler (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)
The Delmedigo Conundrums – Jewish Knowledge and New Sciences in the Early 17th Century

12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15

Anthony J. DeSantis (University of Texas Pan American)
The True God and Way to Salvation and Happiness according to Benedict de Spinoza

15:15-16:00

Beate Ulrike La Sala (Freie Universität Berlin)
Spinoza and Prophetic Knowledge: The Perspective of Manuel Joel

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:00

Yaniv Feller (University of Toronto)
The Epistemology of (Jewish) Essence

17:00-17:45

James Diamond (University of Waterloo)
The Epistemological Value of Suffering: Rupture in the Warsaw Ghetto

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9:30-10:15

Danny Trom (CNRS/Centre de Recherche Français à Jérusalem)
An Aspect of Jewish Political Knowledge Contained in Classical Rabbinical Comments on Esther VI:1

10:15-11:00

Dana Hollander (McMaster University)
Hermann Cohen's Epistemologies of Philosophy and Judaism: the Meaning of "Source"

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00

Oded Schechter (Johns Hopkins University)
Literal Sense: Spinoza vs. the Rabbis

12:00-12:45

Ido Harari (Ben Gurion University)
Translating Ostjuden – Nathan Birnbaum Reading Martin Buber Reading R. Nachman of Breslov

12:45-13:30

Concluding Discussion

