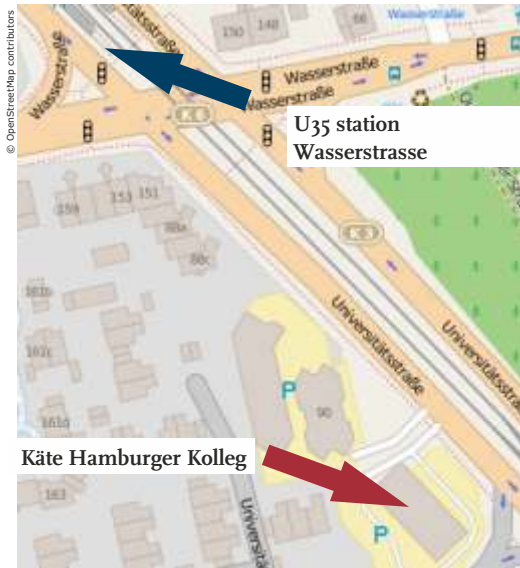


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Jewish Encounters in the Persianate World

The Sasanian Empire and the territories both controlled or influenced by later, various Iranian dynasties, were host to numerous religious groups, who interacted on multiple levels within the religious field: in magical practices, concerns for purity, prayers for rain and other rituals, often in their efforts to create clear boundaries between one community and another.

This workshop examines the relationship of Jews in west and central Asia from late antiquity to the nineteenth century in order to better understand the patterns of encounter between various denominations of Jews (Rabbanite, Karaite, and Isawiyya), and Jews with Zoroastrians, Manichaeans, and various types of Christians and Muslims. The role of religious affiliation and competition in trading partnerships, ritual practice, popular literature, magic, among other topics, are all potential foci, however, of particular interest is the cross-fertilization between Jewish ideas and movements and those of other religious affiliations.

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

10:30 - 10:45 **Welcome & Introduction**

Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

10:45 - 11:00 **Introduction to *Entangled Religions***

Julia Heinig (Bochum)

————— **Session 1: Christian and Manichaean Encounters with and Images of Jews**

Chair: Zara Pogossian (Bochum)*

11:00 - 11:45 **Syriac Christians and Jewish Magic in Sasanian Empire: Competition and Cooperation**

Sergey Minov (Paris)

11:45 - 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 - 12:45 „A person of the law of the Jews“ (2Ke 433.21): Law, Ethnicity, and Wisdom in the Chester Beatty *Kephalaia* Codex

Eduard Iricinschi (Bochum)

12:45 - 02:15 **Lunch**

————— **Session 2: Zoroastrian-Jewish Relations**

Chair: Kianoosh Rezania (Bochum)

02:15 - 03:00 **Sasanian Motifs in Talmudic and Contemporary Literature**

Geoffrey Herman (Jerusalem)

03:00 - 03:45 **Zoroastrian Demonology and the Depiction of Persians in the Babylonian Talmud**

Neda Darabian (Bochum)*

* Team member of ERC-funded project *JewsEast* presenting research findings.

03:45 - 04:15 **Coffee Break**

————— **Session 3: Religious Difference, Conflict and Accommodation in the Caucasus**

Chair: Mohsen Zakari (Bochum)

04:15 - 05:00 **Religious Heterodoxy and Plurality in the Sasanian North: The Case of Late Antique Georgia**

Stephen Rapp (Huntsville, TX)**

05:00 - 05:45 **Jews, Christians, Muslims: The Project *ArmEn* and its Contribution to the Study of the Persianate World**

Zara Pogossian (Bochum)*

06:00 **Dinner**

Wednesday, 22 January 2020

————— **Session 4: Jewish Life in Iran in the Medieval Period**

Chair: Stephen Rapp (Huntsville, TX)**

10:00 - 10:45 **Between Amity and Enmity: Karaite-Rabbanite Relations in pre-Mongol Iran as Reflected in Early Judeo-Persian Literature**

Ofir Haim (Jerusalem)

10:45 - 11:30 **Excerpts of Jewish History in Bar Hebraeus' Syriac Chronography**

Jennifer Griggs (Osnabrück)

11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

————— **Session 5: Jewish Life in Iran in the Early Modern Period**

Chair: Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)

11:45 - 12:30 **The History of the Jews, Who Lived in the City of Isfahan in the History of Arak'el of Tabriz**

Paolo Lucca (Venice)

12:30 - 02:00 **Lunch**

02:00 - 02:45 **Muslim-Jewish Encounters in Early Modern Period of Iran: Case Study of Mohammad Ridā Jadīd-ul-Islām's Conversion (1771–1849)**

Amir Reza Haghighatkah (Teheran)

————— **General Discussion**

02:45 - 03:30 **New Directions in Jewish Life and Encounters in Medieval and Early Modern Persian-Speaking Lands?**

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