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**DIRECTIONS**

**By Car:** The quickest route is via the motorway junction Bochum/Witten, where the autobahns A43 and A44 meet. Simply take the exit Bochum-Querenburg, follow the signs to Bochum Zentrum to the crossroads of Universitätsstraße and Wasserstraße. Take a u-turn left and continue this road for approx. 200 metres, until you reach Universitätsstraße 90a. Parking is possible in front and behind the building.

**Public Transportation:** Take the U35 CampusLinie towards Hustadt from the center of Bochum or Hauptbahnhof (central station) and get off at the station Wasserstraße. From there turn right and cross the street, then left cross the crossroads passing by the copy shop at the corner and continue for approx. 200 metres until you reach Universitätsstraße 90a.

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**JEWISH ENCOUNTERS IN THE PERSIANATE WORLD FROM THE SASSANIANS TO THE QAJJARS**

21 — 22 January 2020 | CERES Conference Room Ruhrpott
Conveners: Alexandra Cuffel
The Sasanian Empire and the territories both controlled or influenced by later, various Iranian dynasties, were home 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 better understand the patterns of encounter between various denominations of Jews (Rabbanite, Karaite, and Isawiyya), and Jews with Zoroastrians, Manicheans, and various types of Christians and Muslims. The role of religious affiliation and competition in trading partnerships, ritual practice, popular literature, magic, among other topoi, 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)*

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

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 Rida Jadid-ul-islam's Conversion (1771–1849)
Amir Reza Haghighatkhah (Teheran)

General Discussion

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

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