

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 (CNRS/CRH Paris)

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

Yossi Chajes (Haifa University)

Seeing the Forest though 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 (The Hebrew University Jerusalem)

Knowing God or speaking to Him? The name YHWH's Epistemological Legacy

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9:30-10:15

Sylvie-Anne Goldberg (EHESS/CRH Paris)

Let's be anachronistic: theory of knowledge and rationality in Sa'adia Ga'on

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 (Haifa University)

A critical study of modern scholarship on Isaac Abravanel: From Politics to cultural agency

12:00-12:45

Lukas Mühlethaler (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 Knowledge

15:15-16:00

Beate Ulrike La Sala (FU 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 (EHESS/ier Paris)

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

