

Call for Papers



Parallel Paths, Shared Past: Jewish History and Genealogy in Central Europe CEU, Vienna Campus

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Historical research on the Jews of the Habsburg empire, its neighbors, and successor states is being enriched by an ever-growing corpus of genealogical documentation, which offers new insights into social, economic, educational, and vocational networks and a wide variety of personal and professional relationships. These insights add texture and context to classical historical narratives, sometimes revealing connections, contacts and influences that alter or transform our understandings of individual behaviors, decisions and actions.

The Association for the Central European Jewish Genealogy and History was recently founded to foster the use of genealogical methods in critical historical research and to investigate the untapped potential of genealogical resources and databases in rethinking the Jewish past in the region and beyond. In partnership with the Jewish Studies Program at Central European University (Vienna and Budapest), we are organizing an inaugural interdisciplinary conference in Vienna, Austria, to investigate and encourage the fruitful interplay between Jewish genealogy and Jewish history.

Our approach is interdisciplinary, and we welcome proposals for papers from researchers in all fields. We envision panels on some of the following (intertwined) themes and topics:

Social history, business history, migration studies, Sephardic communities, notable lineages, rabbinic dynasties, intercommunal networks, marriage patterns, socio-economic mobility, occupational patterns, military history, conversion, interfaith relations, as well as technology and tools that can benefit deeper and interdisciplinary research.

Please submit paper proposals of 200-300 words together with a brief CV, by November 15, 2025 on the following link:

<https://www.cejhg.org/en/call-for-papers-cejhg/>

All proposals will be peer reviewed.

The language of the conference is English.

We plan to publish an edited volume featuring chapters based on talks given at the conference.

The conference will take place on May 4-6, 2026 at CEU, Vienna Campus

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