

Conference Program

JEWS AND THE LEGACIES OF EMPIRE

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Keynote Speaker: Michael Silber (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
*Jews and the State in the Two Halves of the Habsburg Empire:
A Comparative Perspective*

Session 1: Jewish Identity

Moderator: Hillel Kieval (Washington University in St. Louis)

Rebekah Klein-Pejsova (Columbia University, New York)
*An Irreconcilable Conflict of Interests: The Heroes' Temple Memorial
Project in Budapest and the Emergence of Slovak Jewry*

Emil Kerenji (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
*Echoes of Empire(s): Jewish Yugoslavism and the (Dis)continuities of
Yugoslav Jewish History*

Camelia Craciun (Central European University)
*Constructing Romanian Jewish Identity: Wilhelm Filderman and the
U. E. R. (The Romanian Jews' Union)*

Session 2: Antisemitism

Moderator: András Kovács (Central European University)

Miklós Konrád (Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
Jewish Perception of Antisemitism in Hungary before World War I

Kati Vörös (University of Chicago)
*World War I, The Dissolution of the Habsburg Monarchy and the "Jewish
Question" in Hungary*

Michal Frankl (Charles University, Prague)
(Dis)Continuities of Czech Antisemitism before and after 1918

Session 3: Cultural Legacies

Moderator: Michael Silber (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Lisa Silverman (University of Sussex)

Searching for Redemption: Yiddish Theater, the Salzburg Festival, and Austrian Jewish Identity between the Wars

Rachel Manekin (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

The First Historians of Polish Jewry and their Galician Roots

Michael Miller (Central European University)

Vanishing Capitals, Shifting Allegiances: Jewish Dilemmas in the Habsburg Successor States

Session 4: National Minority Rights

Moderator: Michael Miller (Central European University)

Frank Neemann (Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig)

Between Zionist Engagement and the Struggle for the Protection of National Minorities: The Political Activity of Leo Motzkin (1867-1933)

Mária Kovács (Central European University)

The Ambiguities of External Minority Protection: The Hungarian Numerus Clausus Debate

Dimitry Shumsky (Haifa University)

"Wir sind Arabern gegenüber ebenso blind, wie wir in Böhmen den Tschechen gegenüber blind waren" - The Czecho-German Zionists and the Idea of Arab-Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine

Session 5: Politics

Moderator: Viktor Karády (Central European University)

Dieter Hecht (Historisches Museum, Vienna)

The Jewish-National Party in Austrian Politics 1918-1938

Marie Crhová (Central European University)

Jewish Politics and Striving for Unity in the Empire and Nation-State: The Case of the Czech Zionists

Jerzy Tomaszewski (University of Warsaw)

Jews from the Three Empires Enter the Republic of Poland

Session 6: Central-Eastern European Emigrés in Weimar Germany

Moderator: Jerzy Tomaszewski (University of Warsaw)

Till van Rahden (University of Cologne)

Jews and the Ambivalences of Civil Society in Germany, 1800-1933

Tobias Brinkmann (University of Southampton)

Migration and "Metropolis": Jewish Migrants in Berlin in the 1920s

Brigitta Eszter Gantner (Humboldt University & Touro College, Berlin)
"Budapest-Berlin": Left-Wing Hungarian-Jewish Emigrés in Weimar Berlin