

BAJS Annual Conference: World in Crisis: Reflections and Responses from Antiquity to the Present

Monday 5 July 2021

08:45 - Opening 09:15						
Introduction: Helen Spurling (President of BAJS), Claire Le Gall (Director of the Parkes Institute) and Mark Spearing (Vice President of Research and Enterprise at Southampton)						
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Kinship and Crisis Chair: Tali Artman Partock		Religious Crisis in the Medieval Period: From law to liturgy Chair: Nadia Vidra		Yiddish Responses to the Khurbn Chair: Ben Gidley		
'Orthodoxy' Facing Crisis 16th-21st Centuries Chair: Martin Borysek		Antisemitism and Activism Chair: Mia Spiro				
10:30-12:00	Session 1	Laura Quick: 'Zerubbabel: Kings and Rings in Ancient Judaism' Wenyue Qiang: "Lest the king be captured in their hands": The restored law of kingship in the Temple Scroll Nell Jones: 'David's Sons of Captive Women: How the Bavli expands the meaning of the term yefat to ar'	Vera Leininger: "'Deus lo vult'" A Crisis of the Powerless: The Perception of the First Crusade in the Medieval Jewish Narratives and Jewish Liturgy Noam Hoffmann: 'Maimonides: Crisis, Messianism and Law' Avraham Yoskovich: 'Crisis and Repair: Excommunication and Reception of Returning Apostates in Jewish and Syriac Christian Legal Texts'	Jack Woods: 'Superstitious beliefs in the Polish Ghettos: A Reaction to Nazi Occupation' Simo Muir: 'Jewish Performing Arts in Axis-allied Finland: Contesting established historiography' Tamara Gleason: "'Our' Golden Chain is broken": Responses to the Holocaust from the Yiddish-speaking community in Mexico'	Joseph Citron: 'Kabbalistic proto-Orthodoxy in response to the Crisis of early Modernity: the agenda of the Shetsh' Naftali Loewenthal: 'Yabad and (the crisis of) Zionism' Kate Miriam Loewenthal: 'Contemporary British Orthodoxy in Response to Domestic Crisis'	Marcel Stoetjler: 'What is 'left-wing' about 'left-wing antisemitism?' Adam Sutcliffe: 'Reason in Crisis: Anti-Antisemitism and Academic Responsibility in Historical Context' Dani Kranz: 'Towards Understanding Anti-Antisemitism Activism in Germany'
12:00-12:15 Post-Session Networking 12:15-13:00 Break						
Intermarriage as a Question of Crisis Chair: Zuleika Rodgers		Crisis in Communities in the Early Modern Period Chair: Andrea Schatz		Yiddish Culture in Modern Britain Chair: Ben Gidley		
The Crisis of Modernity Chair: Michael Miller		Antisemitism around the World Chair: Larry Ray				
13:00-14:30	Session 2	Charlotte Hempel: 'Crisis as Diversion Tactic: The Silence on the Impurity of Gentile Lands in the So-Called Marriage Crisis Narrative in Ezra-Nehemiah' Rebecca Harrocks: 'Intermarriage and the Crisis of the Foreskin' Laliv Ctenman: 'An Intermarriage Crisis in Midrash Torat Cohanim (Sifra) to Leviticus'	Martin Borysek: 'Crisis and Consensus in Jewish Communities of early modern Venetian Confa' Eyal Davidson: 'Brothers or Strangers? The attitude of Jewish literature in the Land of Israel toward the Maranos in the 16th century' Maria Diemling: 'Early Modern Jewish Responses to Plague'	William Pimlott: "'Second Hand Englishmen": The British Yiddish Press and its Opposition to Anglicisation' Alex Grafen: 'The Yiddish Little Magazine in Britain' Vivi Lachs: 'Lisk's fictional reflections on an East End in Crisis'	Richard Brown: 'Crisis and Camaraderie: Co-construction and High Hasidism in the 1516 French-letters of Franz Rosenzweig and Eugene Rosenstock-Huussy' Ohia Amati: 'The crises of Judaism in the Modern Era: Between Rav Kook and Netzsch' Daniel M. Herskowitz: 'Karl Löwith's Secularization Thesis and the Jewish Reception of Heidegger'	Joanna Spyra: 'Eliminating Threats to the State of Argentina: Jewish Degeneration in Time of Crisis' Anne Kershner: 'Representations of the Jew in caricature and cartoon over the centuries' Lev Topor: 'Russian Antisemitism - Towards Normalization: The Tsar, Stalin and Putin'
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Jewish/non-Jewish Relations in Late Antiquity Chair: Martin Goodman		Transmission of Knowledge in the Face of Crisis Chair: Benjamin Williams		Yiddish Theatre and Poetry Chair: Claire Le Gall		
Identity Crisis in Modernity Chair: Daniel M Herskowitz		Crisis in Communities in the Modern Period Chair: James Renton				
15:15-16:45	Session 3	Yifat Monnickendam: 'Executing a Pregnant Woman: Rabbinic Responding to Romans Responding to Greeks' William Horbury: 'Martyrium Pionii on Jewish-Christian Polemic: Two Aspects of a Crisis' Eyal Baruch: 'Material Aspects of Jewish-Samaritan Identity Struggle during the Roman and Byzantine Period'	Andrea Schatz: 'Transmission and Rupture in Early Modern Historical Writing' Efrat Lederlein-Gilboa: 'Historiography in a world of crisis' Yohanan Kapach: 'Tradition and Crisis in the Yemen Community: Coping with the Consequences of the Deportation from Sana'a in the 17th century'	Paula Ansaldo: 'Between Two Worlds: Yiddish theatre and its role in Buenos Aires Jewish Life (1930-1960) Zehavit Stern: 'Broken Words: Intertwined Yiddish Poetry and the Crisis of Expression' Matthew Creighton: 'Freud's work as a corpus in crisis'	Danielle Drot: 'Identity Crisis; or, Identify as Crisis: Benjamin Disraeli in Hebrew Translation' Dena Attar: 'Ezra Laniado's portrayal of Mosul's Jews in crisis' Michael Miller: 'The African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem: A Black "Jewish" response to a world in crisis'	
16:45-17:00 Post-Session Networking 17:00-18:00 BAJA Annual General Meeting and Prizes 18:00-18:30 Refreshment 18:30-18:50 Break 18:50-19:30 Keynote Lecture						
Hindy Najman: 'Crisis and Recovery in Ancient Judaism'		Chair: Sarah Pearce				

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Contact and Conflict with Hellenic Culture Chair: Rebecca Harrocks		Apocalypticism from the Emergence of Islam to the Crusades Chair: Emmanouela Grypou		Aspects of Zionism Chair: Yair Wallach		
Diasporic Jewish History: Theory and Response Chair: Andrea Schatz		Challenges for Rabbinic Leadership Chair: Naftali Loewenthal				
09:00-10:30	Session 4	Moshe Pinchuk: 'The Creation in Genesis contra Hesiod's Theogony' Elizabeth Stell: 'Anxious Deaming: Dreaming in Exile in the Exagogue of Ezekiel' Hanne Yrene Kircheimer: 'Judea in Crisis: Foreign Influence and Societal Changes in Antiquity'	Helen Spurling: 'The Nature of Crisis in Apocalyptic Traditions at the Emergence of Islam' Katharina Keim: 'Apocalypticism at the Emergence of Islam' Sebastiano Crestani: 'Jewish eschatological expectations during the Crusades: a response to a period of crisis and persecutions'	Rose Stair: 'Old age and ageing in the cultural Zionist imagination' Katarzyna Martinovic: 'Culture, literature, and the Polish context of the activity of the Zionist-oriented Jewish youth in interwar Poland' Jeremy Smiig: 'Anglo-Jewry and the Crisis of the Revolutionary Era, 1789-1815' Lilla Leichter: 'Global Challenges - Local Responses: The controversial status of the Jewish elite in rural communities around the turn of the 20. century in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy'	Francois Guenet: 'Crisis as a Factor in Diasporic Jewish History: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches through the Lens of Intercession' Jeremy Smiig: 'Anglo-Jewry and the Crisis of the Revolutionary Era, 1789-1815' Lilla Leichter: 'Global Challenges - Local Responses: The controversial status of the Jewish elite in rural communities around the turn of the 20. century in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy'	Lilac Torgeman: 'A Crisis of Modernity: Rabbi Nathan Amram vs. the Amsterdam Piskin' Roneli Atta: 'On Rabbinic Leadership in the Jewish Community of Tripoli in the Late Nineteenth Century and Educational Change in View of Modern Thought' Mielech Westreich: 'Cohabiting in Morocco in the 20th Century: The Response of Jewish Law Scholars'
10:30-11:15 Post-Session Networking 11:15 Break						
Crisis in the Second Temple Period Chair: Zuleika Rodgers		Who would save us? Competing messianic models in rabbinic literature and the Zohar Chair: Katharina Keim		Challenges of Zionism Chair: James Renton		
Post-Holocaust Philosophy Chair: Mia Spiro		Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis I: Memorialisations Chair: Eva Frojmovic				
11:15-12:45	Session 5	Sarah Wisniewski: 'Times of Crisis: The Impact of Prayer on Time' Martin Goodman: 'Herod and the Collapse of the Roman Republic' Hagai Oshanesky: 'On Both Sides of the Field: Jewish Soldiers in the Roman Army During the Jewish Revolts'	Tali Artman Partock: 'The Figure of Joseph in Rabbinic Literature' Ruth Kara-heanon Kaniel: 'Two Messianic Symbols: Davidic and Josephic archetypes' Matan Boord: 'From Crisis to Hegemony: Labor Zionist Masculinity in Mandate Palestine' Yair Wallach: 'Hebrew and the Earthquake of Zionism'	Svenja Bethke: 'Becoming nationalist, becoming visible? The emergence of Zionist dress as a response to crisis, 1880s until 1948' Miriam Feldmann Kaye: 'Re-constructing Crisis in Hélène Cixous and Jacques Derrida: Philosophical and Ethical Dimensions of Jewish Continental Writers'	Netta Schramm: 'Radical Reformulation, critical rupture, or paradigm shift? An attempt at considering Yitz Greenberg's post-Holocaust theology in Kufanian terms' Rosa Reicher: 'Gershom Scholem and Holocaust: A Reflection of Inner Disunity between Berlin and Jerusalem' Miriam Feldmann Kaye: 'Re-constructing Crisis in Hélène Cixous and Jacques Derrida: Philosophical and Ethical Dimensions of Jewish Continental Writers'	Eva Frojmovic: Introduction to the strand "Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis" Tony Kushner: 'Remembering Racisms in a World in Crisis' David Tallerton: 'British Holocaust Memorialisation, Counter-Extremism, and Jewish History: Contested Contexts and Crises' Toni Griffiths: 'Fragile Histories: exploring the memory, history and heritage of small Jewish communities in Britain'
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	<i>The Temple and Responses to its Destruction</i> Chair: <i>Lolvi Clewman</i>	<i>Responding to the Violence of 1391</i> Chair: <i>Isidoro Vidro</i>	<i>Response to Crisis in Eastern Europe</i> Chair: <i>Francois Guenet</i>	<i>The Holocaust</i> Chair: <i>Tony Kushner</i>	<i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis II: Museum Crisis and Critique</i> Chair: <i>Felicitas Heilmann-Jelinek</i>
14:00-15:30	Session 6 Hallel Baitner: 'Greater than the Former? Continuity and Innovation in the Architectural Depictions of the Second Temple' Andrew Higginbotham: 'Crisis of Faith in Post-Temple Judaism' Tzachi Cohen: 'Getting out of crisis is in the hands of the children'	Hartley Lachter: 'Kabbalah and Calamity in the Middle Ages: Accounting for Jewish Historical Misfortune in medieval Kabbalistic Texts' Guillermo Lopez Juan: 'Adapting to a New Reality: Converso responses to the pogroms of 1391 in Medieval Iberia, the Case of Valencia' Israel Sandman: 'Fall and Restoration Narratives in the Autobiographical Introductions of Two Hebrew Monographs from Castile'	Standra Juhasz and Tamas Biro: 'Struggling with the Hebrew Language: Gradulatory poems by 17th century Hungarian students' Claire Le Foll: 'A theatrical response to crises in Belarussian history: the Jewish character in the three versions of Komedia (1787, 1920, 1990)' Netta Ehrlich: 'Patterns of Jewish Crisis Responses in 20th century Eastern Europe'	Tehila Darmon Malka: 'Patriarchy in Crisis: Fathers and Fatherhood during the Holocaust' Judith Vöcker: 'Warsaw's Jewry under foreign law during the Nazi occupation of Poland' Rachel Kovacs: 'If You Can't Go Over, Go Under or Around: Hilliard, Herman, and Surviving St Otilien'	Kathrin Pieren: '[Jewish] museums as products of crises' Griselda Pollock: 'Still to come': Gender and Jewish heritage in the virtual feminist museum' Isabelle Mutton: 'Representing the Holocaust in National Memorials: An ambivalence towards Jewish tradition?'

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	<i>Interpreting Abraham's Crisis Narratives</i> Chair: <i>Helen Spurling</i>	<i>Teaching and Children's Publications in Times of Crisis</i> Chair: <i>Claire Le Foll</i>	<i>Approaching Crisis through German-Jewish Writings</i> Chair: <i>David Jünger</i>	<i>Photography Capturing Crisis</i> Chair: <i>Joachim Schlor</i>	<i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis III: Museum history and politics in the Israeli context</i> Chair: <i>David Tollerton</i>
16:15-17:45	Session 7 Zvi Shimon: 'Migration as Response to Crisis vs Ideological Migration in the Abraham Narrative' David Gottlieb: 'The Akeidah and Jewish Responses to Crisis' Miriam Słaz: 'Joseph Kimhi's Threefold Priesthood Polemic'	Isabelle Headrick: 'Teaching through the Tempest: The Experiences of the Teachers and School Directors of the Alliance Israélite Universelle during the Iranian Constitutional Revolution, 1906-1911' Fabian Hennig: 'Schoolbooks on Jewish History in 19th century Germany' Oshrat Revivo: 'A Story of War and Peace: The role of Israeli children's periodicals during the security crises of the 60s and 70s'	Amy Hill Shewitz: 'Keeping the Faith: Edith Hahn Rosenzweig and the Legacy of German Jewry' Edmund Chapman: 'Defending Oneself as a Jew': Arendt, Antisemitism and Language' Paulian Petric: 'The Language of the Self: An Inquiry into the Relationship between Identity and Language in the German Jewish Literature of the 20th century'	Larry Ray: 'The Crisis of Exile, Jews and Photography' Rebekka Grossmann: 'Remnants of the Multi-National Moment: The Crisis of Humanist Photography in 1940s Mandate Palestine' Steven Weiss Samols: 'The Photobook as History: Berggasse 29 and the Making of Freud as a Symbol of Jewish Persecution'	Shir Gal Kochavi: 'Collecting as Activism: The Bezalel Museum's response to the Holocaust' Hilda Nisami: 'The Holocaust in the IMJ: A Microcosm of the Jewish-Israeli Identity Discourse'

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18:30-19:30 Keynote Lecture
Stefanie Schöler Sprigamov: 'Missing Links: Religion, Race, Resentment'
Chair: *James Renton*

Wednesday 7 July 2021

	Strand A <i>Rabbinic Sources that Define Historical Crisis Situations</i> Chair: <i>Tali Artman Portak</i>	Strand B <i>Antisemitism: Informal Discussions</i> Chairs: <i>members of the BIAS Committee</i>	Strand C <i>Crisis in American Art and Literature</i> Chair: <i>Yulia Egorova</i>	Strand D <i>Contested Spaces in Britain</i> Chair: <i>Tony Kushner</i>	Strand E <i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis IV: Museum and display politics</i> Chair: <i>Kathrin Pieren</i>	Strand F <i>Perspectives on Family, Gender and Sexuality</i> Chair: <i>Ruth Halperin-Kaddari</i>
09:00-10:30	Session 8 B.Z. Rosenfeld: 'Hebrew Words in Roman Palestine (200-400 CE): הַיָּדִים וְהַגֵּר' H. Perimutter: 'Hebrew Words in Roman Palestine (200-400 CE): הַנְּבוֹן, הַיָּדִים, הַגֵּר' Hillel Gershuni: 'Tannaitic Materials found only in the Babylonian Talmud: Tractate bava Batra as a case study'	This session is reserved for informal discussion and support around dealing with antisemitism in an HE setting. The session is facilitated by members of the BIAS committee and will address concerns raised by those in attendance which may range from experiences on campus to questions around teaching on antisemitism. This is a confidential and supportive space. You may also request a private conversation if that is preferable.	Anat Kaplowitz-Breier: "'Balancing my own and other's needs'" (M. Piercy): Ecological Crisis in poems by Jewish American Women' Shiri Zuckerstaetter: 'In-Between the Lines: The (Covert) Hebrew of Modern Jewish American Literature' Chloe Julius: 'A Crisis of Scholarship: On the 1990s Reappraisal of the Category of Jewish Art'	Hannah Ewence: 'Managed Suburbanisation: Using social mobility to overcome crisis in early twentieth century Britain' Joseph Finlay: 'Chief Rabbi and Rabble Rousers: The mid-1980s Crisis of Black-Jewish relations in Britain' Leor Jacobi: 'Homecoming and Healing: Hebrew Scrolls Donations from the Mainz Martinus Bibliothek'	Zvi Orgad: 'The Artistic Jew in the Display of the Untermyung Prayer Room' Avshalom Westreich: 'Religious Identity, Law and Politics: The Challenge of Reproductive Technologies' Mie Astrup Jensen: 'LBQ Jewish Women in England and Israel'	Yitshak Cohen: 'The Proposed Domestic Partnership Law: circumvention of the religious marriage law' Avshalom Westreich: 'Religious Identity, Law and Politics: The Challenge of Reproductive Technologies' Mie Astrup Jensen: 'LBQ Jewish Women in England and Israel'

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	<i>Crisis and Response through Psalms and Poetry</i> Chair: <i>Helen Spurling</i>	<i>PGR/ECR Career Development Session</i> Chair: <i>Katharina Keim</i>	<i>American-Jewish Identities</i> Chair: <i>Michael Miller</i>	<i>Migration to Britain</i> Chair: <i>Hannah Ewence</i>	<i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis V: Libraries/archives and Crisis</i> Chair: <i>Eva Frjmovic</i>	<i>Jewish Marriage outside the State Rabbinate in Contemporary Israel</i>
11:15-12:45	Session 9 Amos Geula: 'The Growth of Legendary Literature of the Sages (Agadah) and Liturgical poem (Piyyut) in the Land of Israel against the Background of a National Crisis' Aron Atzmon: 'Midrashic Response to Crisis: The Case of Midrash Tehillim' Nathan Eddy: 'Images of Shadows: Ambiguous wholeness in the poetry of Dan Pagis, George Herbert, and the Book of Psalms'	Led by Dr Katharina Keim (BAIS PGR/ECR Representative), this session will be an opportunity for PGRs and ECRs to gather together to discuss their experiences of academic life and research in Jewish Studies over the last two years, offer mutual support, and have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss challenges.	David Jünger: 'Judaism in Crisis: American Jewish Congress' struggle over Jewish values and anti-racist politics after the Holocaust' Nadia Beider: 'Partial Jewish Identities and Religious Hybridity' Amir Akiva Segal: 'The encounter of transnational immigrants and the workplace: the case of Jewish migrants from North America to Israel working in fundraising'	Mia Spiro: 'Jewish Jack: The Whitechapel Murders and Fear of the Jewish Migrant' Apollonia Kuc: 'Polish Jews as a part of Jewish eastern European immigrants' community in London in the late 19th century' Abi Exelby: 'Jewish Refugee Survivor Women and their families, 1939-1950'	Zvi Orgad: 'The Artistic Jew in the Display of the Untermyung Prayer Room' Leor Jacobi: 'Homecoming and Healing: Hebrew Scrolls Donations from the Mainz Martinus Bibliothek' Frances Jeens (Jewish Museum London) Cassy Sacher (Leo Baeck College) Stefania Sitewitz (University of Manchester) Iliana Tahan (British Library) Dawn Waterman (Board of Deputies)	Ruth Halperin-Kaddari: 'Non-State Marriages in Israel: A Legal and Historical Analysis' Elisheva Rosman: 'Private marriage in Israel as a Religious Feminist Strategy' Ofra Fuchs: 'Negotiating Tradition and Change: Marriage outside the State Rabbinate in Contemporary Israel'

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	<i>Grammar, Calendars and Manuscripts</i> Chair: <i>Lolvi Clewman</i>	<i>Approaches to Biblical Crisis</i> Chair: <i>Katharina Keim</i>	<i>Exploring Activism</i> Chair: <i>Claire Le Foll</i>	<i>Researching Jews and Muslims as Figures of alterity in contemporary Europe</i> Chair: <i>David Tollerton</i>	<i>Jewish Heritage in/and Crisis VI: Round Table Discussion</i> Chair: <i>Eva Frjmovic</i>	<i>Multidisciplinary Tools for Resolving Worldwide Conflicts in the Jewish Family: Between Jewish law and Civil law</i> Chair: <i>Avshalom Westreich</i>
14:00-16:00	Session 10 Benjamin Williams: 'What did the Rabbinic know about Grammar? Exegesis and Grammatical Gender in Late Antiquity' Sacha Stern: 'Rabbanite Uses of New Moon Sighting in the 9th-10th Centuries' Nadia Vidro: 'Calendars from the Cairo Genizah as a dating tool for palaeography' Ani Avetisyan: 'Lost Judaeo-Arabic Medical Manuscripts of Matenadaran Collection'	Eleanor Vivian: 'The Female Body in Crisis? Applying Metaphor Theory to the Depictions of Infertility in the Hebrew Bible' Idan Breier: "'We have heard report of it; Our hands are limp" (Jer 6:24): The Judean Kingdom in Crisis - reflections and responses' Thea Gomeleauri: 'Job in Crisis: A Jewish Response' Lucas Iglesias Martins: 'Irony as a response to Jonah's prophetic crisis'	Valentin Sandulescu: 'Mobilization in Times of Crisis: The Jewish Community in Interwar Romania and its response to the Rise of Nazism' Jacob Agee: 'Hubert Butler and the 1930's Jewish Refugee Crisis' Katja Stuerzenhoffer: 'Revisiting Kurt Lewin's action research for a world in crisis' Jessica Kempner: 'The Current Refugee Crisis and Holocaust Education'	Yulia Egorova: 'Encounters with difference: negotiating the tropes of 'Jewish-Muslim relations' in the UK' Saml Everett: 'Jewish-Muslim dialogue in Paris: conscious and unconscious elisions and confusions' Ben Gidley: 'Rethinking encounters'	Professionals from the archives, libraries and museums sector will offer short presentations sharing the challenges they have encountered during Covid-19 closures and some creative solutions they were able to implement. Frances Jeens (Jewish Museum London) Cassy Sacher (Leo Baeck College) Stefania Sitewitz (University of Manchester) Iliana Tahan (British Library) Dawn Waterman (Board of Deputies)	Benjamin Shmuecli: 'Combating Get Refusal via Civil Strategies' Hadas Raichelson: 'The Criminalization of Get Refusal in Israel's law' Yotpi Yagelink-Frishtik: 'Economic Domestic Violence against Spouses in Private, Family, Jewish and Criminal Law' Hila Geffen-Spitz: "'A Guide for the Perplexed": Thoughts on the Privatization of the Common-Law Spouse institution' Respondent: Avshalom Westreich

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	<i>Crisis and Comparative Literature</i> Chair: <i>Benjamin Williams</i>	<i>Music and Conflict</i> Chair: <i>Joachim Schlor</i>	<i>Concepts of the State of Israel</i> Chair: <i>Yulia Egorova</i>	<i>Lithuania in the Twentieth Century</i> Chair: <i>Valentin Sandulescu</i>	<i>Approaches to Ritual</i> Chair: <i>Shir Gal Kochavi</i>
16:45-17:45	Session 11 Rebekah Van Sant-Clark: 'Making the Desert Bloom: Between Isalah and Yehuda Amichai's 'Jews in the Land of Israel' Oren Yirmiya: 'Forgetting the Torah, Losing Halakha: Agadah, Wisdom and the Crisis of Tradition in Franz Kafka's On Parables and Tractate Shabbat 138b-139a'	Gal Manor: 'Bereavement Songs for Israeli Soldiers: Commemoration, Popular Music and Protest' Isabel Frey: 'Negotiating Jewish Sound: Reforming Prayer Melodies in a Reform Community'	David Feuchtwanger: 'S.V. Agnon on the Crisis between Freedom and Organization as reflected in his "Book of State" Lilach Ben Zvi: 'Living the Crisis: Redrawing the Relationship between Religion and State in 'A Jewish and Democratic State''	Dovile Cypalte: 'The foreign passport as a way to investigate the social portrait of the emigrant: The case of Interwar Lithuania and Jewish Emigration' Isaac Hershkowitz and Amir Mashichi: 'Bibliomancy among Yeshiva students during the Holocaust'	Tamas Biro: 'Cognitive approaches to rituals, to rabbis and to rebbes' portrait of the emigrant: The case of Interwar Lithuania and Jewish Emigration' Michal Shaul: 'Kiddush Club: An Old-Boys-Club Undermining the Order of the Synagogue?'

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Jewish Studies Addressing Questions of Crisis
Panelists: *Maria Diemling (Canterbury Christ Church), Hannah Ewence (Chester), Charlotte Hempel (Birmingham), Adam Sutcliffe (Kings College London)*
Chair: *Helen Spurling*