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on

**OBJECTS OF DESIRE: SEFARDIC MANUSCRIPTS  
FROM HAMBURG**

12 – 13 February 2018

CSMC – Warburgstraße 26 – 20354 Hamburg (room 0001)

**Convenors**

**Michael Studemund-Halévy**

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# Monday, 12 February 2017

## GREETINGS

9.30 am

**Prof Dr Michael Friedrich** (Director Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures)

**Prof Dr Giuseppe Veltri** (Director Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies (MCAS) – Jewish Scepticism)

**Dr Michael Studemund-Halévy** (Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany)

## SECTION I

9.45 – 11 am

Chair: Irina Wandrey, University of Hamburg

**Michael Studemund-Halévy** (Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany, Hamburg)

**Bill Rebigier** (The Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg)  
*Cutting the knots of camel-drivers and sailors: Cod. hebr. 186*

**Myriam Silvera** (Università degli Studi di Roma “Tor Vergata”, Rome)

*Le rôle du manuscrit Levy 122 dans la transmission textuelle des Previciones Divinas*

Coffee Break

## SECTION II

11.30 am – 12.45 pm

Chair: Corinna Deppner, University of Erfurt

**Kenneth Brown** (University of Calgary)

*Bento Guilherme Rahmeijer: Was gibt's denn in Hamburg und Lissabon? Collecção curioza de Poezias & em Proza em Portugues, Castelhana, Frances, Inglez: Cod.hispan. 44*

**Harm den Boer** (University of Basel)

*Literary miscellanea as spaces of entertainment and cultural identity in the Western Sefardi Diaspora: Cod. hispan. 30*

12.45 – 2.45 pm Lunch

### **SECTION III**

2.45 – 4 pm

Chair: Racheli Haliva, University of Hamburg

**David Sclar** (Princeton)

*Constructing a Rabbinic Library: the Ets Haim Yeshiva's Acquisition of Books from Abroad in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*

**Heide Warncke** (Ets Haim Library, Amsterdam)

*Cod. Levy 156: Megillat Curiel, 1628*

Coffee Break

### **SECTION IV**

4.30 – 5.30 pm

Chair: Anna Boroffka, University of Hamburg

**Ira Rabin and Ivan Shevchuk** (CSMC, University of Hamburg)

*Material and Photographic Analysis of Manuscripts*

Coffee Break

### **SECTION V**

5.45 – 6.30 pm

Chair: David Ruderman, University of Pennsylvania

**Yosef Kaplan** (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

*The strange request of Joseph Semah Arias and Juan de Prado's mysterious sect*

### **SECTION VI**

6.30 – 7.15

Chair: Patrick Koch, University of Hamburg

**Yaacob Dweck** (Princeton University)

*The truth value of doubt in the rabbinic tradition: Jacob Sasportas at the height of the messianic enthusiasm about Sabbetai Sevi in 1665 and 1666 in Hamburg.*

8 pm Dinner

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**SECTION VII**

9.30 – 11 am

Chair: Michael Kohs, University of Hamburg

**Carsten L. Wilke** (Central European University, Budapest)

*The Marrakesh Dialogues: Cod. hebr. 240g and Cod. hebr. 333*

**Julia Lieberman** (St. Louis University)

*Daily Life in Ottoman Jerusalem in the 1630s: Through the Eyes of an International Wordly Merchant: Cod. Levy 75/2*

Coffee Break

**SECTION VIII**

11.15 – 12.45 pm

Chair: Michael Studemund-Halévy, Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany, Hamburg

**Fernando José Pancorbo Murillo** (University of Basel)

*Fin de la semana sobre la Creación del Mundo: Cod. hebr. 240f*

**Ilana Tahan (British Library)**

*Hebrew manuscripts from Spain and Portugal, particularly their acquisition, provenance and their digitized status*

12.45 – 2 pm Lunch Break

**ROUND TABLE**

2 pm – 3.30 pm

Chairs: Carsten L. Wilke, Budapest, and Harm den Boer, Basel

*Sefardic Manuscripts Research and Digitizing Sefardic Manuscripts*