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International Conference

BRIDGES ACROSS THE CONTINENT: Jewish Worlds Between Venice and Amsterdam

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DAY 1 – 24 AUGUST 2026

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration & welcome coffee**
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome addresses**
*Martin Borýsek; Davide Liberatoscioli;
Sina Rauschenbach*
- 10:00 – 11:30 **OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE**
***Early Modern Sephardi Worlds:
Between Venice and Amsterdam***
Miriam Bodian
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**
- 12:00 – 13:00 **PANEL 1 – Economy**
***Amsterdam's Dominance over Jewish
Trade and Religious Networks in the
Caribbean (1640–1780)***
Jonathan Israel
***Formal separation, informal business:
professional networks of the Sephardic
and 'Todesca' nations in Venice***
Rachele Scuro
Discussion: 20 min
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:50 **PANEL 2 – Entangled Communities**
***Households of Difference: Jewish Domestic
Life and Social Entanglement in Early
Modern Venice (Zoom)***
Federica Francesconi
***Entangled Ashkenazi diasporas:
the Amsterdam Ashkenazim and their
connections to Venice***
Bart Wallet
***Venice as Model and Mediator: Herem and
the Formation of Communal Authority in
Early Amsterdam Sephardi Jewry***
Sevdenur Yıldız
Discussion: 20 min

- 15:50 – 16:10 **Coffee break**
- 16:10 – 17:10 **PANEL 3 – Jewish-Christian Encounters and
Representations (Zoom)**
***Venice as a Religious Laboratory:
Jewish-Christian interaction***
Cristiana Facchini
Rembrandt and the Jews of his Milieu
Shelley Perlove
Discussion: 20 min
- 18:30 **Dinner**

DAY 2 – 25 AUGUST 2026

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Morning coffee**
- 9:30 – 10:50 **PANEL 4 – Hebrew Book Production
and Circulation**
***Beyond Succession: Venice, Amsterdam, and
the Changing Intellectual Context of Hebrew
Printing in the Seventeenth Century***
Pavel Sládek
***Venice and the Making of Hebrew Printing
Culture in Amsterdam***
Heide Warncke
***Moses Raphael d'Aguilar's Amsterdam Library
and Venetian Books: Analysis of a Booklist in
the Bodleian Library, Oxford***
Adam Shear
Discussion: 20 min
- 10:50 – 11:20 **Coffee break**
- 11:20 – 12:50 **CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE**
***Jewish Dogmas between Venice and Amsterdam:
Simone Luzzatto and Baruch Spinoza***
Giuseppe Veltri
- 12:50 – 14:30 **Closing remarks & Lunch**