

COLONIAL HISTORY

SEPHARDIC PERSPECTIVES 16TH – 19TH CENTURIES

International Conference
at the Institute for Jewish
and Religious Studies

OCTOBER 27–29, 2015
UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM

Am Neuen Palais 10, Haus 8,
Raum 0.60/61 (Foyer), 14469 Potsdam

Convener: Prof. Dr. Sina Rauschenbach
(University of Potsdam)



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Chair: Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam)

16.00–16.30

Coffee

16.30–17.00

Inauguration and Introduction

Thomas Brechenmacher (Potsdam),
Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam)

17.00–17.45

New Christian Slave-Trading: Ideology
and the Formation of Scholarship

Jonathan Schorsch (Potsdam)

17.45–18.30

Exclusion in Transfer: “Jewish Blood”
and “Black Blood” in the 17th and 18th
Centuries

Max Sebastián Hering Torres (Bogotá)

18.30–20.30

Catering

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Chairs: Michael Heinzmann (Potsdam),
Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/Oder),
Christoph Schulte (Potsdam), Nicole
Waller (Potsdam)

9.00–9.45

Galut and Empire: In the Way of a Final
Redemption

José Alberto Tavim (Lisbon)

9.45–10.30

Senegambian Sephardic Communities in
the 17th Century and the Connections
with their United Provinces Bases: Was
“Racial” Thought an Issue?

Peter Mark (Middletown, CT),
José da Silva Horta (Lisbon)

10.30–11.00

Coffee

11.00–11.45

Barlaeus In-Between Africa and America

Ineke Phaf-Rheinberger (Berlin)

11.45–12.30

The Migration Policy of the Amsterdam
Portuguese Community

Tirtsah Levie-Bernfeld (Amsterdam/Berlin)

12.30–14.30

Time for Lunch

14.30–15.15

In Between the Intermediaries: Jews,
Amerindians, and Enslaved People in
the Mediation of Colonial Authority

Jessica Roitman (Leiden)

15.15–16.00

How to Straighten out the Conflict and
Saving Face: Haham Samuel Mendes de
Sola’s Sermon Triunfo da Uniaõ (1750)

Harm den Boer (Basel)

16.00–16.30

Coffee

16.30–17.15

Imperial Freemasonry and the
Sephardic Jews in the Caribbean
(18th–19th Centuries)

Jan Jansen (Washington)

17.15–18.00

Sephardim in the American Southern
States: Attitudes Towards Slavery

Micha Brumlik (Berlin)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Chair: Liliana Ruth Feisterstein (Berlin)

9.00–9.45

How Jewish Books Made their Way
Across the Atlantic

Michael Studemund-Halévy (Hamburg)

9.45–10.30

Mimicry and “Masa” in the Jewish
Haskalah

Iris Idelson-Shein (Frankfurt)

10.30–11.00

Coffee

11.00–11.45

Jamaican Jews: History and Memory

Ana Sobral (Zürich)

11.45–12.30

Final Discussion

Boris Barth (Konstanz)

The conference is open to the public and
free of charge.

Attendees are kindly requested to register
with Maria Seidel:
marseide@uni-potsdam.de

The conference will close with a visit to
**Verfolgt und Verbrannt – Mexikos
geheime Juden**, a concert and a joint
project of the Universities of Potsdam and
Konstanz, initiated by Sina Rauschenbach
(Potsdam) and Héctor Pérez-Brignoli
(San José, Costa Rica). It will take place at
Schinkelhalle, Potsdam, on Thursday,
October 29, at 8 pm.

Tickets can be purchased at www.t-werk.de.

