

In recent years a growing number of works have studied the role Jews played in shaping the international system in the 19th and 20th centuries to defend the rights of Jews in Europe and beyond. Dealing with 'Jewish questions' such as citizenship and emancipation as well as experiences of persecution, this field of research at the same time reflects structures and problems of modern international politics more generally.

The Dubnow Institute 2014 annual conference presents fresh studies on this subject matter and seeks to discuss the historiographical and conceptual questions that arise from the 'transnational turn' in modern Jewish history. The papers in the conference will explore topics relating to Jews and European empire, international organization, transnational philanthropy, humanitarian intervention, minority rights, human rights and collective claims.

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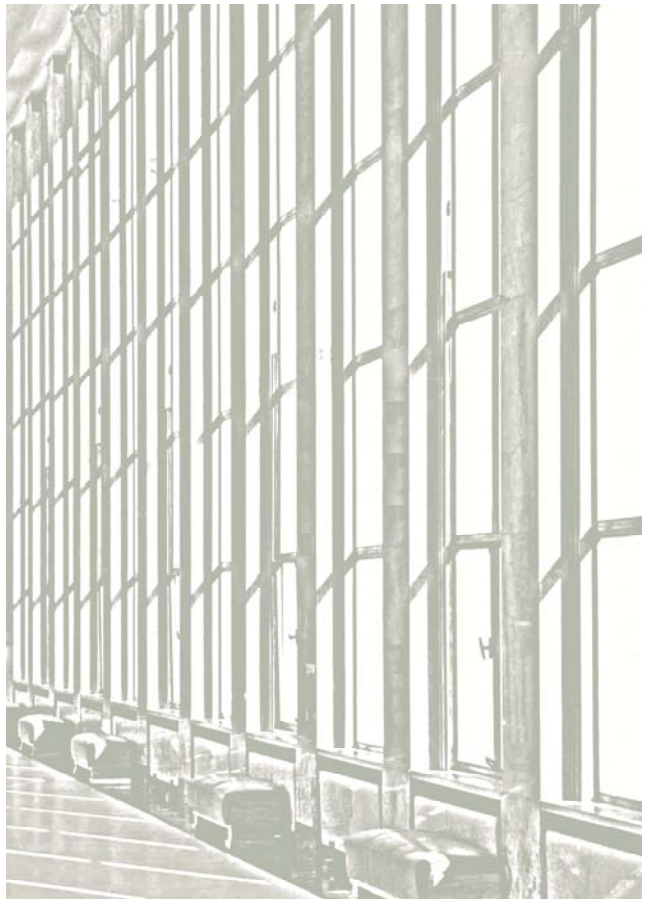
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## 'Jewish Questions' in International Politics – Diplomacy, Rights and Intervention

## Thursday, 12 June 2014

- 9.15 **Welcome**  
Markus Kirchhoff (Leipzig)  
Gil Rubin (New York)
- 9.20 **Introduction**  
Dan Diner (Leipzig/Jerusalem)
- 9.30 **Tradition and Modernity**  
Chair: **Frauke von Rohden** (Leipzig)  
**Menachem Lorberbaum** (Tel Aviv)  
The Diasporic Predicament:  
*The Law of the Kingdom is Law*  
**Israel Bartal** (Jerusalem/New Brunswick)  
Transforming Jewish Politics:  
From *shtadlanut* to Diplomacy
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.15 **Modern Conjunctures**  
Chair: **Jörg Deventer** (Leipzig)  
**Markus Kirchhoff** (Leipzig)  
Against the Backdrop of Westphalian Order:  
Leo Gross, the Congress of Vienna  
and the “Jewish Question”  
**Carsten Wilke** (Budapest)  
Competitive Advocacy:  
The Romanian Committee of Berlin  
and the Alliance Israélite Universelle, 1872–1878
- 12.45 Lunch Break

- 14.00 **Order in Decline**  
Chair: **Stefan Hofmann** (Leipzig)  
**Eric D. Weitz** (New York)  
From Congress Diplomacy to the Great War –  
On the Emergence of Minorities Politics, 1878–1914  
**Marcos Silber** (Haifa)  
Politics of Interim:  
The Jewish National Councils 1917–1919
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 15.45 **Internationalisms**  
Chair: **Gil Rubin** (New York)  
**Abigail Green** (Oxford)  
What was different  
about Jewish internationalism?  
**Samuel Moyn** (New York)  
Two Concepts of Jewish Internationalism:  
From the Normative to the Structural  
**James Loeffler** (Charlottesville)  
“How We Imagine the Future World”: Rethinking  
Internationalism in Jewish Political and Legal Thought
- 18.00 Reception at the Dubnow Institute

## Friday, 13 June 2014

- 9.00 **Interwar**  
Chair: **Markus Kirchhoff** (Leipzig)  
**Jaclyn Granick** (Geneva)  
“Shifting as the Sands”:  
Jewish Refugee Relief after WW I  
**David Engel** (New York)  
The Elite and the Street: Jewish Diplomacy  
before and after the Schwarzbard Affair, 1926/27  
**Philipp Graf** (Leipzig)  
The Bernheim Petition 1933 –  
Probing the Limits of Jewish Diplomacy
- 11.15 Coffee Break
- 11.30 **Neglected Experiences**  
Chair: **Momme Schwarz** (Leipzig)  
**Miriam Rürup** (Hamburg)  
(Re)defining Citizens:  
On the Status of Statelessness after Two World Wars  
**Gil Rubin** (New York)  
Jewish History as International History:  
Salo Baron between Politics and Historiography
- 13.00 Lunch Break
- 14.15 **Constraints of Statehood**  
Chair: **Arndt Engelhardt** (Leipzig)  
**Nathan Kurz** (New Haven)  
The Jewish Politics of Decolonization:  
The Case of French Morocco  
**Carole Fink** (Columbus)  
Negotiating after Negotiations:  
Nahum Goldmann and West Germany, 1969–1974
- 15.45 **Concluding Discussion**