Monday, May 28th, 2018

10:30 - 10:45 Opening Remarks

10:45 - 12:30 Session 1: Conversion and Construction of Identity
Chair: Daniël L. Laxer, CSSC, Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Matter of Conversion: Reform Jewish Conversion in Israel as a Process of Identity and Belonging Construction
Elnat Libal-Hass, Multi-Disciplinary Department, Ashkelon Academic College

Contemporary Journeys of Conversion from Indonesia to Israel
Mirjam Lucking, CSSC, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Conversion of Joseph Wolff – Missionary, Imperialist, Englishman
Mirjam Lücking, Jewish Studies, University of Wrocław

Conversion of the Jews
Eitan Ginzberg, Tel Aviv University

12:30 - 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 - 15:30 Session 2: Gender and Identity
Chair: Yoni Fox, CSSC, General History, Bar-Ilan University

Jewish Female Apostasy in Kraków: “Religious Kidnapping” or Voluntary Conversion?
Rafaela Majercik, Center for Jewish Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Respondent: Alexander van der Haven, CSSC, The Open University of Israel

15:50 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 18:00 Session 3: Attitudes towards Religions & Converts
Chair: Maria Laura Giordani, Università Abat Oliva CEU, Barcelona

Confronting Idypian: Sacramental Reparation and the Problem of Converts in the Early Seventeen-Acolish Church
Rachel Manski, The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland

Does the Soul Have a Sex? Gender, Missions of the London Society, and Conversion?
Yaniv Fox, CSSC, Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Respondent: Carola Garcia Ramos, CSOC, Bar-Ilan University

16:50 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 19:00 Session 4: The Forum for Regional Thinking
Chair: Assaf Slehe, CSSC, Middle Eastern Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Believing Slave is Better than a Polytheist: Judaism and Islam in the Person of Aymara Indians, Catholic Authority and Political Ethics
Laura Dudley Jenkins, Political Science, University of Cincinnati

Conversion as Return: The Jewish Community of Mizoram, India and the Politics of Religious Freedom
Ayelet Harel-Shalev, CSOC, Conflict Management and Resolution

Respondent: Nadia Zeldes, CSOC, General History, Bar-Ilan University

19:30 DINNER

Tuesday, May 29th, 2018

9:30 - 11:00 Session 5: Imagining Converts and Conversion
Chair: Ram Ben-Shalom, CSSC, History of the Jewish People, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

10:45 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 13:30 Session 6: History/ for History
Chair: Ora Liron, CSSC, History Philosophy and Islamic Studies, The Open University of Israel

The Missing Link: The Latin Hexenn in the Danubian Provinces and His Role in the Conversion of the Goths
Marta Szada, History, University of Warsaw

Islamization as a Political Act: The 717-720 Delegation to Ifriqīya (Tunisia)
Yasir Al-Saloom, Near Eastern Studies, Bar-Ilan University

From Moses Aaron to Johann Christian Jacob: Reevaluating the Conversion of Johan Kemper of Uppsalai (1647–1716)
Nadíh P. Tegrö, Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Respondent: Dennis Haff, CSSC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

13:30 - 14:30 LUNCH

14:30 - 16:30 Session 7: Dynamics, Institution and Law
Chair: Benít Blos, CSSC, Asian Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Jewish Boy in a Muslim Household: A Fatwa by al-Mawali (615-537)
Camilla Adami, Arabic and Islamic Studies, Tel Aviv University

Conversion and Self Transformation in Early Christian Monasticism: An Interdisciplinary Perspective
Inbar Graiver, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University, Berlin

(If Jews are made English, the English are Jews.” Jewish Conversions in English Law from the Eighteenth to the Twenty-First Century
Sarah Mandel, School of History, Tel Aviv University

Respondent: Inbar Graiver, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University, Berlin

16:30 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 19:00 Session 8: Conversion in Contexts
Chair: Mir大厦 Horowitz, CSSC, Middle Eastern Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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Conversion and Marriage in the Canon Law of the Catholic Church
Ayelet Harel-Shalev, CSOC, Conflict Management and Resolution

Respondent: Nadia Zeldes, CSOC, General History, Bar-Ilan University

19:30 DINNER

Wednesday, May 30th, 2018

Excursion (Jerusalem)

Thursday, May 31st, 2018

9:00 - 11:30 Session 9: Conversion and Politics
Chair: Nadia Zeldes, CSSC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Tales of Fake Conversion: Converstane a Conversion between Balken and Political Ethics
Jonathan Stutz, Evangelische-Theologische Fakultät, LMU München

Religious Conversion as Political Protest: Ayamara Indians, Catholic Authority and the Smoothly Day Adamist Church
Yael Haba, Sverdrup Institute of Latin American History and Culture, Tel Aviv University

Second Baptism of Christian Emirs: Conversion as Assurance of Political Loyalty on the Byzantine-Seljuk Confrontation of the Twelfth Century
Romer Shalhoub, Center for Byzantine and Late Antique Studies, Koc University, Istanbul

Respondent: Leonardo Cohen, CSSC, Middle Eastern Studies, Africa Centre, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 14:00 Session 10: Conversion in Contexts
Chair: Uriel Simonsohn, CSSC, Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa

Architecture of Conversion: Conversion of Architecture in the Wake of the Reconquista
Doreen Rauo, Medieval and Islamic Art History, Florida State University

Economic security, status negotiation and political opportunity as correlates in explaining the politics of conversion to Islam in the Northern Region and Northern Igboiland of Nigeria
Hedinya Nnilhjx Chimes, History & International Studies, University of Nigeria

Conversion as Return: The Jewish Community of Mocn in India and the Politics of Religious Freedom
Laura Dudley Jenkins, Political Science, University of Cincinnati

Respondent: Assaf Slehe, CSSC, Middle Eastern Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

14:00 - 15:00 LUNCH

15:00 - 17:00 Session 11: Family and Community
Chair: Karen Abbas Hershkovitz, CSSC, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Conversion and Marriage in the Canon Law of the Catholic Church
Rosanna Borzoni, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, University Catholica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

Rabbi Zehava and her Filipino Orthodox Jewish Convert Community in South Tel-Aviv
Gabriella Linco, Social Work, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Contemporary: Transnational Marriages and Cultural Conversion
Olga Kircheshman, CSSC, Bar-Ilan University

Conversion or Multiple Religious Identity – Sami Sal as a Precursor for Today
Atron Grozum-Gotthiel, The Elkan-Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem

19:30 DINNER

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