



CALL FOR PAPERS

DIVERSITY AND EXCHANGE: INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS IN THE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN WORLD

An International Workshop of the Institute for Advanced Israel Studies and the
Department of General History, Bar-Ilan University

For Junior Scholars at Israeli Institutions

Bar-Ilan University, Wednesday, January 18, 2023 (9:30-16:00)

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Prof. Mercedes García-Arenal

Research Professor

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid)



“Morisco Polemics against Christianity after the Expulsion.”

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONFERENCE:

The medieval and early modern centuries offered fertile fields for confluence and conflict between various cultures. Formal and informal relations between ethnic and religious groups often violated normative political and cultural boundaries, and both enforced, redrew them, and forged new boundaries via a host of exchanges, both planned and unexpected.

This multidisciplinary conference is organized by the Research Group on “New Christian and New Jewish Discourses of Identity between Polemics and Apologetics” of the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, and will be held under the auspices of the Department of General History of Bar-Ilan University. The Research group wishes to expand the scope of its analysis of intercultural discourse by inviting scholars to explore aspects of cultural diversity and exchange, including but not limited to polemics and apologetics, from the 10th to 18th centuries. To that end, the conference will bring together an international cohort of scholars from the Research Group, people who specialize in late medieval early modern Iberia and the Sephardic Diaspora, as well as specialists in other periods and regions, to hear and discuss the contributions of scholars who are based at Israeli colleges and universities. Possible analytical lenses through which participants may address these aspects include race, religion, ethnicity, gender, technology, economy, law, and the like. Fields of specialty to be represented may include Cultural Studies, Diaspora Studies, Ethnic Studies, Linguistics, Cultural Anthropology, Art History, Sociology, Philosophy, History, and beyond.

PROPOSALS:

The organizing committee invites proposals for 20-minute, English-language presentations by junior scholars from Israeli institutions who are studying aspects of the history, economy, anthropology, plastic arts, etc., of the medieval and early modern world with special emphasis on questions of intercultural relations, diversity, and exchange. **Proposals from Junior faculty members, graduate students (M.A. and Ph.D.), and post-doctoral scholars at Israeli institutions are especially welcome and will receive priority.**

Please submit proposals no later than December 10, 2022, to:

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