Union in Separation – Trading Diasporas in the Eastern Mediterranean (1200–1700)

International Conference, Heidelberg
17–19 February 2011
THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2011

9.00
Registration

Room S4
10.00
Word of Welcome
Prof. Dr. Johannes Heil, Erster Prorektor
Leiter der Hochschule für Jüdische Studien
Heidelberg

Introduction
Georg Christ, Universität Heidelberg

10.30
Opening Lecture
CROSS-CULTURAL TRANSFERS OF
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE
LATE MIDDLE AGES: INCENTIVES,
PROMOTERS AND AGENTS
David Jacoby, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11.15
Coffee

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Session I. 11.30 – 13.30

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1A. Early Modern Italy's Diasporas I
Organisers: Wolfgang Kaiser, Roberto Zaugg
Chair: Wolfgang Kaiser
Discussant: Roberto Zaugg

11.30
Between Diasporas: The Netherlandish Traders in Venice, c. 1580 – 1650
Maartje van Gelder, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands

12.00
Osmanlı-Speaking Diasporas: Between Marseilles, Tunis and Livorno (1600-1650)
Guillaume Calafat, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

12.30
Ottoman-ness and the Making of the Greek Diaspora, c.1770-c.1830
Mathieu Grenet, The Italian Academy, Columbia University, New York City, U.S.A

13.00
Discussion

13.30
Lunch
(Cafeteria, Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg)

Room S4
1B. Diasporas and Imperial Rule in the 13th C. Aegean
Organiser: Stefan Burkhardt
Chair: Jörg Peltzer

11.30
In Quest of (Trading) Diasporas in the Byzantine States of Epiros and Trebizond ca. 1210-1304
Günther Prinzing, Universität Mainz, Germany

11.50
Merchants in the Crusader States
Krijnie Ciggaar, Universiteit Leiden, Netherlands

12.10
The Empire of Nicaea (1204-1261):
A Transcultural Society?
Ekaterini Mitsiou, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften Wien, Austria

12.30
Negotium Graecorum – Trade as Theory and Practice in Ecclesiastical Contacts between the West and the World of Late Byzantium
Dimitrios Moschos, University of Athens, Greece

12.50
Practices of Integration and Segregation: Armenian Trading Diasporas and Their Interaction with the Genoese and Venetian Colonies in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea, 1289-1484
Alexandr Osipian, Kramatorsk Institute of Economics and Humanities, Ukraine

13.10
Discussion

14.30
Presentation of the Medieval Mediterranean Diaspora Database
Session II. 15.00 – 17.00

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2A Diasporic Groups in Mamluk Egypt 1300–1450 I
Organizer: Anna Katharina Angermann
Chair: John L. Meloy

15.00
A Muslim of Turkish Origin Kept Prisoner on a Genoese Ship in the Port of Alexandria. A Transcultural Encounter According to Al-Nuwayrî’s Kitâb al-ilmâm
Anna K. Angermann, Universität Heidelberg, Germany

15.20
Byzantine Saints as Captives in Mamluk Egypt and Ottoman Anatolia
Anna K. Angermann, Universität Heidelberg, Germany

15.40
At the Fringe of a Diaspora: Venetian Agents Between Alexandria and Cairo
Anna K. Angermann, Universität Heidelberg, Germany

16.00
Reflections on the Mamluk Destruction of Acre (1291)
Peter Edbury, Cardiff University, Wales, UK

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Why Venice, not Genoa. How Venice Emerged as the Mamluks’ Favourite European Trading Partner After 1365
Albrecht Fuess, Universität Marburg, Germany

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Mike Carr, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

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Merchants of the Adriatic: The Jadertine Trading Community, c. 1550
Stephan Sander, Universität Zürich, Switzerland

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The Office of the Jewish Consul in the Early Modern Mediterranean. A Study in the Exchange of Legal and Economic Concepts
Daniel Jütte, Universität Heidelberg, Germany

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Christof Jeggle, Universität Bamberg, Germany

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Organizers: Lars Börner, Franz-Julius Morche
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19.00
Keynote Lecture – Alte Aula, Alte Universität, Grabengasse 1, 1st floor
MEDITERRANEAN JEWISH DIASPORAS AND THE BILL OF EXCHANGE: COPING WITH A FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT (15TH–17TH CENTURIES)
Benjamin Arbel, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Chair: Georg Christ, Universität Heidelberg, Germany
Word of welcome: representative of the Rektorat, Universität Heidelberg (to be confirmed)

20.00
Reception – Bel Étage, Alte Universität

11.00
Coffee break
## Session IV. 11.15 – 13.15

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**4A. Diasporic Communities in Rhodes I**
Organiser: Teresa Sartore Senigaglia  
Chair: David Jacoby

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**4B. Trade Networks in the Later Middle Ages II**
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Chair: Lars Börner

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### Session V. 14.30 – 16.30

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**5A. Diasporic Communities in Rhodes II – Historical Context**
Organiser: Teresa Sartore Senigaglia  
Chair: Anthony Luttrell

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**5B. From Venice to India: Networks, Diasporas and Transcultural Flows**
Organiser: Georg Christ  
Chair: Sven Externbrink

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**THE UNCANNY CHARMS OF THE OTHER OLD DIASPORAS – NEW DIASPORAS: CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION AND CONTRIBUTION OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

Moderator: Jae Chung  
Word of welcome: Prof. Dr. Stefan Weinfurter, Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften


**Room S4**

**6A. Legal Pluralism and Diasporic Communities in Historical Perspective**
Organiser: Teresa Sartore Senigaglia
Chair: Dirk Heirbaut

10.00  
The Socio-Legal Adaptation of British Immigrants in Turkey: A Theoretical Puzzle  
Prakash Shah, Queen Mary, University of London, UK

10.30  
A Patchwork of Accommodations*:  
The Law and Other Legalities in Eighteenth-Century Ireland  
Seán P. Donlan, University of Limerick, Ireland

11.00  
Legal Pluralism as a Tool of the Colonial State: the "Legal Othering" of the Maltese as Natives and as Migrants  
David Zammit, University of Malta, Malta

11.30  
Discussion

**Room S2**

**6B. From Venice to Tana: Networks, Diasporas and Transcultural Flows**
Organiser: Georg Christ
Chair: Carla Meyer

10.00  
La « nation » vénitienne en Sicile dans la seconde moitié du XVe siècle: l'exemple de la compagnie des frères Valier  
Fabien Faugeron, École Française de Rome, Italy

10.30  
Levantine Goods in Western Cultures: Adapting Rugs and Silk Cloth  
Heinrich Lang, Universität Bamberg, Germany

11.00  
Florence at Venice: Florentine Bankers in Early Modern Venice  
Isabella Cecchini, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Italy  
Luciano Pezzolo, Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia, Italy

11.30  
Discussion

12.00  
Conclusive Remarks  
Georg Christ

12.30  
Break

15.00  
Guided tour through the old city of Heidelberg  
Point of contact:  
Universitätsplatz, in front of Alte Universität  
Marco Neumaier/Stefan Burkhardt/Georg Christ, Universität Heidelberg, Germany