

Call for Papers

Conference Title: "Belonging"

Dates: May 22-23, 2025

Location: Taube Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Wrocław (room 115) and online

Submission Deadline: March 3, 2025

The Students' Association "Sznirele Perele" operating within the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Wrocław is pleased to announce its upcoming student and PhD candidate conference under the title "Belonging." We invite submissions that engage with the complex concept of belonging in various disciplines, historical periods, and geographic contexts.

The notion of "belonging" is relevant to numerous themes, including identity, community, and cultural homogeneity or diversity. We are particularly interested in multifaceted and complex phenomena related to belonging. Geographical and identitarian belonging both shape one's perception of the world, and these two spheres don't always map onto one another.

While the conference is hosted by the Department of Jewish Studies, we also welcome papers exploring non-Jewish perspectives on the topic of Jewish belonging as well as Jewish perspectives on the topic of non-Jewish belonging. We invite young scholars not only from Jewish Studies, but also from other disciplines, e.g., history, sociology, literature, anthropology, cultural studies and international relations.

Our conference seeks to explore the concept of belonging from various perspectives, encouraging interdisciplinary approaches to the topic, such as:

- Historical belonging;
- Religious belonging;
- Belonging in Diaspora/the State of Israel;
- Literature/Cinema/Music and belonging;
- Language and belonging;
- Liminality;

- Contemporary challenges.

Submission Guidelines:

Proposals for papers should include:

- Name, affiliation, and contact information;
- Title of the paper;
- Abstract (up to 300 words) + bibliography;
- Brief biographical note (up to 100 words).

Submissions should be sent to: sznireleperleuwr@gmail.com by March 3, 2025. The organizers will confirm receipt of each application. Accepted participants will be notified by March 17, 2025.

- The conference will most likely take place in a hybrid format;
- Each participant will have a maximum of 20 minutes to present their paper;
- Organizers reserve the right to select only some of the submitted abstracts if there are more submissions than we can accommodate in the time allotted for the conference.

We encourage all participants to visit Wrocław; however, we regret to inform you that we will not be able to cover travel or accommodation expenses. Nevertheless, we will happily show you around the city and reserve a table for a joint dinner on the first evening of the conference.

All additional information (regarding the keynote lecture, schedule and conference program) will be provided after March 17, 2025.

For further inquiries, please contact Aleksandra Skowrońska (e-mail: 306359@uwr.edu.pl).

We look forward to your submissions and to an inspiring conference!