

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE IN JEWISH STUDIES

MAY 22, 2025 (THURSDAY)

Registration – 8:15–8:45

Welcome – 8:45–9:00

Keynote Lecture – 9:00–9:50

Dr. Tim Buchen: *On integration, exclusion and belonging. The Jews of Breslau 1854–1933*

Panel 1 – 10:00–11:30

Moderator: Prof. Marcin Wodziński

Yoav Sade, MA (PhD Candidate, Bar-Ilan University): *The Universal and Particular Elements of Jewish Identity and Belonging in Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks' Thought*

Katarzyna Zajac, BA (MA Candidate, Uniwersytet Wrocławski): *Absolute belonging?: Jews in Shanghai in the 20th Century*

Franziska Marx, BA (MA Candidate, Universität Augsburg): *Rembrandt and Menasseh ben Israel: On the Influence of an Amsterdam Amicitia on Rembrandt's Work*

Panel 2 – 11:45–13:15

Moderator: Dr. Małgorzata Stolarska-Fronia

Agata Stępnik, MA (PhD Candidate, Uniwersytet Jagielloński): *The Endless Struggle for Belonging: The Complex Story of David Olère and His Art*

Marcelina Mróz, MA (MA Candidate, Université Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne): *Chana Kowalska – an Artist In-Between* (online)

Daniel Ljunggren, MA (PhD Candidate, Technische Universität Dresden): *Breslau Jewish Architects After 1933* (online)

Lunch Break – 13:15–14:00 [Lunch provided]

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Panel 3 – 14:00–15:30

Moderator: Dr. Wojciech Tworek

David Selis (PhD Candidate, Yeshiva University):
'Though Your Beginnings Be Small': The Emergence of Jewish Book Culture in America (online)

Adi Aviv, MA (PhD Candidate, Bar-Ilan University):
Intertextual Engagement with Biblical Texts in Israeli Women's Poetry: Constructing a New Language for Birth Representation

Andrea Schlosser, MA (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):
Beyond Guilt: Negotiating German Identity in Nora Krug's Belonging (online)

Panel 4 – 15:45–17:15

Moderator: Prof. Agnieszka Jagodzińska

Sayan Lodh (PhD Candidate, Presidency University, Kolkata): *Calcutta's Baghdadi Jews: A Journey of Three Centuries (online)*

Defne Özözer MA (PhD Candidate, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne): *Thresholds of Belonging: Jewish Communities in Greece and Turkey During National Transformations (1912–1950) (online)*

Eric Lane (BA Candidate, University of Texas at San Antonio): *Visible Voting: Suffrage Activism, Jewish Women, and the Question of Belonging in America (online)*

18:00 – dinner at Vegan AF Ramen (Oławska 12b)

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**9:00–9:45 – a walk along Włodkowica Street
with PhD Candidate Anna Nienartowicz**

Panel 1 – 10:15–11:45

Moderator: Dr. Tim Buchen

Sarah Sosinski, MA (PhD Candidate, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München): *Generations in Transit(ion): Literary Pathways to Jewish Belonging in the German-Jewish Family Novel around 1900*

Julia Wolna, BA (MA Candidate, Uniwersytet Wrocławski): *'I Accused. And the Accused Was God' – Theology of Suffering and the Crisis of Belonging in the Work of Elie Wiesel*

Natalia Soral, BA (MA Candidate, Uniwersytet Warszawski): *Jewish Holidays in the Łódź Ghetto: The Case of Perseverance and Belonging (online)*

Panel 2 – 12:00–13:30

Moderator: Dr. Zuzanna Kołodziejska-Smagala

Katarzyna Gajewska, BA (BA Candidate, Uniwersytet Jagielloński): *Integrity and Isolation: The Concept of Belonging in Jewish-themed Literary Works of Aniela Kallas Korngutówna*

Jamison Jewkes, BA (MA Candidate, University of Bristol): *(Trans)cending Tradition: Ritual Innovation Amongst Transgender Jews*

Moritz Vinke, BA (MA Candidate, Universität Augsburg): *'Dann möchte ich, dass du mich ab jetzt Anton nennst': Queerness in Contemporary German-Language Jewish Literature Using the Example of Sasha Marianna Salzmann's Novel Außer sich (2017)*

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Moderator: Rejza Turner

Julia Głombik, BA (MA Candidate, Uniwersytet Jagielloński): *Social Marginalization and the Sense of Belonging in Short Stories of Isak Samokovlija*

Urszula Calów (BA Candidate, Uniwersytet Wrocławski): *Are They Still Jewish?: Sense of Belonging and Identity Based on Parts of Zeks jor gehenom by Bluma Kohen*

**Conference Organizers: Closing Remarks
and Conclusion of the Conference – 15:45**