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JEWISH COMMUNITY OF IOANNINA



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Jewish communities between East and West, 15th-20th centuries:
Economy, society, politics, culture**



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Ioannina, 21-23 May 2015
Conference Centre «Karolos Papoulias»
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Thursday 21 May	
9:15-9:45	Adresses
9:45-10:00	Introductory remarks (Moses Elisaf, Leda Papastefanaki)
10:00-11:00	Session 1. Jewish Communities I - the case of Salonika
Chair	Moses Elisaf, Leda Papastefanaki
Evangelhos Hekimoglou	<i>The "religious filter" in the history of urban transformation; Sephardim in Thessaloniki (15th-20th centuries)</i>
Andreas Bouroutis	<i>Alliance Israelite versus Hilfsverein: Cooperation and antagonism in the Jewish community of Thessaloniki (in greek)</i>
Stratos Dordanas	<i>State and Community in Thessaloniki: Ethnic routes in the city of diversity (1912-1940) (in greek)</i>
11:00-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-13:00	Session 2. Resistance and the Holocaust I
Chair	Hagen Fleischer
Giorgos Margaritis	<i>Antisemitism's "technical" aspects: the issue of "underground" economy (in greek)</i>
Odette Varon-Vassard	<i>The enlisting of Greek Jews in the Resistance: Silence, memory and discourse (in greek)</i>
Iason Chandrinou	<i>The National Liberation Front (EAM) and the rescue of Jews in Nazi Occupied Greece, 1941-1944 (in greek)</i>
13:00-13:30	Discussion
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break
15:15-16:15	Session 3. Occupation, Resistance and the Holocaust II
Chair	Odette Varon-Vassard
Maria Fragkou	<i>From the Nuremberg laws to precautionary measures: The Italian Jews of Thessaloniki, 1941-1943 (in greek)</i>
Garyfallia Micha	<i>Holocaust in Greece: Late Deportations from the Islands (Corfu, Crete, Rhodes, Cos) (in greek)</i>
Alekos Raptis	<i>The Destruction of the Jewish Community of Ioannina, by the Nazis, on March 25, 1944 (in greek)</i>
16:15-16:45	Discussion



16:45-17:15	Coffee Break
17:15-18:15	Session 4. Discourses about the Holocaust
Chair	Giorgos Margaritis
Michal Govrin	<i>Transmitted Memory and Fiction. Project for a Research Group and Workshop</i>
Hagen Fleischer & Anna Maria Droumpouki	<i>Clio and cliché. German diplomacy and media versus the “TV-(televised)-Holocaust” (in greek)</i>
18:15-18:45	Discussion
18:45-19:30	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Henriette-Rika Benveniste, <i>The idea of exile: Jewish texts and the Historiography of Salonika revisited</i></p>
	End of 1st Day
20:30	Reception at the Town Hall from the Mayor of Ioannina
	Friday 22 May
10:00-11:11	Session 5. Jewish entrepreneurship
Chair	Anthony Molho
Orly C. Meron	<i>Jewish and Greek Entrepreneurs in Comparative View: A Socio-demographic Profile of Businessmen in Metropolitan Northern Greece on the Eve of World War II</i>
Ioanna Sapfo Pepelasis & Dimitrios Varvaritis	<i>An unexplored facet of Jewish entrepreneurship in Greece: Jewish shareholders in joint stock company start-ups, 1830-1929</i>
Leda Papastefanaki	<i>Entrepreneurship and labour in the Jewish community of Ioannina (20th century): sources and questions</i>
11:00-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-13:00	Session 6. Communities and networks
Chair	Eyal Ginio, Anna Mandylara
Pamela Dorn Sezgin	<i>Between East and West: Italian Jews in the late Ottoman Empire</i>
Anna Mahaira	<i>Between market and politics: Jews of Marseille in the second half of 19th century (in greek)</i>
Dilek Akyalçın Kaya	<i>“Dreaming about Virgin Mary”: Socio-economic dynamics of a civil strife in the Balkans in 1851</i>



13:00-13:30	Discussion
13:30-15:00	Lunch Break
15:15-16:15	Session 7. Researching cultural identities
Chair	Henriette-Rika Benveniste
Annette B. Fromm	<i>Why Is it Important? The Jewish Community of Ioannina</i>
Daphne Lappa	<i>Cross-cultural Networks, Mobility, and Religious Conversion in the 18th-century Eastern Mediterranean</i>
Anna Mandylara	<i>"Israelis", "Romaniotes" or "Greek-Jews"? Ideology and Identity in the making of the Jewish Community of Jannina, 1913-1940 (in greek)</i>
16:15-16:45	Discussion
16:45-17:15	Coffee Break
17:15-18:15	Session 8. Jewish Communities II - Kavala, Corfu, Athens
Chair	Esther Solomon/Lampros Flitouris
Sakis Gekas	<i>The absent presence. Discrimination and exclusion of Corfu Jews during the Ionian and Greek States (1815-1890s); economy, law and politics</i>
Eyal Ginio	<i>Enduring the Shift from an Empire to a Nation-State: The Case of the Jewish Community of Kavala</i>
Philip Carabott	<i>The Jewish presence in nineteenth-century Athens: From Max Rothschild to the Israelite Brotherhood (in greek)</i>
18:15-18:45	Discussion
Keynote Speech	
18:45-19:30	Stavros Zoumboulakis, <i>Christianity and Antisemitism before and after the Holocaust</i> (in greek)
	End of 2nd Day
21:00	Dinner



Saturday 23 May	
10:00-11:00	Session 9. Jews in literature-Jews as intellectuals
Chair	Anna Mahaira
Fragiski Ampatzopoulou	<i>Blood Libel in Modern Greek Literature</i> (in greek)
Eleni Kourmantzi	<i>Yossef Eliya: Intellectual and poet of the "protest"</i> (in greek)
Dimitris Kargiotis	<i>The Song of Songs: Yossef Eliya's subterranean intervention in the Greek literary canon</i> (in greek)
11:00-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-13:00	Session 10. Post-war reconstruction of Jewish communities
Chair	Evanghelos Hekimoglou, John Kalef-Ezra
Eleni Beze	<i>Political and social trends in Greek-Jewish society in the immediate aftermath of Second World War</i> (in greek)
Maria Kavala	<i>The post-war reconstruction of the Jewish community of Thessaloniki: data on the social-professional position of the survivors through marital archives (1945-1955)</i> (in greek)
Esther Solomon	<i>Displaying the past: The new permanent exhibition on the history of the Jewish community of Ioannina</i> (in greek)
13:00-13:30	Discussion
13:30-14:00	Final conclusions of the conference (Anthony Molho, Anna Mahaira, Leda Papastefanaki)
14:00-17:30	Visit to the Jewish Cemetery, the Synagogue and the Islet of Ioannina. Farewell tsipouro with small lunch
	End of the conference



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