

Online Lecture Series: *Forerunners of Modernity? The Conversos*

Summer Term 2025, Thursday, 6.15–7.45 p.m., on Zoom

April 17 **Susanne Zepp-Zwirner (Duisburg-Essen)**
Writing Difference in an Age of Essentialism: Converso Literature and Belonging in Early Modern Europe

April 24 **Moisés Orfali (Ramat Gan)**
The Spanish Jewish Converso: The Theme of the Other

May 8 **Harm den Boer (Basel)**
Vision delectable: From 15th Century Converso Thought to Seventeenth-Century Re-Translation in Amsterdam

May 15 **Carsten Wilke (Vienna)**
Between Romanticism and Marxism:
The Conversos in Twentieth-Century Controversies

May 22 **Tirtsah Levie Bernfeld (Amsterdam)**
Women of Sephardi Heritage in Early Modern Times:
The Iberian Peninsula and Beyond

June 5 **Ronnie Perelis (New York)**
Converso Self-Fashioning

June 19 **Bernhard Holl (Berlin)**
Being Anti-Converso in Fifteenth Century Spain: a Modern Position?

June 26 **Miriam Bodian (Jerusalem)**
Crypto-Jewish Martyrdom: Creating a Practice

July 3 **David Graizbord (Tucson)**
Ways of Belonging among Conversos: 15th–17th Centuries

July 10 **Tanja Zakrzewski (Potsdam)**
The Same but Different? Conversos and Moriscos in Early Modern Spain

July 17 **Claude Stuczynski (Ramat Gan)**
Converso Crypto-Judaism: A Mere Matter of Identity and Memory?

The series is organized by Sina Rauschenbach and Axel Kaplan Szyld for the Chair of Jewish Thought, in cooperation with the Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg.
To get access to the **Zoom meeting**, please contact henning.krakow@uni-potsdam.de.
Please note: Registered students are expected to join the introductory session on April 10 and the last lecture on July 17 in person at the University of Potsdam.