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International Conference: Cultural and Religious Dissimulation in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries

התחזות תרבותית ודתית באירופה במאות השש-עשרה והשבע-עשרה

June 10-11, 2012 | Tel Aviv University, Gilman 496

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

9:30 Greetings:

Raanan Rein, Vice-President of Tel Aviv University

Gadi Algazi, Chair of the History Department, Tel Aviv University

9:45- 12:45 Session I

Chair: **David S. Katz**, Tel Aviv University

Jorge Flores (European University Institute, Florence)

The Composite Identity of a Transcultural Impostor in Portuguese Asia: Manuel Godinho de Erédia, c. 1563-1623

11:00 Coffee break

Giorgio Rota (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien)

Real, Fake or Just Megalomaniac? Three Cases of Suspicious Ambassadors (1450-1600)

Moshe Sluhovsky (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Conversion as a Career: Jewish Serial Converts in Early Modern Europe

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

15:00 – 19:00 Session II

Chair: **Robert Maryks**, Bronx College, CUNY

Stefania Pastore (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)

False Conversos and False Trials: Inquisitorial Legends and Converso Memory in Sixteenth-Century Spain

Claude B. Stuczynski (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan)

The Meaning and Function of Dissimulation among Portuguese Conversos: A Reassessment

17:00 Coffee break

Giorgio Caravale (Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

Dissimulation and Conversion in the Late Sixteenth Century: Francesco Pucci and his Return to Catholicism

Monica Martinat (Université Lumière Lyon 2)

The Identity Game: Ambiguity in Religious Attachments in Seventeenth-Century Lyons

MONDAY, JUNE 11

10:00-13:00 Session III

Chair: **Michael Heyd**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Vincenzo Lavenia (Università di Macerata)

'Mendacium officiosum': Ways of Lying in a Work by Alberico Gentili (1599)

Mariangela Miotti (Università di Perugia)

Dissimulation in the Political Tragedies of Pierre Mattieu

11:30 Coffee break

Myriam Greilsammer (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan)

A Plot in the Low Countries: A Calvinistic Propaganda Book Disguised as a Catholic Spiritual Guide (1565)

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-17:30 Session IV

Chair: **Benjamin Arbel**, Tel Aviv University

Guido Dall'Olio (Università di Urbino "Carlo Bo")

Beyond Simulation: Demonic Possession, Madness and the Inquisition in Sixteenth-Century Italy

Adelisa Malena (Università di Venezia)

The Hybrid Identity of Alvisa Zimbelli, a.k.a. Lea Gaon: Jewish convert, Christian Mystic and Demoniac

16:30 Coffee break

Tamar Herzig (Tel Aviv University)

Genuine and Fraudulent Stigmatics in the Sixteenth Century

18:00 -19:00

Miriam Eliav-Feldon (Tel Aviv University) - Concluding Remarks

Discussion

The conference will take place in Drachliss Hall, Gilman Building 496, Tel Aviv University

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