



Vienna and Thessaloniki. Two cities and their Jewish histories



Thursday, 24 February 2022

19:00 Meet & Greet and Welcome Dinner

Hotel Post: Fleischmarkt 24, 1010 Wien

Friday, 25 February 2022

9:00 Welcome

Christophe Erisman (Head of the Department of Modern Greek and Byzantine Studies)

9:15-9:30 Introduction

Dimitrios Varvaritis (University of Vienna)

9:30-11:00 Jewish Communities, Topographies and Spaces

Chair: Dimitrios Kousouris

Fellow Balkan Merchants - the Turkish-Israelite and the two Greek Communities of Vienna from 1718 until World War II

Anna Ransmayr (University of Vienna)

Viennese Jewish Spaces 1880-1930: A Relational Approach

Susanne Korbel (University of Graz)

Decentering the Centers: Reassessing the Role of Vienna and Thessaloniki in a Balkan Context

Fani Gargova (University of Vienna)

11:30-12:30 Viennese and Salonican Jewish memories

Chair: Vassiliki Dimoula

Greek-Jewish, Leftist and Women: Narrating the Experience of the Shoah

Eleni Beze (University of Thessaly)

Aftermath: Viennese and Salonikan Jews Interviewed by David Boder in 1946

Stefania Zezza (Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata)

14:00-15:00 Salonican Jewish Networks of Trade and War Relief

Chair: Maria Stassinopoulou

Salonica Jews in the Habsburg Empire, 1867-1918:

A forgotten story

Lida Dodou (University of Vienna)

'Trading with the Enemy' Salonican Jews, Central Europe, and the Politics of Contraband Trade During the First World War

Paris Papamichos Chronakis (Royal Holloway University of London)

16:00 Keynote Lecture

Salonika, Vienna: Entangled Jewish Histories in the 20th Century

Rika Benveniste (University of Thessaly)

18:00 Dinner for Participants

Saturday, 26 February 2022

9:30-10:30 The Holocaust in Photography

Chair: Frank Stern

A "black" photo diary.

The Rare Photographic Material of the Young German Soldier Werner Range on Black Saturday in Thessaloniki (Andreas Assael's Collection)

Maria Kavala (Aristotle University, Thessaloniki)

Photographs as Evidence in Court and Memorial Literature

Nathalie Soursos (University of Vienna)

11:00-12:00 Round Table

Frank Stern (University of Vienna) Maria A. Stassinopoulou (University of Vienna) Dimitrios Varvaritis (University of Vienna)

Location: Seminar Room, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Universitätszentrum UZA 1, Augasse 2-6, Kern A, 1090 Vienna, 3rd floor.

Workshop

Vienna and Thessaloniki are cities heavily laden with profound, diverse and heterogeneous Jewish pasts and histories. Their Jewish communities played crucial roles in the cultural, commercial and urban life of these cities as well as the wider imperial states to which they belonged. They have not however been studied in a comparative way. The international workshop "Vienna and Thessaloniki. Two cities and their Jewish histories" thus seeks to capture, and reflect on, the multiple ways in which the Jewish histories of these two multi-ethnic and multi-confessional cities are interconnected and entangled. By bringing together emerging and established scholars this workshop offers not only an opportunity for dialogue on these histories but also aims to provide greater visibility for them.

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