

JEWS ALONG THE SILK ROAD

Migration Routes, Entangled Spaces,
and In-between Positions

International Conference
October 10 – 12, 2021

Preliminary Program

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The conference of the W. Michael Blumenthal
Academy of the Jewish Museum Berlin in
cooperation with the Center for East European and
International Studies (ZOIS, Berlin) and the Viadrina
Center B/ORDERS IN MOTION at the Viadrina
European University in Frankfurt Oder



SUNDAY, October 10

2 pm **Welcome and Introduction**

Hetty Berg (Director, Jewish Museum Berlin)

Alina Gromova (Jewish Museum Berlin)

Tsypylma Darieva (Center for East European and International Studies,
ZOiB, Berlin)

Darja Klingenberg (Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder)

2.30 pm **Keynote EN**

Atina Grossmann (The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and
Art, New York): **Globalizing Holocaust Memory. Survival, Flight and
Evacuation in Soviet Central Asia and Other Colonial Spaces**

in conversation with Alina Gromova (Jewish Museum Berlin) and
Darja Klingenberg (Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder)

3.30 pm **Coffee Break**

4 pm **Panel 1: Routes and Encounters Along the Silk Road EN**

Ariane Sadjed (Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna)

**Before the Nation: Connections and Divergences among
Persianate Jews**

Zeev Levin (Ben Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the
East, Jerusalem): **Religious, National or Cultural? A Case Study of
Frameworks for Jewish Education in Post-Soviet Central Asia**

Thomas Loy (Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
**Bukharan Jews in Europe Lifeworld and Memory far from the Silk
Roads**

Boris Chukhovich (Observatory of Central Asian Cultural Heritage, Montreal)
**Jewish Architects in Soviet Uzbekistan: Between Radical Modernism
and a Regional Approach (1960s – 1980s)**

Chair: Darja Klingenberg (Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder)

6 pm **Lecture Performance DE**

Ina Holev (Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf and Jüdisch und
Intersektional – Initiative für kritische Bildungsarbeit)

Miriam Yosef (Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen and Jüdisch und
Intersektional – Initiative für kritische Bildungsarbeit)

**Double Entanglements – Dealing with Intra-Jewish Connections and
Differences**

6.30 pm **Reception**

EN – in English · **DE** – in German · All times are CET

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MONDAY, October 11

- 2 pm** **Panel 2: Shared Neighbourhoods** **EN**
Narciss M.Sohrabi (Paris Nanterre University)
Representation of Jewish Neighborhoods in Tehran during 20th Century
Florian Mühlfried (Ilia State University, Tbilisi)
Jewish-Christian Conviviality in the Racha Province of Georgia
Zoya Arshavsky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Fate of the Places of Historical Habitation Left by the Jews in Central Asia
Natalie Belsky (University of Minnesota Duluth)
From Nightgowns to Prayerbooks: the Role of Material Culture in Negotiating Relations on the Soviet Home Front
Chair: Alina Gromova (Jewish Museum Berlin)
- 4 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 4.30 pm** **Panel 3: In-Between Positions. Jewish and Other Biographies** **DE**
Valerij Gretchko (Tokyo University)
Die Familie Baazov und die Transformation des georgischen Judentums im 20. Jahrhundert
Miriam Goldmann (Jewish Museum Berlin)
Familie Kahan: Ölhandel, Verbindungen zw. Azerbaijan und Deutschland, Leben einer orthodoxen jüdischen Familie in Baku
Alexander Kartosia (Tbilisi State University)
Fremd- und Selbstbezeichnungen und -wahrnehmungen der georgischen Juden im ersten Drittel des 20. Jahrhunderts: Gerzel Baazovs Judenbilder
Chair: Signe Roszbach (Jewish Museum Berlin)
- 6 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 6.30 pm** **Exploring Diverse Diasporas – Presentation of Research Projects by Students of Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder** **DE**
Cooperation with the Jewish Museum Berlin, Object Days. Jewish Migration to Germany after 1945
Tamar Lewinsky and Theresia Ziehe (Jewish Museum Berlin)
Students of Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder
- 7.30 pm** **End of the day 2**

TUESDAY, October 12

- 1 pm** **Panel Discussion: Jews from the Caucasus and Central Asia in Berlin and Vienna** **DE**
Sevil Huseynova (Center for Independent Social Research (CISR), Berlin)
Yuval Katz (Department of Religious Studies, University of Vienna)
German Djanatljev (Direktorium des Zentralrates der Juden in Deutschland)
Chair: Thomas Loy (Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
- 2 pm** **Panel 4: Migration Routes and Entangled Spaces** **EN**
Karen Körber (Institute for the History of the German Jews)
“The Persian Carpet”. Iranian Jews and the German Economic Miracle
Varvara Redmond (University of Warsaw)
Digital Multinational Communities of the Mountain Jews
Chen Bram (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Hadassah Academic College)
Immigration and Intergroup Relations: Jewish-Muslim Relations in Central Eurasia, Israel, and U.S.
Gabriele Anderl (Austrian Society for Exile Research)
The Emergence of the Bukharian Community in Vienna and Unforeseen Outcome of the Jewish Emigration from the Soviet Union
Chair: Tsypylma Darieva (ZOiS, Berlin)
- 3.30 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 4 pm** **Panel 5: Shared Memories: Experiences of Exclusion and Inclusion** **EN**
Yulia Oreshina (Georgian American University, Tbilisi)
“26 Centuries of Friendship”: Georgian-Jewish Relations in Georgian Cultural and Communicative Memory
Eliyana R. Adler (Penn State University)
Memory of Migrations: Integrating Tales of Central Asia in Memorial Books
Anna P. Ronell (Independent Scholar)
Dina Rubina: Growing Up Jewish In Tashkent
Chair: NN
- 5.30 pm** **Final Remarks**
- 6 pm** **Coffee Break**
- 7 pm** **ZOiS Forum**
30 Years of Post-Soviet Migration in Germany. A Life Between Worlds **DE**
Author Event with Olga Grjasnowa (Berlin)
Discussant: Britta Schneider (Viadrina European University in Frankfurt Oder)
Chair: Tsypylma Darieva (ZOIS, Berlin)
- 8.30 pm** **Reception**