

PROMOTIONSKOLLEG

# GEBROCHENE TRADITIONEN? JÜDISCHE LITERATUR, PHILOSOPHIE UND MUSIK IM NS-DEUTSCHLAND

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## Jewish politics and self-Awareness in Germany from the 1890s to 1938 (Workshop)

For early career researchers and advanced BA and MA students

The workshop will examine the political culture and self-awareness of the Jewish community in Germany from the late 19th century to the early years of the Nazi period. We will begin with an introductory discussion on modern Jewish historiography and present fundamental questions regarding the integration of Jews into the new European state during the era of emancipation. Following this, we will briefly review the history of Jews in Germany throughout the 19th century.

The main discussion will commence in the last decade of the 19th century, a period marked by accelerated political activity among German Jews with the establishment of the *Central-Verein deutscher Staatsbürger jüdischen Glaubens* (CV) in 1893 and the *Zionistische Vereinigung für Deutschland* (ZVfD) in 1897. We will introduce both organizations, their positions, and the debates between them under the German Empire, followed by a discussion on the changes in their activities and positions during World War I. We will then address the situation of Jews in Germany and the activities of their organizations during the Weimar Republic.

The second part of the workshop will focus on Jewish life in Germany during the early years of the Nazi regime, 1933–1938. We will describe the transformations in Jewish political culture under the Nazi dictatorship and the continued activities of Jewish political organizations during these years. We will address the establishment and activities of the *Reichsvertretung der Deutschen Juden*, highlight the role of the German-Jewish press during this period, and examine several position papers written by prominent Jewish figures of the time.

*The workshop will take place within the framework of the Research Training Group Broken Traditions? Jewish Literature, Philosophy, and Music in Nazi Germany. It will be led by Prof. Dr. Guy Miron and will additionally incorporate a session on archival work at Yad Vashem with Yael Robinson and Yuval Naor. Furthermore, the Research Training Group, including possible doctoral topics, will be presented by Prof. Dr. Kerstin Schoor, Prof. Dr. Christian Wiese, and Prof. Dr. Jascha Nemtsov.*

[www.gebrochene-traditionen.de](http://www.gebrochene-traditionen.de)

**Time:** December 11, 2024, 2.00pm–6.00pm  
December 12, 2024, 10.00am–7.30pm

**Venue:** Max Planck Institute for the History of Science  
Boltzmannstraße 22, Large conference room  
14195 Berlin

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# PROGRAM

DECEMBER 11, 2024

- 2.00pm      OPENING  
Welcome Remarks
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- 2.15pm      JEWISH POLITICS AND SELF-AWARENESS IN GERMANY FROM THE 1890S TO 1938  
Prof. Dr. Guy Miron (Open University of Israel / IIHR Yad Vashem)
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- 3.45pm      Coffee break
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- 4.15pm      JEWISH POLITICS AND SELF-AWARENESS IN GERMANY FROM THE 1890S TO 1938  
(CONTINUATION)  
Prof. Dr. Guy Miron (Open University of Israel / IIHR Yad Vashem)

DECEMBER 12, 2024

- 10.00am    PROMOTIONSMÖGLICHKEITEN IM PROMOTIONS-KOLLEG  
GEBROCHENE TRADITIONEN? JÜDISCHE LITERATUR, PHILOSOPHIE UND MUSIK  
IM NS-DEUTSCHLAND  
Prof. Dr. Kerstin Schoor (European University Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder)  
Prof. Dr. Christian Wiese (Goethe University Frankfurt/Main)  
Prof. Dr. Jascha Nemtsov (University of Music Franz Liszt Weimar)
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- 12.00pm    Lunch break
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- 12.45pm    JEWISH POLITICS AND SELF-AWARENESS IN GERMANY FROM THE 1890S TO 1938  
(CONTINUATION)  
Prof. Dr. Guy Miron (Open University of Israel / IIHR Yad Vashem)
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- 1.45pm      Coffee break
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- 2.00pm      INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHIVAL WORK AT YAD VASHEM  
Yael Robinson, Yuval Naor (Yad Vashem Archive)
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- 3.30pm      Coffee break
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- 3.45pm      FILM SCREENING (IN GERMAN)  
Es waren wirklich Sternstunden... Der Jüdische Kulturbund, 1933–1941  
(BR/SFB 1988, 90 min.)
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- 6.00pm      JEWS AND THE GERMAN NATURE UNDER THE NAZI REGIME –  
BETWEEN BELONGING AND EXCLUSION (PUBLIC EVENING LECTURE)  
Prof. Dr. Guy Miron (Open University of Israel / IIHR Yad Vashem)

## Participation and Registration

The workshop will be conducted in English and will include the reading of primary sources in German. Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. **Please register by November 30** to participate. Please send an email to [mkrueger@europa-uni.de](mailto:mkrueger@europa-uni.de) with the title of the event, your name and your university/institution (if applicable). For organizational reasons, participation in the workshop is only possible with confirmed registration. After the registration deadline, you will receive the confirmation of participation together with a preparatory reader.

The public evening lecture can be attended without participating in the workshop. Registration is not required.