Intertwined Worlds: The Judaeo-Islamic Tradition
11th – 13th September 2011
University of Cambridge

Organised by:
The Centre for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations, Woolf Institute
The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Centre of Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge

Location:
Days 1 & 2: Selwyn College, Grange Road, CB3 9DQ (Tel: +44(0)1223 335846)
Day 3: Lady Mitchel Hall, Sidgwick Site, CB3 9DA

DAY 1 – Sunday 11th September
Each session consists of three 20 minute papers or four 15 minute papers followed by discussion.

8.30-9.00 Registration and Refreshments (Diamond Room, Selwyn College)
9.00-9.30 Welcome and Introduction (Diamond Room)
Dr Yousef Meri
Dr Ed Kessler MBE and Dr Paul Anderson
Message from HRH Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal

9.30-11.00 Session 1: Historical Encounters I (Diamond Room)
Chair – Dr Paul Anderson
• Professor Norman Stillman (University of Oklahoma)
The academic study of Muslim-Jewish relations: from Wissenschaft des Judentums to contemporary Judaic, Islamic Studies, and Middle Eastern studies
• Professor Mohamed Hawary (Ain Shams University)
The Muslim Jewish relations in Fatimid Egypt (969-1171)
• Dr Amira Bennison (University of Cambridge)
Criteria for ‘submission’ (islam) in the Almohad Maghrib and al-Andalus, c. 1100-1200 CE?

11.00-11.30 Tea and Coffee Break (Diamond Room)

11.30-13.00 Session 2: Language and Linguistics (Diamond Room)
Chair – Dr Camilla Adang
• Dr María Angeles Gallego (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas)
The study of language: a shared knowledge of medieval Muslims and Jews
• Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner (Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit)
A matter of script? Arabic and Judaeo-Arabic in the Genizah Collections
• **Dr Amir Ashur** (Taylor-Schechter Genizah Research Unit)
  Protecting the wife’s rights in marriage as reflected in pre-nuptials and marriage contracts from the Cairo Genizah and parallel Arabic sources

13.00-14.30 **Lunch** (Dining Hall)

14.30-15.00 **Talk by Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks** (Diamond Room)
  (Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth)

15.00-16.30 **Session 3: Religion, Culture and Society I** (Diamond Room)
  Chair – Dr Shana Cohen
  • **Dr Aomar Boum** (University of Arizona)
    ‘Net-Intifada’: Moroccan youth, cyberspaces, and the Palestinian conflict
  • **Dinah Assouline Stillman** (University of Oklahoma)
    Muslim-Jewish relations in France through the lens of recent French cinema
  • **Dr Oren Kosansky** (Lewis & Clark College)
    Baraka and zekhut: points of contact and difference in Judaeo-Muslim pilgrimage
  • **Dr Marta Dominguez Diaz** (Woolf Institute)
    Dying the same way? A comparative perspective on Jewish and Muslim understandings of death

16.30-17.00 **Tea and Coffee Break** (Diamond Room)

17.00-18.30 **Session 4: Historical Encounters II** (Diamond Room)
  Chair – Dr Ed Kessler MBE
  • **Professor Asma Afsaruddin** (Indiana University)
    The upright community: interpreting the righteousness and salvation of the People of the Book in the Qur’an
  • **Dr Camilla Adang** (Tel Aviv University)
    A 15th century *fatwā* on Jewish and Christian oaths from the Islamic West
  • **Professor Sasson Somekh** (Tel Aviv University)
    Jews among Muslims in Baghdad (prior to 1950)

19.30-21.00 **Conference Dinner** (New SCR – invitation only)

**DAY 2 – Monday 12th September**

9.00-10.30 **Session 5: Intellectual Encounters** (Diamond Room)
  Chair – Dr Saeko Yazaki
  • **Professor Sarah Stroumsa** (Hebrew University)
    Correcting lenses: on the study of medieval Arabic intellectual history
  • **Dr Gregor Schwarb** (Free University of Berlin)
    Non-polemical intellectual encounters between Muslims and Jews
  • **Yuval Evri** (Tel Aviv University)
    Muslim-Jewish tradition in transition: ‘Golden-Age Sepharad’ translated into Palestine

10.30-11.00 **Tea and Coffee Break** (Diamond Room)
11.00-12.30  Session 6: Religion, Culture and Society II (Diamond Room)
Chair – Professor Yasir Suleiman CBE
• Dr Merav Rosenfeld-Haddad (University of Cambridge)
  When Judaism met Islam: the Arabo-Islamic culture reflected in the Jewish
  paraliturgical song of Arab-Jews
• Dr Ruth Frances Davis (University of Cambridge)
  Silences of the souks: songs of the Jewish Arab city of Tunis
• Professor Michael Laskier (Bar Ilan University)
  Convergence and divergence in Jewish-Muslim social interaction during the
  Middle Ages and the modern period: five central themes

12.30-13.30  Lunch (Dining Hall)

13.30-15.00  Roundtable Discussion I (Diamond Room)
Moderator – Dr Yousef Meri
  • Professor Asma Afsaruddin
  • Professor Mohamed Hawary
  • Dr Oren Kosansky
  • Professor Norman Stillman
  • Professor Sarah Stroumsa

15.00-15.30  Tea and Coffee Break (Diamond Room)

15.30-17.00  Roundtable Discussion II (Diamond Room)
Moderator – Dr Yousef Meri
  • Dr Aomar Boum
  • Dr Maria Angeles Gallego
  • Professor Michael Laskier
  • Professor Sasson Somekh

17.00-17.30  Final Analysis and Closing Remarks (Diamond Room)
Dr Yousef Meri and Dr Saeko Yazaki

19.00-20.30  Dinner (India House)
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DAY 3 – Tuesday 13th September
9.30-11.30  Film Session (Lady Mitchel Hall, Sidgwick Site)
  Dans la Vie (English title: Two Ladies) [73min]
  Synopsis: A paralysed Jewish old lady needs constant care but is difficult with her
  caregivers. She gets on well with her new Arab nurse however. When her son has to
  leave for a month, the nurse suggests her mother takes her in at her home despite
  the communal tensions during the 2006 Israeli-Lebanese war.
  Introduction and following discussion will be led by Dinah Stillman.

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