

CONFERENCE PLAN

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EUROPEAN JEWISH STUDIES AND THE CHALLENGE OF DIGITAL HUMANITIES

CENTRE FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN
JEWISH HISTORY RESEARCH,
THE FACULTY OF HISTORY,
VILNIUS UNIVERSITY



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DAY 1

MONDAY

9:00-9:15

Welcome · Universiteto g. 7 · Room 211

9:15-10:00

Keynote lecture

Irene Zwiep · Amsterdam University

Turn, turn, turn: methodological turns and the limits of the Humanities

10:00-10:30

Coffee break

10:30-12:00

Seeing (through) the text

Moderator · Tomasz M. Jankowski

Sergii Gurbych · Vilnius University

From handwriting to historical insight:
applying DH tools to Yiddish WWI memoirs
from Eastern Europe

Benjamin Schnabel · Technical University of Applied Sciences Mannheim

OCR correction in historical Jewish journals

Sinai Rusinek · Open University of Israel

Next AI frontiers for digital projects in Jewish Studies

12:00-13:30

Lunch break · Grey · Pilis g. 2

13:30-15:00

The Holocaust. New approaches, new challenges

Moderator · Sinai Rusinek

Justina Smalkyte · Sciences Po Paris

Urban neighborhoods as sites of persecution:
Mapping anti-Jewish repression in Vilnius,
summer 1941

Catriona Langenegger · University of Basel

Refugee care in Switzerland during World War II in the light of historical statistics and GIS

Aharona Rosenthal · University of Maryland,
Baltimore County

When the survivors are gone, will Siri speak
for them?

15:00-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:15

A view from above. Digitising collections Moderator · Sergii Gurbych

Jonah Lubin · Harvard University

Parker Robbins · University of Chicago

Sinai Rusinek · Open University of Israel

Frank Fischer · Freie Universität

Introducing YiDraCor: A TEI XML encoded corpus of Yiddish drama

Gadi Sagiv · Open University of Israel

Structuring the sacred: A Digital Humanities approach to hasidic stories (1814-1914)

Ina Pukelytė · Vytautas Magnus University

Esther-Rachel Kaminska theater museum digital collection

Yevhen Zakharchenko · Karazin Kharkiv

National University

'I survived the Nazis, I will survive the Rashists'. The World War II and the

Holocaust in the current Ukrainian discourse on the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian war

DAY 2

TUESDAY

9:00-10:30

Spatialising Jewish history

Moderator · Jurgita Verbickiene

Kseniya Tserashkova · Vilnius University

Darya Tselesh · Independent researcher

Mapping for local history projects: from archival document to user model

Marcin Wodziński · University of Wrocław
DH research on Hasidism

Tomasz M. Jankowski · Vilnius University

The transnational Jewish family? Spatial evidence from early-modern census data

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Curating the past for the future

Moderator · Marcin Wodziński

Anna Hirsh · Historian, museums and collections consultant

Fragments & Memories: The digital & analogue reinterpretation of a lost synagogue mural

Daniel Burckhardt · Moses Mendelssohn

Center for European-Jewish Studies

[Hi]stories of the German-Jewish diaspora:
A hybrid publication project

Simon Rabinovitch · Northeastern University

Teaching and Learning with the Jewish
Migration Project

12:30-14:00

Lunch break · Grey · Pilis g. 2

14:00-15:30

(In)Visible minorities

Moderator · Catrina Langenegger

Tim Buchen · University of Wrocław

Measuring a minority in a minority.

Leadership and success among Breslau's Jews
1850-1933

Victoria Gerasimova · University of Warsaw

Gaps in the map, maps in the narrative?

Jewish Representation on a digital cultural
map of Polish Lands, 1865-1914. Preliminary
findings of the Vademecum project

Saulė Valiūnaitė · Lithuanian Institute of History

In search of the under-researched. The case of
Vilna Yiddishist women

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

Closing discussion