

Jewish Cemeteries in Premodern Europe: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Universität Duisburg-Essen, Campus Essen, Glaspavillon
8–11 September 2024

SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Keynote Lecture (Alte Synagoge Essen)

18:00–18:30 Welcome

18:30–19:30 Carsten Wilke (Vienna)
Lapidary Exuberance: European Variations on the Baroque Style in Hebrew Inscriptions

19:30–21:00 Reception

MONDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Steinerne Zeugen digital: An Introduction

10:00–10:15 Lucia Raspe (Duisburg-Essen)
Research Program and Objectives

10:15–10:30 Mona Hess (Bamberg)
Digitisation Methods for Jewish Graveyards

10:30–11:00 Nicola Kramp-Seidel (Essen)
Introductory Remarks

11:00–11:30 Coffee

Material Evidence

11:30–13:00 Tobias Arera-Rütenik (Bamberg)
Formal Features of Gravestones and Possibilities of their Analysis

12:15–13:00 Vladimir Levin (Jerusalem):
The Phenomenon of Signed Tombstones in Central Europe: Networks and Mental Maps

13:00–14:30 Lunch

Recent Developments in Cemetery Documentation

14:30–15:15 Daniel Polakovič (Prague)
Returning Names to People. The Documentation of Jewish Cemeteries in the Czech Republic

15:15–16:00 Marcin Wodziński (Wrocław)
Researching Jewish Cemeteries in Poland: From Sepulchral Phonebooks to Quantitative Analysis

16:00–16:30 Coffee

The German Context

16:30–17:15 Ulrich Knufinke (Hannover/Braunschweig)
Jewish Cemeteries in the Focus of Monument Preservation since the Nineteenth Century

17:15–18:00 Christine Magin (Greifswald)
The German Epigraphy Project *Die Deutschen Inschriften des Mittelalters und der Frühen Neuzeit*: Objects – Sources – Methods

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Jewish Sepulchral Culture of the Middle Ages

10:00–10:45 Michael Brocke (Essen)
Elites of Different Status: Inscriptions from the Second Half of the Thirteenth Century in Search of their Author

10:45–11:30 Ortal-Paz Saar (Utrecht)
Emotions on Medieval Jewish Epitaphs

11:30–12:00 Coffee

12:00–12:45 Karin Sczech (Erfurt)
The Excavation of the Medieval Jewish Cemetery of Erfurt

12:45–14:00 Lunch

Text and Intertext

14:00–14:45 Nathanja Hüttenmeister (Essen)
Formula and Freedom: The Walsdorf Cemetery in Comparative Perspective

14:45–15:30 Avriel Bar-Levav (Ra'anana)
Tombstone Inscriptions and Jewish Textual Intimacy

15:30–16:00 Coffee

Settlement Patterns and Cemetery Network

16:00–16:45 Rotraud Ries (Herford)
Organization and Spatial Distribution – Early Modern Jewish Cemeteries in Southern and Northern Germany

16.45–17:30 Christiane E. Müller (Essen)
Cemeteries in the Duchy of Cleves and their Inscriptions: Levels of Belonging

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

Archival Sources

09:30–10:15 Inka Arroyo Antezana (Jerusalem)
Theodor Harburger's Private Collection for Epigraphers (with a Brief Overview of the CAHJP Holdings on Epigraphy)

10:15–11:00 Susanne Talabardon (Bamberg)
Labours of a Long Journey. The *Chevra Qadisha* in Bamberg and their Cemetery Far Away

11:00–11:30 Coffee

Jewish Cemeteries and the Larger Historical Picture

- 11:30–12:15 Rachel Greenblatt (Waltham, Mass.)
Cemetery & Synagogue; Women & Men: Prague Gravestones as Historical
Source Material
- 12:15–13:00 Debra Kaplan (Ramat-Gan)
Plotting Communal Hierarchies: Records of Jewish Death and Burial in Early
Modern Europe
- 13:00–13:30 Concluding Discussion
- 13:30–14:30 Lunch