Vienna and Thessaloniki. Two cities and their Jewish histories

Workshop: 24-26 February 2022
Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies

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Registration Zoom-Event: nathalie.patricia.soursos@univie.ac.at
Thursday, 24 February 2022

19:00 Meet & Greet and Welcome Dinner
Hotel Post: Fleischmarkt 24, 1010 Wien

Friday, 25 February 2022

9:00 Welcome
Christophe Erisman (Head of the Department of Modern Greek and Byzantine Studies)

9:15-9:30 Introduction
Dimitrios Varvaritis (University of Vienna)

9:30-11:00 Jewish Communities, Topographies and Spaces
Chair: Dimitrios Kousouris

Fellow Balkan Merchants - the Turkish-Israelite and the two Greek Communities of Vienna from 1718 until World War II
Anna Ransmayr (University of Vienna)

Viennese Jewish Spaces 1880-1930: A Relational Approach
Susanne Korbel (University of Graz)

Decentering the Centers: Reassessing the Role of Vienna and Thessaloniki in a Balkan Context
Fani Gargova (University of Vienna)

11:30-12:30 Viennese and Salonican Jewish memories
Chair: Vassiliki Dimoula

Greek-Jewish, Leftist and Women: Narrating the Experience of the Shoah
Eleni Beze (University of Thessaly)

Aftermath: Viennese and Salonikan Jews Interviewed by David Boder in 1946
Stefania Zezza (Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata)

14:00-15:00 Salonican Jewish Networks of Trade and War Relief
Chair: Maria Stassinopoulou

Salonica Jews in the Habsburg Empire, 1867-1918: A forgotten story
Lida Dodou (University of Vienna)

‘Trading with the Enemy’ Salonican Jews, Central Europe, and the Politics of Contraband Trade During the First World War
Paris Papamichos Chronakis (Royal Holloway University of London)
16:00 Keynote Lecture
Salonika, Vienna: Entangled Jewish Histories in the 20th Century
Rika Benveniste (University of Thessaly)

18:00 Dinner for Participants

Saturday, 26 February 2022

9:30-10:30 The Holocaust in Photography
Chair: Frank Stern

A “black” photo diary.
The Rare Photographic Material of the Young German Soldier
Werner Range on Black Saturday in Thessaloniki
(Andreas Assael’s Collection)
Maria Kavala (Aristotle University, Thessaloniki)

Photographs as Evidence in Court and Memorial Literature
Nathalie Soursos (University of Vienna)

11:00-12:00 Round Table
Frank Stern (University of Vienna)
Maria A. Stassinopoulou (University of Vienna)
Dimitrios Varvaritis (University of Vienna)

Location: Seminar Room, Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies,
Universitätszentrum UZA 1, Augasse 2-6, Kern A, 1090 Vienna, 3rd floor.
Workshop

Vienna and Thessaloniki are cities heavily laden with profound, diverse and heterogeneous Jewish pasts and histories. Their Jewish communities played crucial roles in the cultural, commercial and urban life of these cities as well as the wider imperial states to which they belonged. They have not however been studied in a comparative way. The international workshop “Vienna and Thessaloniki. Two cities and their Jewish histories” thus seeks to capture, and reflect on, the multiple ways in which the Jewish histories of these two multi-ethnic and multi-confessional cities are interconnected and entangled. By bringing together emerging and established scholars this workshop offers not only an opportunity for dialogue on these histories but also aims to provide greater visibility for them.

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