

**Schismatics, Heretics, and Religious Crisis: Frankism and the Turbulent 18th Century in East Central European Jewry.**

**SUMMER SCHOOL IN JEWISH STUDIES, OLOMOUC 2022**

**Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies (CJS), Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc**

**11-21 August 2022**



The summer school, intended primarily for graduate and undergraduate students of Jewish Studies and related study programmes, is aimed to heighten participants' knowledge about the dynamic quality of Jewish religious history, with a focus on early-modern Jewish heterodoxies. In particular, the course will concentrate on the topic of Sabbatean and post-Sabbatean movements.

**This summer school is supported by the European Association for Jewish Studies.**

**The summer school program:**

- consists of the intensive instruction in the morning and/or early afternoon, and cultural and social events in the afternoon and evening

- includes 35 instruction units (1 instruction unit = 45 minutes) + reading assignments = 6ECTS credits Europe
- instruction includes: lectures, seminars, practical teaching during the field trips
- cultural programme includes: guided tours in Olomouc and neighbourhood, excursions and trips to attractive destinations in the Czech Republic, cultural events in Olomouc and neighbourhood
- we are ready to help interested participants with their research in libraries and archives and with initiation of contacts with experts at Palacký University Olomouc or from other institutions.

Language of Instruction: English

### **Faculty (name and affiliation)**

Dr. Avishai Bar-Asher (Department of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Doc. Martin Elbel (Department of History, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc)

Dr. Hadar Feldman Samet (Department of Jewish History, Tel Aviv University, Mandel-Scholion Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Prof. Eli Lederhendler (Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Dr. Pawel Maciejko (Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore)

Doc. Pavel Sládek (Prague Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague)

Dr. Daniel Soukup (Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc)

Doc. Tamás Visi (Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc)

Dr. Ivana Cahová – coordinator (Head of Kurt and Ursula Schubert Center for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Palacký University Olomouc)

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### **Goals of the summer school:**

- The overall goal of the summer school is to heighten students' knowledge about the dynamic quality of Jewish religious history, with a focus on early-modern Jewish heterodoxies. In particular, the course will center on topic of Sabbatean and Post-Sabbatean Movements.
- Faculty have been selected with the goal of bringing together widely acknowledged experts in the relevant fields of study, so that the sophistication and quality of the course will be a defining feature.

- The field trips and off-campus lectures are intended to complement classroom instruction by anchoring gained knowledge in a specific geo-cultural milieu, where critical events took place and have left their trace in the local historical record.
- The exchange of knowledge will take place in a cross-cultural group of participants, both students and faculty, allowing for new and shared perspectives on Jewish Studies across borders, languages, and scholarly specialties. International learning encounters between university students and academics from the Czech Republic and other European countries, Israel and USA will enrich the experience for all concerned, hopefully stimulating new kinds of intellectual, cultural, and social interaction. In a more practical sense, an indirect goal of the internationalized course is to encourage student exchanges through the Erasmus framework. In particular, it is hoped that the intercultural experience will attract more international students to exchange programs in the Czech Republic.
- As a result of the course, international students should acquire a deeper appreciation for the East-Central European context of early modern Jewish history as well as the ongoing character of the Jewish communal, cultural, and scholarly presence in today's Europe.
- Czech students will benefit from close social and co-learning contact with their foreign peers, both with regard to Jewish Studies-related areas of common interest and with regard to Hebrew-language exposure.

**PROGRAM:**

**Thursday, August 11**

Arrival, registration, accommodation

Evening: Festive opening (Rector of Palacký University Olomouc, Chair of the Jewish Community Olomouc, Head of CJS, workshop leaders, programme presentation), reception at Jewish Community

**Friday, August 12**

Morning (9-12AM): Opening lecture Eli Lederhendler: "Jewish History and Society in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century"

Afternoon (2-5PM): Palacký University Olomouc, guided tour; Jewish Olomouc, guided tour

Evening: Jewish Community Olomouc, Shabbat celebration

**Saturday, August 13**

Morning (9-12AM): Jewish Community Olomouc, Shabbat celebration

Afternoon (4-6PM): Ololod' (boat trip, optional); alternative informal activity in Olomouc within walking distance

**Sunday, August 14**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Avishai Bar-Asher: "Messianism, Redemption and Soteriology: from Medieval Kabbalah to Early Modern Jewish Mysticism"

Afternoon (2-7PM): Field trip to Mikulov

**Monday, August 15**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Hadar Feldman Samet: "Cultural Crossings and Communal Confines: Sabbatianism in its Muslim Contexts, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries"

Afternoon (2-4PM): Palacký University Interactive Science Centre Olomouc, guided tour and screening in the planetarium

**Tuesday, August 16**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Pawel Maciejko: "The Portrait of the Kabbalist as a Young Man"

Afternoon (2-4PM): Memory of Nations Institute in Olomouc, guided tour

**Wednesday, August 17**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Tamás Visi: "Kabbalah and Popular Religion in Early Modern Moravia"

Afternoon (2-5PM): Seminar Pavel Sládek: "Was There a Crisis of Rabbinic Authority in The Early Modern Period?"

**Thursday, August 18**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Daniel Soukup: "Jewish Conversions to Catholicism in 17th and 18th Century Moravia and Bohemia"

Afternoon (2-6PM): Field trip to Holešov

**Friday, August 19**

Morning (9-12AM): Seminar Martin Elbel: "Heresy and Witchcraft in 17th and 18th Century Moravia"

Afternoon (3-5PM): Olomouc non-Jewish history, guided tour

Evening: Jewish Community Olomouc, Shabbat celebration, festive dinner

**Saturday, August 20**

Morning (9-12AM): Jewish Community Olomouc, Shabbat celebration

Afternoon (3-5PM): Conclusion; consultation (on demand)

Evening: Informal coffee in Cafe Library

**Sunday, August 21**

Departure