



“MOTHER-TONGUE AND FATHER-LAND. JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY”

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National identities are, by and large, based on the historical correspondence of homeland and language. However, this combination does not apply to diaspora communities, and especially not to Jews, whose identity was rooted for centuries in a displaced homeland and extended to different languages. The Jew who is considered a “guest” of other mother-tongues, fundamentally challenges the political and philosophical connections between language, identity, nation, and race, and especially the idea of an exclusive national community characterized by a national language and geographical sovereignty. On the occasion of the issue of “Azimuth. Philosophical Coordinates in Modern and Contemporary Thought,” this workshop, organized within the framework of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Project ‘HOME-LANG’ (grant agreement N° 101027857), will discuss the relationship between homeland, identity, and mother tongue in the context of contemporary Jewish thought.

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FEBRUARY 23

- 14.30 - 14.45 • **Libera Pisano**. Welcome and Introduction.

I SESSION

- 14.45 - 15.30 • **Yael Sela**, “Fashioning Biblical Poetry as a Diasporic Motherland in the Berlin Haskalah”. Respondent: **Yemima Hadad**
- 15.30 - 16.15 • **Vivian Liska**, “Derrida’s Appurtenances: A Footnote on Language and Belonging”. Respondent: **Philipp von Wussow**

BREAK • 16.15 - 16.30

II SESSION

- 16.30 - 17.15 • **Sabine Sander**, “Sprache als portables Mutterland? Rosenzweig und Wittgenstein über Möglichkeiten und Grenzen von Sprache”. Respondent: **Thomas Hainscho**
- 17.15 - 18.00 • **Lisa Block de Behar**, “‘Siempre el otro, siempre el mismo’. Sobre la igualdad diferente del ser judío y algunas obras literarias y cinematográficas que la representan”. Respondent: **Pablo Dreizik**

FEBRUARY 24

I SESSION

- 14.30 - 15.15 • **Philipp von Wussow**, “The Political Ideas of Otto Neurath. Science, Judaism, and the Rise of Expertocracy”. Respondent: **Vivian Liska**
- 15.15 - 16.00 • **Yemima Hadad**, “Gilgul of Meaning: Martin Buber on Vaterland and the Land of the Fathers”. Respondent: **Yael Sela**

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II SESSION

- 16.15 - 17.00 • **Thomas Hainscho**, “A Homeless Patriot: Fritz Mauthner’s Search for a Homeland in Language”. Respondent: **Sabine Sander**
- 17.00 - 17.45 • **Angy Cohen**, “Uncanny Belongings: an Essay About Language, Belonging and Colonialism in the Work of Jacqueline Shohet Kahanoff, Jacques Derrida and Albert Memmi”. Respondent: **Libera Pisano**
- 17.45 - 18.30 • **Pablo Dreizik**, “El lenguaje perdido de las liebres. Especismo y lengua Mausehln en la obra de Felix Salten, Sholem Yankel Abramovitsh y Bernard Malamud”. Respondents: **Angy Cohen and Lisa Block de Behar**

FINAL REMARKS • 18.30 - 19.00