



## Call for Applications

### Leo Baeck Summer University (LBSU) 2021 – Berlin

#### Sephardic History and Culture

July 05–16, 2021

Organized by

Selma Stern Zentrum für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg

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and the University of Potsdam

**Deadline for applications: January 15, 2021**

The Leo Baeck Summer University aims to lay the foundation for an international network of doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers in the interdisciplinary field of Jewish Studies. This year's focus will be on Sephardic history and culture.

For a variety of reasons, Sephardic Studies are still underrepresented at European universities. The LBSU of 2021 is therefore designed to connect European and Israeli PhD candidates in the field and aims to create new networks of scholarly exchange and cooperation. PhD students with projects from all epochs and all geographic areas between Iberia and the so-called Western and Eastern Sephardic Diasporas are encouraged to apply. Especially welcome are projects with historical approaches, be they from the fields of social, cultural or religious history, literary studies or the history of knowledge and ideas. We will invite ten participants to present their projects and discuss new approaches to the field with renowned scholars from Europe, Israel, and the United States.

Our two-week program includes guest lectures, seminar-style discussions, as well as an excursion to Hamburg. Participants are required to present and discuss their own research projects.

In case of travel restrictions, the program will be conducted online.

#### **Team:**

Academic directors are Prof. Sina Rauschenbach and Prof. Carsten Schapkow from the Institute for Jewish Studies and Religious Studies, University of Potsdam. They will be

supported by an international team of experts in Sephardic history, philosophy, literature, and religion.

**Executive Manager:** Adina Stern

**Application requirements:**

The program is open to doctoral students, postdocs, and in exceptional cases master's program students shortly before completion of their degree.

**Application documents:**

Please send your application documents as a pdf-file to [info@lbsu.de](mailto:info@lbsu.de) by **January 15, 2021**.

Complete applications include:

- Completed application form: [www.selma-stern-zentrum.de/projekte/lbsu](http://www.selma-stern-zentrum.de/projekte/lbsu)
- Copy of passport / identity card
- Brief description of project proposal (max. 2 pages) – please provide a maximum of ten book titles in your bibliography
- Academic résumé (maximum 2 pages, including publications list)
- Letter of recommendation by a university instructor (should be sent separately as a pdf-file to [info@lbsu.de](mailto:info@lbsu.de) by **January 15, 2021**)

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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**Participation fee:**

€300,00 for administration, meals, refreshments, and excursion expenses.

Participants from outside Berlin will be provided a contribution of max. €200,00 to their travel expenses.

**Schedule:**

Application deadline: January 15, 2021

Decisions will be announced by February 15, 2021

Submission of a discussion paper: June 1, 2021

Summer school dates: July 05–16, 2021

**In cooperation with:**

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