



Spanish-German Academic Conversations 2025

Purity of Blood

Travelling Concepts and Local Practices in the Early Modern Iberian World

Organization:

Peter Burschel (HAB, Göttingen University) and Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam University, ZJS, FXS)

Tentative Program

Monday, November 3, 2025

Greetings and Introduction

14:00-14:30 Jaime de Salas (FXS), Peter Burschel (HAB), and Sina Rauschenbach (ZJS):
Welcome and Greetings

14:30-15:00 Peter Burschel (HAB, Göttingen University) and Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam University, ZJS, FXS):
Introduction

Panel 1: Purity in the Making

Chair: Sina Rauschenbach

15:00-15:45 Nikolas Jaspert (Heidelberg University):
Slaves and Jews. Ethno-Biological Fashioning in the Late Medieval Iberian Empires

15:45-16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15-17:00 Bernhard Holl (Paderborn University, ZJS):
Theological Concepts Travelling through Time: Heresy and Figuration as Repurposed Arguments in the Converso Debate

Public Lecture

Chair: Peter Burschel

18:00-19:30 Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (Center for Research on Antisemitism, TU Berlin, ZJS):
Missing Links: How Religion and Race Found their Way into Modernity

19:30 RECEPTION



Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Panel 2: The Friars and the Church

Chair: Adem Muzaffer Erol (Potsdam University, ZJS)

- 09:30-10:15 Rosa Vidal Doval (Oxford University):
Conversos, Heresy, and Canon Law
- 10:15-11:00 Moisés Orfali (Universidad de las Islas Baleares, Bar Ilan University):
The Apostolic See's Attitudes to the Issue of Purity of Blood
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:15 Axel Kaplan-Szyld (Instituto Cervantes, Alcalá de Henares, Potsdam University):
Faith Over Blood: Dominican Arguments and Debates amid the Formation of Blood Purity Statutes in Sixteenth-Century Spain
- 12:15-13:00 Ana Isabel Lopez Salazar Codes (Universidad Complutense, Madrid):
Ecclesiastical Structures and Purity of Blood in Portugal in the Early Modern Age: From Regulation to Social Practice
- 13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

Panel 3: Convers@s and Castas

Chair: Peter Burschel

- 14:30-15:15 Astrid Windus (Siegen University):
Negotiating Purity: Blood, Race, and Devotion in Andean Texts and Images of the Colonial Period
- 15:15-16:00 Claude B. Stuczynski (Bar Ilan University):
Reconsidering the Conversos and Purity of Blood Exclusion of "Despised Others": From a System of Overarching Exclusion to a Specific anti-Jewish Argumentation
- 16:00-16:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 16:30-17:15 Sarah Albiez-Wieck (Münster University):
Categorizing Mestiz@s in the Early Modern Americas
- 18:30 CONFERENCE DINNER



Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Panel 4: Conversos and Moriscos

Chair: Sina Rauschenbach

- 09:30-10:15 Tanja Zakrzewski (Potsdam University):
Tainted yet Honourable? How Purity of Blood and Concepts of
Honour Intermingle
- 10:15-10:30 SHORT COFFEE BREAK
- 10:30-11:15 Karoline P. Cook (Royal Holloway University of London):
Acquiring Purity through Royal Ancestry: Genealogical Arguments
for Limpieza Made by Indigenous and Morisco Descendants of
Former Ruling Families, 1560-1640

Conclusion

- 11:15-12:00 Peter Burschel and Sina Rauschenbach:
Final Discussion and Farewell

Conference Report:

Sherien Fütterer (Göttingen University)