

# WORKSHOP

## GASTPROFESSUR WISSENSCHAFT UND JUDENTUM

### KABBALAH AND SCIENCE IN MODERN JEWISH CULTURE

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#### **MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

10:15-10:30 am Opening Remarks: Andreas Kilcher and David Ruderman

#### **Jewish and Christian Kabbalah and Early Modern Science: Three Case Studies**

- 10:30-11:00 am Saverio Campanini (Paris): Experimental Science and Kabbalah in the Works of Francesco Giorgio (1466-1540)
- 11:00-11:30 am J. H. (Yossi) Chajes (Haifa): Kabbalah and the Diagrammatic Phase of the Scientific Revolution
- 11:30-12:00 am Gerold Necker (Halle): The Trial of Joseph Delmedigo's Writings on Kabbalah and Science in Amsterdam, 1629
- 12:00-12:45 pm Response and Discussion  
Chair and Commentator: Andreas Kilcher (Zurich)

#### **Kabbalah and Science in the Age of the Enlightenment and its Aftermath I**

- 2:15-2:45 pm Yitzhak Melamed (Baltimore): ›Sefer ha-Brit‹, Salomon Maimon, Kant, and the Authority of Reason
- 2:45-3:15 pm David Ruderman (Philadelphia/Zurich): Why Should a Kabbalist Care About the Natural World? The Meaning of Scientific Knowledge for Pinhas Hurwitz
- 3:15-3:45 pm Resianne Fontaine (Amsterdam): Why Maimonides Was Wrong: Prophecy and Philosophy in Hurwitz's Sefer ha-Brit
- 3:45-4:30 pm Response and Discussion  
Chair and Commentator: Yossi Schwartz (Tel Aviv)

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

#### **Kabbalah and Science in the Age of the Enlightenment and its Aftermath II**

- 10:00-10:30 am Elke Morlok (Heidelberg): Twin Sisters or Rivals? Isaac Satanow on Kabbalah and Science
- 10:30-11:00 am Maoz Kahana (Jerusalem): Science, Magic and Kabbala in Hatam Sofer's Inner World
- 11:00-11:30 am Christoph Schulte (Potsdam): Kabbalists at the University: Seckel Löb Wormser, Isaac Bernays, Meyer Hirsch Landauer and their Attitude towards Philosophy, Science and German Bildung
- 11:30-12:15 pm Response and Discussion  
Chair and Commentator: Shmuel Feiner (Bar Ilan/Frankfurt)
- 12:15 pm Roundtable: Concluding Remarks

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