



Workshop

THE MODE[S] OF MUSAR

FROM ANCIENT

TO *CONTEMPORARY*

DISCOURSE

Tuesday, October 17 – Thursday, October 19, 2023

Institute for Jewish Philosophy and Religion
University of Hamburg
Jungiusstrasse 11C, 20355 Hamburg
Room C 319 (3rd floor)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

14.30 – 15.00

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Patrick B. Koch and Ilaria Briata (Universität Hamburg)

15.00 – 16.00

PANEL I – Musar and Early Modern Kabbalah

Meir Poppers' Or Tsadiqim/Or ha-Yashar:

The Multiplicities of a Lurianic Manual

Avinoam Stillman (Freie Universität Berlin)

16.00 – 16.30

COFFEE BREAK

16.30 – 18.30

PANEL II – Musar and Medieval Kabbalah

“Mission to Call the Righteous to Repentance:”

On the Characterization of Sefer ha-Zohar as a Moralistic Project

Jeremy Philip Brown (University of Notre Dame)

Sensing the Law – Sensual Experience and Religious Observance

Anna Sierka (Tel Aviv University)

18.30

DINNER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

10.00–12.00

PANEL III – Musar in Yiddish

Between Tradition, Pietism, and Haskalah: Education Reform in Eighteen-Century Musar Writings

Avi Siluk (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)

How to Educate Your Sons: Musar in the Mayse Bukh

Ruth von Bernuth (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

12.00 – 12.30

COFFEE BREAK

12.30 – 13.30

PANEL IV – Digital Approaches to Musar

Identifying Particularistic Trends in Musar Literature: A Digital Approach

Isaac Hershkovitz (Bar-Ilan University)

13.30 – 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 – 16.30

PANEL V – Musar in Judeo-Arabic and Ladino

MS Bodley Or. 469, Bodleian Library, Oxford: A Repository of Two Judeo-Arabic Musar Texts

David Torollo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

“De kada koza de este kuento hay ke ambezar kokhma y musar:”

Exploring Sephardic Literary Encounters in the 19th-Century Mediterranean

Francesca Valentina Diana (University of Pisa)

16.30 – 17.00

COFFEE BREAK

17.00 – 18.00

PANEL VI – Musar and Rabbinic Literature

Between Identity and Ethics – Musar and Morality in Seder Eliyahu in Comparison to Other Rabbinic Texts

Lennart Lehmhaus (Universität Tübingen)

18.30

DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

10.00 – 11.00

PANEL VII – Musar and the Bible

The Morality of God: Biblical Perspectives

Ariel Seri-Levi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

11.00 – 11.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 12.00

FINAL DISCUSSION



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