

About the conference

Polish-Jewish and Czech-Jewish history are often seen as following two different lines of narrative. While historians of Bohemian and Moravian Jews tend to focus on the impact of Austrian-Jewish and German-Jewish history and tend to see Bohemian and Moravian Jews as part of west European or at least central European Jewry, historians generally associate Polish Jews with the east European Jewish experience. Both of those popular images of Czech-Jewish and Polish-Jewish history are gross over-simplifications, obscuring many shared aspects of Jewish history in these regions.

The Prague conference on 29–30 October 2014 aims to bring together scholars who specialize in the history of the Jews of Poland and/or the Bohemian Lands, in order to discuss shared topics, the current state of research, and the differences and similarities in their approaches and results.

The conference will be divided into five panels considering key topics of the history of the Jews of both regions. These topics have been chosen to cover the major aspects of the Jewish experience and to compare research on these topics in both of the histories.

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WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER

10:00 Welcome

Keynote speech by Hillel Kieval: Czech-Jewish and Polish-Jewish History: Possibilities for a New Paradigm

PANEL I

Early Modern Period

11:00-13:00

Chair: Moshe Rosman

Two introductory papers

Adam Kaźmierczyk: Poland-Lithuania

Rachel Greenblatt: The Bohemian Lands

Two project presentations

Cornelia Aust, *Jewish Appearances and Their Perceptions in Early Modern Poland*

Pavel Sládek, *The Networking of Ashkenazi Rabbis, c.1560–c.1620: Italy, the Bohemian Lands, and Poland*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

PANEL II

Demography and Migration

14:00-16:00

Chair: Hillel Kieval

Two introductory papers

Shaul Stampfer: Poland–Lithuania

Michael L. Miller: The Bohemian Lands

Two project presentations

Jurgita Verbickienė, *Where Did the Jews of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania Live in the Second Half of the 18th Century? The Development of a Network of Communities*

Michal Frankl, *Refugees, loyalty, and a nation-state under Construction: Jewish Refugees in the Bohemian Lands during and after the First World War*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

PANEL III

Gender and Family

16:30 – 18:30

Chair: Shaul Stampfer

Two introductory papers

Moshe Rosman: Poland–Lithuania

Martina Niedhammer: The Bohemian Lands

Two project presentations

Tsippi Kauffmann, *An Aberration of Nature: Temerel, a Woman Hasid*

Verena Kasper-Marienberg, *Socio-Economic Profiles of Jewish Families in Rural Bohemia: The Kauder Family in Hluboká nad Vltavou (Frauenberg) in the 17th and 18th Century*

19:00 Dinner

(and the option of a postprandial walk to Prague Castle)

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER

PANEL IV

Concepts of Modernity and Identity

9:00 – 11:00

Chair: Anne-Christin Saß

Two introductory papers

Marcin Wodziński: Poland

Ines Koeltzsch: The Bohemian Lands

Two project presentations

Rachel Manekin, *Resisting the Bohemian Model: The Galician Jewish Struggle against a Uniform Modernization Path*

Louise Hecht, *Christian Printers as Agents of Jewish Modernization? Jewish/Hebrew Printing Houses in Prague, Brno, and Vienna, 1780–1820*

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

PANEL V

Postwar Period

11:30- 13:30

Chair: Gertrud Pickhan

Two introductory lectures

Michael Meng: Poland

Kateřina Čapková: The Bohemian Lands

Two project presentations

Agnieszka W. Wierzcholska, *'Our People's Motherland': The Jewish Social and Cultural Society (TSKŻ) in Postwar Poland from a Local Perspective*

Sarah Cramsey, *'The Most Significant Spot in Europe': How 130,000 Jews and the Ethnic Revolution came to Náchod, Czechoslovakia, in 1946*

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 Concluding discussion

16:00-18:00 Tour of the Jewish Museum in Prague (optional)