



**A KEY TO THE SOUL: PHILOSOPHICAL KNOWLEDGE, SPIRITUAL LIFE, AND RELIGIOUS  
IDENTITY IN MEDIEVAL JUDAISM (1250–1600)**

Workshop organized by the Department for the Study of Ancient and Medieval Thought,  
Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences,  
and the Prague Centre for Jewish Studies, Faculty of Arts, Charles University  
at the Academic Conference Centre, Jilská 1, Prague

**Programme**

**Monday, 12 June 2017**

9–9.15am

Welcome

9.15–10am

Yehuda Halper (Bar-Ilan University)

*The War within the Soul: Law and Passion from Plato to Maimonides*

10–10.45am

Shalom Sadik (Ben Gurion University in the Negev)

*Pupils of Aristotle and the Prophets – The Religious Passion of the Radical Jewish Philosophers*

10.45–11am COFFEE BREAK

11–11.45am

Yossef Schwartz (Tel Aviv University)

*The Arabic and Latin Sources of Thirteenth-Century Jewish Discussion of the Soul*

11.45–1.30pm LUNCH BREAK

1.30–2.15pm

Tamás Visi (Palacký University, Olomouc)

*The Reception of Averroes' Natural Philosophy in Fifteenth-Century Prague*

2.15–3pm

Michael Engel (Universität Hamburg)

*Jewish Averroist and Latin Scholastic Sources in Elijah Del Medigo's Treatise on the Human Soul*

3–3.15pm TEA BREAK

3.15–4pm

Milan Žonca (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences)

*The Soul in Philosophical Critique of Kabbalah in Late-Medieval Ashkenaz*

4–4.45pm

Moses Lapin (Hebrew University)

*Plato in Provence, The Republic amongst Jewish Aristotelians*

## **Tuesday, 13 June 2017**

9–9.45am

Štěpán Lisý (University of Pardubice)

*The Link Between Practices and Beliefs in Medieval Jewish Thought*

9.45–10.30am

Ofer Elior (Hebrew University)

*The Power of the Intellect; the Power of Women: A Thirteenth-Century Philosophical Discussion*

10.30–10.45 COFFEE BREAK

10.45–11.30am

Hagar Kahana-Smilansky (Hebrew University)

*Two Discordant Programs in Bet ha-Elohim (1306?) by Solomon ben Moses Melguiri*

11.30am–12.15pm

Israel M. Sandman (University College London)

*The Rationalistic Spiritualities of Isaac Israeli and Samuel ibn Matut, Two 14<sup>th</sup>-Century Castilian Rabbis*

12.15–1.45pm LUNCH BREAK

1.45–2.30pm

Roslyn Weiss (Lehigh University)

*“Yet the Truth is More Beloved”: Crescas and Maimonides; Maimonides and the Sages*

2.30–3.15pm

Shira Weiss (Yeshiva University)

*Philosophical Inquiry in Joseph Albo’s Book of Principles*

3.15–3.30pm TEA BREAK

3.30–4pm

Final Discussion