

Gender, Sexual Nationalism, Antisemitism and Orientalism in European Identity Discourses

**First Workshop, May 30 – June 1, 2013, Maastricht University (NL),
Grote Gracht 80-82, Room 0.001**

Outline of the Conference Topic

Taking our lead from new theoretical perspectives on “sexual nationalism,” neo-Orientalism and contemporary body politics, this workshop will start with a discussion of current debates about the comparability of Antisemitism and “Islamophobia.” Secondly, it will concentrate on historical constructions of Jewish identity from the perspective of colonialism and Orientalism. How did the stereotypes of the external and the internal Other intertwine? What role did/do gender and processes of sexualization and ‘aesthetic formations’ play therein? The first workshop aims at a state-of-the-art overview of gender and postcolonial studies approaches to intersections of new and old Orientalism, pre-Shoa Antisemitism, and the ambivalent trope of an ‘inner Orient,’ as can be seen, for example, in the figure of the “beautiful Jewess.”

Format

The workshops’ format aims to foster intensive exchange, development of the network, getting in contact, learning from each other, comparing the different case studies, historical fields, and methodological approaches, and strengthening common ground and goals. Every speaker has 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for direct questions and remarks. Afterwards, we will have a plenary discussion about each unit. In the program you’ll find the ‘respondent’ function. Since we do not have time for elaborate responses, the ‘respondents’ will formulate some questions and add remarks about the session to create a reflective form of communication. Only the starting session on Thursday will be public.

Program & Schedule

Thursday, May 30, 2013

14:30-15:30 Registration and Coffee

15:30- 16:00 **Ulrike Brunotte** (Maastricht) *Welcome and Introduction*

Session A, Chair: Ulrike Brunotte, Respondent: Jay Geller

16:00-16:30 **Juliane Wetzel** (Berlin): *Towards a comparability of Antisemitism and Islamophobia*

16:30-17:00 **Achim Rohde** (Marburg): *Inner Orient: Antisemitism and the (Self-)Orientalization of the (German) Jews*

17:00-17:30 **Axel Stähler** (Kent, UK): *Constructions of Jewish Identity and the Spectre of Colonialism*

17:30 -18:15 Respondent's comments, open discussion

20:00 Dinner in La Rilette, St. Pieterstraat 54

Friday, May 31, 2013

Session B, Chair/Respondent: Christina Spaeti (Zürich)

9:15-9:45 **Anna-Dorothea Ludewig** (Potsdam): *“Alle diese orientalischen Gestalten aber übertreffen die Frauen unseres traurigen und gemeinen Abendlandes”* Das Bild der Jüdin in der europäischen Literatur des 19. und beginnenden 20. Jahrhunderts

9:45-10:15 **Stefanie Schüler-Springorum** (Berlin): *Was wir alles nicht wissen. Deutsch-jüdische Geschlechtergeschichte im langen 19. Jahrhundert*

10:15- 10:45 Respondent's comments, discussion

10:45-11:00 Coffee

Chair: Christina Spaeti, Respondent: Claudia Bruns (Berlin)

11:00-11:30 **Tatjana Petzer** (Berlin/Zürich): *Schleier in Aktion. Der Oriental Turn in Mode und Kunst*

11:30-12:00 **Sarah Dornhof** (Frankfurt/Oder): *Verkörperter Protest: Die Wiederkehr orientalistischer Klischees in gegenwärtiger visueller Protestkultur*

12:00-12:30 **Christina von Braun** (Berlin): *To see or not to see. Auge und Geschlecht in der jüdischen, christlichen und muslimischen Kultur*

12:30- 13:00 Respondent's comments, discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

Chair/Respondent: Susanne Enderwitz, Respondent: Daniel Wildmann

14:00-14:30 **Claudia Bruns** (Berlin): *Interrelationen zwischen Rassismus, Antisemitismus und Orientalismus um 1900*

14:30-15:00 **Jan den Hond** (Amsterdam): *Dutch Orientalism*

15:00-15:30 Respondent's comments, discussion

15:30-15:45 Coffee

Chair: Susanne Enderwitz, Respondent: Willy Jansen

15:45-16:15 **Patricia Plummer** (Duisburg/Essen): *Imperial Desire. Homoeroticism, Colonial Contact*

16:15-16:45 **Paul Mepschen** (Amsterdam): *Sexual Nationalism, Homophobia, Orientalism and Citizenship*

16:45- 17:15 **Ofer Nur** (Tel Aviv): *The contours of softer masculinity during the macho period of Zionism: Hashomer Hatzair in the 1920s*

17:15-17:30 Coffee

17:30-18:00 Respondent's comments, discussion

Dinner

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Chairs: Ulrike Brunotte/Achim Rohde (Berlin Network-Partners)

9:45-10:15 Open Discussion zum Netzwerk, Struktur, finanzielle Möglichkeiten, Planung des nächsten Workshops, COST-application etc.

Chair: Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Respondents: Tatjana Petzer and Anna-Dorothea Ludewig

10:15-10:45 **Jay Geller** (USA, Vanderbilt): *Kafkas "Schakale und Araber": Gleichnis, Tiergeschichte, dialektisches Bild?*

10:45-11:15 **Willy Jansen** (NL, Nijmegen): *Entangled Histories: Radboud Researchers on European and Middle Eastern Identity Discourses on Gender and Sexuality*

11:15-11:45 **Daniel Wildmann** (UK, London): *Der Blick der Jüdin: Eros und Tod in Paul Wegeners Film Der Golem (1920)*

11:45-12:30 Respondent's comments, discussion

12:30 Lunch break, end of the workshop