



"Marori", Brother Haggadah, British Library MS Or 1404, f. 18r (detail)



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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

## A Jewish Model of Devolution? The Inheritance in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Mediterranean Societies

Conveners: **Javier Castaño** (ILC-CSIC) and **Michaël Gasperoni** (CRM-CNRS)

**11-12 April 2018**  
Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, CSIC

While much attention has been paid over the past two decades to the history of the Jewish family, patrimonial devolution has never been systematically studied. Because of the complexity and multiplicity of its dimensions (legal, socio-economic, cultural, religious, anthropological), inheritance can be considered a key to our understanding of the phenomena of social reproduction and of the functioning of Jewish societies. The multiplicity of Jewish origins and identities probably had a significant impact on the practices of patrimonial devolution, which we propose to study from different angles and in different context over the long term. This is the third workshop in a series dealing with the definition of a Jewish model of devolution in medieval and modern Jewish societies, after a first workshop held at the Université Paris-Est Créteil Val-de-Marne and a second one at the École Française de Rome.

**Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

**Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, CSIC, room 1C28**

**9:00, Presentation**

**9:15-10:45, Panel 1: Jewish Women and Their Families (chair: Javier Castaño)**

Sarah Fargeon (EPHE, Paris), *Names and Families According to the Cairo Genizah Documents*

Asunción Blasco (Universidad de Zaragoza), *"Yours and Mine:" The Arbitral Compromise previous to the Ketubbah, Dowry's Guarantee among Aragonese Jews in the Fifteenth Century*

**10:45-11:00, Coffee Break**

**11:00-13:15, Panel 2: Between Christian and Jewish Law (chair: Pierre Savy)**

Chloë Bonnet (Université de Perpignan Via Domitia), *From Hebrew to Latin: Jewish Communities and Transmission of Inheritance in the Crown of Aragon (Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries)*

Alessandra Veronese (Università di Pisa), *Patterns of Inheritance among Italian Jews in the Late Middle Ages: Some Examples from Central Italy*

Javier Castaño (ILC-CSIC), *A Treasure Trove of Jewish Documents from Fifteenth-Century Portugal Concerning Orphans' Inheritance*

**13:15-14:45, Lunch**

**14:45-16:15, Panel 3: Dowries and Patterns of Inheritance (chair: Michaël Gasperoni)**

Irene Llop Jordana (Universitat de Vic), *Matrimonial Strategies and Dowry in the Jewish community of Vic: The Case of the Mallorca family (Thirteenth-Fourteenth Centuries)*

Mafalda Toniuzzi (Università di Pisa), *Inheritance in an Important Family of Jewish Bankers: The Case of Da Camerinos*

**16:15-16:30, Coffee Break**

**16:30-18:45, Panel 4: Inheritance and Conversion (chair: Isabelle Poutrin)**

Marina Girona Berenguer (ILC-CSIC), *Looking Back at the "Times of the Jews": A Judicial Interrogation among Neophytes Concerning Jewish Local Customs on Devolution (Castile, 1500)*

Capucine Nemo-Pekelman (Université Paris Nanterre), *Instability Among Jews for Preventing Conversions*

Dora Zsom (Eötvös Loránd University-ELTE, Budapest), *On the Inheritance of Converts in the Responsa from the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries*

**21:00, Dinner**

**Thursday, 12 April 2018**

**Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, CSIC, room 1C28**

**9:30-12:00, Panel 5: Jews and Devolution in Western Mediterranean European Societies.**

Claude Denjean (Université de Perpignan Via Domitia), *Entre droit latin et droit hébraïque: les familles juives et leurs filles (fin XIII<sup>e</sup>, début XIV<sup>e</sup> siècle)*

Michaël Gasperoni (CRM-CNRS), Isabelle Poutrin (Université de Reims Champagne-Ardenne), Pierre Savy (École Française de Rome), and Javier Castaño (ILC-CSIC), *A Concluding Roundtable: Kinship, Family, and Inheritance. Is There a "Jewish" Model of Devolution?*