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Sunday, 12 February 2017
Venue: The Hebrew University, Beit Maainsdorf, Room 501
16.00 Opening Remarks and Greetings
Prof. Shmuel Feiner
Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky
Prof. Dr. Christian Wiese
Dr. Martin Hauger
16.30-18.00 Mutual Readings
Chair: Dr. Debra Kaplan
Prof. Dean Philipp Bell - The Impact of the Reformation on Early Modern German Jewry: Politics, Community, and Religion
Dr. Alexandra Zirkle - Beyond Counter-Narrative: Jewish-Protestant Dialogue Revisited
Clemens Schmidt, MA - History as Affirmation and Mission: Three Protestant Readings of the Jewish Diasporic Experience, 1706-1819
19.00 Keynote Lecture
Chair: Prof. Christian Wiese
Prof. Susannah Heschel - Is God a Virgin? Theological Benefits and Problems in the Protestant-Jewish Relationship
Monday, 13 February 2017
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Busetenai St.
9.00 Gathering
9.30-11.00 Jewish Perspectives on the Reformation
Chair: Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon
Dr. Marketa Kaburkova - Echoes of Christian Reformation Movements in Early Modern Jewish Writings
Dr. George Y. Kohler - A Return to Judaism? - Luther’s Reformation of Christianity in the Eyes of the First Reform Rabbis
Dr. Yaniv Feller - The First Reformer of the Church? Leo Baeck on the Marcionite Origins of Protestantism
11.30-13.30 Missionary Activity
Chair: Dr. Miriam Rüup
Dr. Alexander van der Haven - Predestination and Toleration: The Sole Persecution of Jews in the Dutch Republic in the Context of Calvinist Debates about Free Will
Dr. Doron Avraham - German Pietism and the Jews: Between Luther’s Reformation and the Enlightenment
Prof. Yaakov Ariel - New Modes of Protestant Interactions with the Jews: The Rise of Pietist and Evangelical Missions
Prof. Agnieszka Jagodzińska - Converted to Modernity? The Impact of the Missions of the London Society on Polish Jews
15.00-16.00 Conversion and Anti-Conversion
Chair: Prof. Tamar Herzig
Ahuva Liberles, M.A. - 'Like a Journey to a Distant Land': Considering Conversion in Late Medieval Germany
Dr. Astrid Schweighofer - "[...] That I have quite a Protestant Point of View" (Lise Meitner) - Conversions from Judaism to Protestantism in Fin de Siècle Vienna on the Example of Egon Friedell and Lise Meitner and their Engagement with Liberal Protestant Theology
16.30-18.00 Eastern Europe
Chair: Dr. Judith Kalik
Dr. Anat Vatutri - Beyond Theology? Everyday Encounters between Jews and Protestants in Early Modern Cracow
Prof. Dr. Yvonne Kleinmann - A Microhistory of Conversion: Interactions between Catholics, Jews and Protestants in 18th-Century Rzeszów
Dr. Johannes Gleixner - Standard Bearers of Hussitism or Agents of Germanization? Czech Jews and Protestants Competing and Cooperating for the Religion of the Future 1899-1918
Tuesday, 14 February 2017
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Busetenai St.
8.45 Gathering
9.00-10.30 Jewish-Protestant Relations and Influences in Music, Theatre and Literature
Chair: Prof. Galili Shahar
Tuvia Singer, MA - The Wandering Jew as a Cosmological Figure in Protestant, Catholic and non-Confessional Use
Dr. Sarit Cofman Simhon - Lessing and Wolfsohn: Representing Interfaith Marriage in German Theatre during the Enlightenment
Dr. Lars Fischer - Bach and the Jews
11.00-12.30 Hebraism and the Science of Judaism
Chair: Dr. Aya Elyada
Dr. Ofri Ilany - 'Der Gott Jakobs ist unser Schutz!': German Nationalism and the Old Testament God
Dr. Golda Akhiezer - Protestant Hebraism, the Study of Jewish Sects and Wissenschaft des Judentums
Prof. Walter Homolka - Jewish and Protestant Jesus Research: Striving for Origins and Authenticity
14.00-15.30 In the Shadow of Racism and Fascism
Chair: Dr. Scott Ury
Dr. Dirk Schuster - Protestantism and Racial Boundaries: Jews, "Aryans" and Divine Salvation at the German Christian Church Movement
Dr. Hansjorg Buss - The Reception and Instrumentalization of Martin Luther’s "Judenschriften" in the “Third Reich”
Prof. Kyle Jantzen - Nazi Racism, American Antisemitism, and Christian Duty: U.S. Protestant Responses to the Jewish Refugee Crisis of 1938
16.00-18.00 Jewish-Protestant Relations after the Holocaust
Chair: Dr. Barbara Meyer
Prof. Christian Wiese - Traces of the Encounter with Martin Buber in Paul Tillich’s Writings on Judaism and the “Jewish Question” after World War II
Prof. Ursula Rudnick - The Long Way of the European Lutheran Churches toward a Condemnation of Luther’s Antisemitism and a Re-Definition of Lutheran-Jewish-Relations
Dr. des. Irene Aue-Ben-David - Josel von Rosheim meets Martin Luther in 1950. On the Reception of Selma Stern’s Josel of Rosheim in Germany
Prof. Dr. Johannes Becke / Dr. Jenny Hestermann - German Guilt and Hebrew Redemption: Aktion Sühnezeichen and the Legacy of Protestant Philo-Zionism
18.00 Closing Remarks of the conference
19.30 Public Event in Hebrew
Luther, Bach and the Jews
Venue: Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research, 20 Radak St.
With: Prof. Guy Miron, Prof. Shmuel Feiner, Dr. Aya Elyada, Dr. Lars Fischer, Prof. Ruth HaCohen, Prof. Moshe Sluhovsky, David Witzthum