REVISITING THE EARLY MODERN ECONOMIC HISTORY
OF THE JEWS: SOURCES, HISTORIOGRAPHY, QUESTIONS

NOUVEAUX REGARDS SUR L'HISTOIRE ECONOMIQUE DES JUIFS
A L'ÉPOQUE MODERNE : SOURCES, HISTORIOGRAPHIE, ENJEUX

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Sunday, July 9

9 h 00 – 9 h 30
Welcome coffee

9 h 30 – 11 h 00
Introduction

Liliane HILAIRE-PEREZ, Évelyne OLIEL-GRAUSZ
An “economic turn” in Jewish studies?
Évelyne OLIEL-GRAUSZ
Broadening archival horizons.

12 h 30 – 13 h 30 Lunch break

13 h 30 – 17 h 30
What sources for writing the economic history of the Jews?

Liliane HILAIRE-PEREZ
New sources for the economic history of Ashkenazi networks (France and England).
Francesca BREGOLI
Correspondence as a source for the study of Jewish economic history.
Edward FRAM
Jewish legal sources and economic history.
Monday, July 10

8 h 00 – 10 h 00
Yiddish for dummies. An initiation.
With Bernard Vaisbrot

10 h 15 – 13 h 00
About networks
Ingrid Houssaye
From the island of Majorca to the Sahara. Itineraries of Jewish traders implied in the copper trade around 1400.
Guillaume Calafat
Long-distance Trade and Cross-cultural Trade. On Trading Networks and Trans-regional Families during the Early modern Period.
Nimrod Gaatone
A Jewish broker between mountain an sea in the Basque country: a closer look at the role of the Sephardic merchants in the trans-Pyrenean commercial networks in the 18th century.

13 h 00 – 13 h 45 Lunch break

13 h 45 – 16 h 30
Correspondence and mercantile culture
Bernard Vaisbrot, Liliane Hilaire-Perez
The Yiddish correspondence of de Louis de Berlin (Rouen, 18th century).
Francesca Bregoli
Emotions and Business in the Correspondence of Joseph Franchetti (1776-1790).
Évelyne Oliel-Grausz
The correspondence of a commission trader between Surinam and Amsterdam (1720’s).

Dinner in town

Tuesday, July 11

9 h 00 – 12 h 30
Actors, places, archives of practices and accounting Jewish Entrepreneurs
Guillaume Calafat
Economic Privileges, Claims and Petitions in Tuscany (16th-18th centuries).
Liliane Hilaire-Perez
Jewish entrepreneurs and industrial revolution in the 18th century.
Nimrod Gaatone
David Silveyra (1721-1805) - From a Sephardic commercial entrepreneur to a French-Jewish political leader.

12 h 30 – 13 h 30 Lunch break
13 h 30 – 17 h 00
Archives of practices (sources de la pratique) / Account books

Ingrid Houssaye
Jewish traders of the Ottoman Empire around 1500 (Constantinople and Bursa) as revealed in Florentine account books and correspondences.

Catarina Cotić Belloube
Sugar trade and the account book of a New Christian merchant (end of the 16th century).

Debra Kaplan
Alsatian Jews and economic life in the sixteenth century? Between city and country.

Wednesday, 12 July

9 h 00 – 11 h 00
Mercantile culture, trade and languages

Liliane Hilaire-Perez, Bernard Vaisbrot
An 18th century Yiddish Account Book and the use of languages.

Bernard Vaisbrot, Liliane Hilaire-Perez
The Yiddish correspondence of Louis de Berlin (Rouen, 18th century).

11 h – 13 h
Economic history and the Jews in Holland: new perspectives

Anne Wegener Sleeswijk
New Sources relating to Jewish Merchants in early modern Amsterdam: Brokerage and Auctions.

Anne Wegener Sleeswijk
Bankruptcy, procedure and settlement in the United Provinces.

Wednesday afternoon: free time

Thursday, 13 July

9 h 00 – 12 h 30
Kehillah and economy: for an economic history of the kehillah

Debra Kaplan
Charity and economy.

Évelyne Oliel-Grausz

Edward Fram
The pinkas of a Frankfurt rabbinical judge: a window into their economic life?

12 h 30 – 13 h 30 Lunch break
13 h 30 – 16 h 30
Halakhic sources and economic history

Edward FRAM
*Letters of credit: Adapting the law to the new economic realities of the early modern period.*

Jay BERKOVITZ
*Metz rabbinate and the economic life in 18th century Metz.*

Friday, 14 July

8 h 30 – 12 h 30
Conflict resolution, Judicial sources

Guillaume CALAFAT
*The Circulation of Disputes and the Circulation of Trials during the Early Modern Period.*

Jay BERKOVITZ
*Order in the Court: Navigating Between Halakhah and French Law.*

Évelyne OLIEL-GRAUSZ
*The Livorno Court of the Massari.*

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