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SUNDAY, April 3, 2016

University California, Irvine, Humanities Gateway 1010

10:15-12:15 | The Theoretical Mediterranean

Chair: Cavan Concannon (USC)

Jonathan Ray (*Georgetown*)

Pluralism vs. the Melting Pot: Mediterraneanism and the Study of Jewish History

Marina Rustow (*Princeton*)

Mediterraneanism, from Peristiany to Horden and Purcell: The Geniza Retorts

Jonathan Decter (*Brandeis*)

Mediterranean Regionalism in Hebrew Panegyric: Three Poems by Judah Halevi

1:30-3:30 | The Early Modern Mediterranean

Chair: Ian Coller (UC Irvine)

Andrew Berns (*University of South Carolina*)

Botanical Knowledge, Agricultural Practice, and Sartorial Propriety in Late Medieval Mediterranean Jewish Culture

Corey Tazzara (*Scripps College*)

Maintaining Religious Boundaries in Italy during the Age of Free Trade, 1550-1750

Evelyne Oliel-Grausz (*Université Paris 1*)

Livorno, the Mediterranean, and Beyond: The Court of the Massari and Transnational Disputes in the 18th Century

4:00-6:00 | Pre-Modern Trade

Chair: Ra'anan Boustan (UCLA)

Jessica Goldberg (*UCLA*)

The Mediterranean, the Cairo Geniza, and the Commercial Revolution

Daniel Hershenzon (*University of Connecticut, Storrs*)

Captivating Redeemers: Jews and Ransom in the Early Modern Western Mediterranean

Francesca Bregoli (*Queens College*)

"Your Mother is Three-Quarters Dead Because of You:" Kinship, Business, and Jewish Identity in a Trans-Mediterranean Household

MONDAY, April 4, 2016

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Doheny Memorial Library 241

9:00-11:00 | Commerce and Citizenship in the Modern Mediterranean

Chair: Claudia Moatti (USC / Université Paris 8)

Sarah Abrevaya Stein (*UCLA*)

Extraterritorial Dreams: Mediterranean Jews, Citizenship, and the Calamitous Twentieth Century

Constanze Kolbe (*Indiana University*)

Jewish Trade Conflict Resolution in the Nineteenth Century Adriatic: The Role of Commercial Institutions and Extra-Legal Mechanisms

Devi Mays (*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*)

A Guide to the Interwar Jewish Mediterranean? Travel, Transportation, Trade, Tariffs, Le Guide Sam and the Shaping of an Interwar Diaspora

11:15-1:15 | The Colonial and Post-Colonial Mediterranean

Chair: Aomar Boum (UCLA)

Paris Papamichos Chronakis (*University of Illinois at Chicago*)

Navigating Dark Waters? Greek Antisemitism in Mediterranean Perspective

Joshua Schreier (*Vassar College*)

Mediterranean History and "Provincializing" the French Empire

Naomi Davidson (*University of Ottawa*)

Synagogue into Mosque? Claiming Religious Places in Postcolonial Algeria, c. 1965-1975

2:30-4:00 | Open Discussion on pre-circulated readings

Chairs: Jessica Marglin, Matthias Lehmann, Clémence Boulouque