CJMC Newsletter No. 8  
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With this newsletter, we invite you to events taking place at CJMC and provide information about new projects and publications in the field of Jewish Studies in the Scandinavian countries. By establishing a network that connects researchers from different disciplines, we hope to facilitate interdisciplinary and international cooperation.

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The “Center for the Study of Jewish Thought in Modern Culture” (CJMC) at the University of Copenhagen was launched in March 2014.

It offers a public forum for exchanges of thought between scholars interested in Judaism and its impact in modern and postmodern philosophy, theology, psychology, history, sociology, literature, art, and culture in general.

The center’s aim is to create an academic home for the discussion of three focal areas which are particularly prominent in Jewish thought, but which also have a much broader significance:

1. post-Holocaust hermeneutics and philosophy of language
2. trauma, witnessing, and memory mediation
3. images of (in)humanity in religion, art, and ethics.

CJMC’s multi-disciplinary approach is propelled by scholarly interests not only in classic, but also in forgotten or understudied Jewish sources and their capacity to enrich contemporary culture. Thereby we wish to initiate a dialogue between foreign and familiar voices from the past and present, and to link internal and outside perspectives on Jewish thought.

NEWS

- **News from CJMC’s affiliated researchers and our network in Scandinavia**

  *Catherine Hezser* is appointed new Professor II in Jewish Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) University of London. [Read more](#)

  *Cathrine Bjørnholt Michaelsen* (PhD in Philosophy, University of Copenhagen) interns with us at CJMC between September 15 and November 14, 2017.
Activities at CJMC in fall 2017

September 15, 2017
Open Lecture by Holger Schulze
*The Sonic Persona*
[Read more](#)

October 20, 2017
Research Seminar
*Phenomenology of Listening (no.1): Theology*
[Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS
(winter 2017-2018)

Events at CJMC in Copenhagen (NB: participation is free, but online registration required)

November 10, 2017
Open Lecture by Andrew Benjamin
*Listening, Writing and the Founding of the Law: Notes on Exodus 32:10-20*
[Read more](#)

January 12, 2018
Research seminar and PhD course
*Transfiguring Pain Poetically: Exploring the Liberating Potential of Artistic Creation*
[Read more](#)

For updates, please see the [CJMC calendar](#)

Other events in Copenhagen and Lund

November 15, 2017
Book launch: presentation of the Danish translation
*Abraham Sutzkever, Grønt akvarium. Fortællinger fra Litauens Jerusalem*
[Read more](#)

November 16, 2017
Conference
*Vilna – Jerusalem of Lithuania – and The Poetry of Abraham Sutzkever*
[Read more](#)

December 14-16, 2017
*The Memory Studies Association Conference 2017*
[Read more](#)

PhD Courses offered in Jewish Studies

For PhD courses at CJMC, see [http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/calendar/](http://teol.ku.dk/cjmc/english/calendar/)
For PhD courses at all universities in Denmark, see [https://phdcourses.dk/](https://phdcourses.dk/)
• **Call for papers: Judaism panel at the 19th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture (ISRLC 2018)**

International and interdisciplinary conference at the University of Uppsala (September 28-30, 2018), see [http://isrlc2018.se](http://isrlc2018.se). Please send proposals and abstracts (around 300 words) and a short bio to Marianne Schleicher (ms@cas.au.dk). The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

**By affiliated researchers in Scandinavia**

Since the field of Jewish Studies is still under-represented at universities in the Nordic countries, and since many scholars in this field do their work more or less in isolation, without the support of active research environments, we include an overview of recent Scandinavian publications in the newsletter.


*If you want to become part of the network and submit references to your recent work, you are welcome to contact Claudia Welz at cwe@teol.ku.dk.*