

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

since October 2023	Humboldt University of Berlin , Principal Investigator of the DFG-funded project “How to Become a Rabbinic Authority of all Jews? The Constantinopolitan Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) and Sephardic Immigration“
April 2023– September 2023	Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry , Post-Doc Fellow of the Minerva Foundation (Host: Prof. Dr. Yaron Ben-Naeh)
October 2022– March 2023	Hochschule für Jüdische Studien / Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies , Invitation to serve as Visiting Professor to substitute in teaching and research for Prof. Dr. Birgit Klein (Professor of the History of the Jewish People)
April 2022– September 2022	Hochschule für Jüdische Studien / Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies , Invitation to serve as Visiting Professor to substitute in teaching and research for Prof. Dr. Johannes Heil (Ignatz Bubis Endowed Professor of Religion, History, and Culture of European Jewry)
September 2020– November 2020	Dartmouth College, Hanover (NH), Jewish Studies Faculty , Visiting Scholar on Invitation of Prof. Dr. Susannah Heschel (canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
June 2017– March 2022	University of Potsdam / Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg , Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Associate in Jewish Studies, Director of the Research Group “Jewish-Jewish Encounters in Ottoman Europe”
October 2015– May 2017	Humboldt University of Berlin , Postdoctoral Researcher in Jewish Studies for “FOUNDMED—Foundations in Medieval Societies. Cross-cultural Comparisons”
September 2014– February 2015	University of Zurich , Teaching Associate in Medieval History
April 2009– March 2014	University of Constance , Research and Teaching Associate in Medieval History
April 2007– July 2008	Humboldt University of Berlin , Research and Teaching Associate in Medieval History

EDUCATION

April 2016	University of Constance , Germany, Ph.D. Medieval History, Dissertation Title: “Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval Holy Roman Empire,” (Advised by Prof. Dr. Dorothea Weltecke), <i>Summa cum laude</i>
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May 2006

Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, M.A. History; Major Field: Medieval History; Minor Fields: Political Science; Philosophy

Title of Master's Thesis: "The Problem of Europe in the German Historical Sciences of the 20th Century. Fritz Rörig (1882–1952)," (Advised by Prof. Dr. Michael Borgolte), awarded with distinction

Study Abroad: University of Warsaw, Poland (October 2002–March 2003);

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (August 2001–August 2002)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Jüdische Friedhöfe im Mittelalterlichen Reich*. (Europa im Mittelalter, 27.), Berlin: De Gruyter 2017. [*Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval Holy Roman Empire*]

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals and Volumes

- "Strategies to Gain Rabbinic Authority. Situating a Responsum of Elijah Mizraḥi (c. 1450–1526) in Ottoman Constantinople," *Diyâr* 6 (2025), 162–182.
- "Beyond the Master Narrative of Sephardic Triumph: The Romaniote Rabbi Elijah Mizraḥi (c. 1450–1526) and the Negotiation of Rabbinic Authority in Ottoman Constantinople," in Martina Bitunjac (ed.), *Jüdische Lebenswelten im Osmanischen Reich*. (Europäisch-jüdische Studien, 64.), Berlin: De Gruyter 2024: 69–96.
- "The Authority to Define a Jew. The Controversy about Levirate Marriage between Jacob Ibn Ḥabib and Elijah Mizraḥi at the Beginning of the Sixteenth Century," *European Judaism* 56 (2023): 63–74.
- "A Question of Competition? How to Deal with Inner-Jewish Diversity in Cities of the Ottoman Empire at the Turn of the 16th Century," in *Hamsa. Journal for Judaic and Islamic Studies* 8 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.4000/hamsa.2775>.
- "Der jüdische Friedhof Köln im Mittelalter. Einblicke in den städtischen Alltag einer vergangenen Gesellschaft," *Geschichte in Köln* 68 (2021): 51–76. ["The Jewish Cemetery Cologne in the Middle Ages. Insights into the Urban Everyday Life of a Past Society"]
- "Alles, was der Hagel übriggelassen hat... Die Vertreibung der Juden von der Iberischen Halbinsel und die Rettung der Bücher," *Jahrbuch des Selma Stern Zentrums* 8 (2021): 73–87. ["All that the Hail has Left... The Expulsion of the Jews from the Iberian Peninsula and the Rescue of the Books"]

Articles and Chapters in Edited Volumes

- "Foundations in Medieval Societies. Cross-cultural Comparisons. Possibilities and Challenges of a Long-Term Interdisciplinary Project," *Journal of Transcultural Medieval Studies* 5.1 (Spring 2018): 193–202.
- Four articles on Jewish foundations ("Raum" ["Space"], "Gesellschaftlicher Wandel" ["Societal Change"], "Kritik, Reform und Aufhebung" ["Criticism, Reform and Liquidation"], "Inventionen, Innovationen und Imitationen im interkulturellen Kontakt" ["Inventions, Innovations and Imitations in Intercultural Contact"] in Michael Borgolte (ed.), *Enzyklopädie des Stiftungswesens in mittelalterlichen Gesellschaften. Band III: Stiftung und Gesellschaft* [Encyclopedia of Foundations in Medieval Societies. Volume Three: Foundations and Society]. Berlin: De Gruyter 2017: 231–246; 306–322; 377–395; 462–471.
- "Auf Spurensuche: Die Friedhöfe der Juden nach ihrer Vertreibung," in Dorothea Weltecke (ed.), *Zu Gast bei Juden. Leben in der mittelalterlichen Stadt Konstanz*, Konstanz: Stadler 2017, 109–115 ["Seeking Traces: the Cemeteries of the Jews after their Expulsion"].
- "Vom geraubten jüdischen Grabmal zum Zeichen der Völkerverständigung. Zum Bedeutungspotential einiger Regensburger Steine," in Stadt Regensburg, Amt für Archiv und Denkmalpflege (ed.), *Spolien – steinerne Zitate der Geschichte. Von Römersteinen, Judensteinen und falschen Gräbern (Beiträge des 30. Regensburger Herbstsymposiums für Kunst, Geschichte und Denkmalpflege vom 20. bis 22. November 2015)*, Regensburg: Morsbach 2016, 48–61. ["From the Stolen Jewish Tombstone to a Symbol of International Understanding. The Potential Meaning of Some Stones from Regensburg"]

- “Die Mauer des jüdischen Friedhofs in Regensburg (1210–1519). Verhandlungen einer religiösen Grenze?” in Thomas Kirsch, Rudolf Schlögel and Dorothea Weltecke (eds.), *Religion als Prozess. Begriffe – Zuschreibungen – Leit motive – Grenzen*, Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh 2015, 211–238. [“The Wall of the Jewish Cemetery in Regensburg (1210–1519). Negotiations of a Religious Boundary?”]
- With Kai-Henrik Günther, “Grenzen,” in Thomas Kirsch, Rudolf Schlögel and Dorothea Weltecke (eds.), *Religion als Prozess. Begriffe – Zuschreibungen – Leit motive – Grenzen*, Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh 2015, 189–194. [“Boundaries”]
- “Wie sich die Dinge präsentieren. Auf den Wegen jüdischer Grabsteine aus Regensburg,” *Frühmittelalterliche Studien* 46 (2012): 485–511 mit Taf. XXV–XXX, Abb. 50–61. [“How Things Present Themselves. Following Jewish Tombstones from Regensburg”]

Reviews, Conference Reports and Interviews

- Review of Miriam Frenkel, “*The Compassionate and Benevolent*”: *Jewish Ruling Elites in the Medieval Islamic World. Alexandria as a Case Study* (Studies in the History and Culture of the Middle East, 39), Berlin/Boston/Jerusalem 2021, *Zeitschrift für Historische Forschung* 49 (2022): 275–276.
- Review of Rainer Josef Barzen (Ed.), *Taqqanot Qehillot Šum. Die Rechtssatzungen der jüdischen Gemeinden Mainz, Worms und Speyer im hohen und späten Mittelalter*. 2 Tle. (Monumenta Germaniae Historica. Hebräische Texte aus dem mittelalterlichen Deutschland, Bd. 2), Wiesbaden 2019, *Historische Zeitschrift* 312 (2021): 778–779.
- Review of Robert Chazan, *Refugees or Migrants. Pre-Modern Jewish Population Movement*, New Haven/London 2018, *Vierteljahrschrift für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsgeschichte* 107 (2020): 412–413.
- Interview with Dr. Olaf Glöckner, Am Bosporus, *Zukunft. Informationsblatt des Zentralrats der Juden in Deutschland* 19.10 (2019): 8.
- Review of David Schnur, *Die Juden in Frankfurt am Main und in der Wetterau im Mittelalter. Christlich-jüdische Beziehungen, Gemeinden, Recht und Wirtschaft von den Anfängen bis um 1400* (Schriften der Kommission für die Geschichte der Juden in Hessen, Bd. 30), Wiesbaden 2017, *Rheinische Vierteljahresblätter* 83 (2019): 258–259.
- Review of Patrick Stoffels, *Die Wiederverwendung jüdischer Grabsteine im spätmittelalterlichen Reich* (Arye Maimon-Institut für Geschichte der Juden. Studien und Texte, Bd. 5), Trier 2012, *Historische Zeitschrift* 299 (2014): 473–474.
- Conference Report on 6. Deutscher Syrologentag. 16.07.2009–18.07.2009, Konstanz, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 15.08.2009, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/tagungsberichte/id=2744>>.
- Review of Klaus Herbers and Nikolas Jaspert (eds.), *Grenzräume und Grenzüberschreitungen im Vergleich. Der Osten und der Westen des mittelalterlichen Lateineuropa* (Europa im Mittelalter, Bd. 7), Berlin 2007, *H-Soz-u-Kult*, 26.09.2007, <<http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/rezensionen/2007-3-234>>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Postdoctoral Minerva Fellowship, granted for 24, accepted for 6 months (April 2023–September 2023)
- Constance County Prize to Promote Early Career Researchers at the University of Constance, award for one of the two best dissertations in the fields of History and Philosophy (2016)
- Erasmus-Scholarship, exchange program of the European Union (October 2002–February 2003)
- Scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), merit based student award for abroad studies (August 2001–June 2002)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

- “An Unquestioned Presence? Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval German Lands,” Workshop “Living Together, Living Apart: Exploring Jewish-Christian Neighborhoods in Medieval Europe,” Free University Berlin (May 2025)
- “Between External Constraints and Individual Freedom of Decision. Rabbi Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) and the Jewish Communities of Constantinople under Ottoman Rule,” Research Colloquium: Middle Ages 400–1500, University of Münster, Germany (April 2025)
- “Thinking in Constellations? Reconstructing the Strategies of the Byzantine Rabbi Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) in Ottoman Constantinople,” 44th Cologne Mediaevistentagung “Constellations,” Cologne, Germany (September 2024)
- “The Rabbinic Authority of the Constantinopolitan Elijah Mizrahi in its Mediterranean Constellations around 1500,” Research Colloquium “The Jewish Mediterranean,” University of Cologne, Germany (July 2024)
- “The Rabbinic Authority of Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) in Ottoman Constantinople. Reflections on the Relationship between Historical Constellations and Actors’ Scope for Action,” Research Colloquium of Premodern History, University of Basel, Switzerland (May 2024)
- “Education and Politics in Ottoman Constantinople: Rabbi Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) and the Controversy over Teaching Karaites,” Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (July 2023)
- “Strategies for Legitimizing Rabbinic Authority: Elijah Mizrahi and the Sephardic Refugee Catastrophe,” Colloquium of Medieval History, University of Tübingen, Germany (February 2023)
- “*And if you do this, there will be peace between you and over Israel.* The Constantinopolitan Elijah Mizrahi (c. 1450–1526) and the Sephardic Immigration to the Ottoman Empire,” Colloquium of Medieval History, Heidelberg University, Germany (October 2022)
- “Sepharad in Ottoman Constantinople. Elijah Mizrahi’s (c. 1450–1526) Encounter with Iberian Immigrant Scholars and Communities,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (August 2022)
- “Authority and Tradition: Elijah Mizrahi (ca. 1450–1526) and the Sephardic Rabbis,” Forum Elyashar, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel (March 2022)
- “How to Become a Rabbinic Authority of all Jews. Elijah Mizrahi (ca. 1450–1526) and his Political Agenda under Ottoman Rule,” Conference on “Convivencia in the Mediterranean. Early Modern Perceptions, Practices, and Limits in Dealing with the Religious Other,” University of Potsdam / Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany (November 2021)
- “Tracing Jewish Cemeteries in the Holy Roman Empire,” Cooperation of the Rostock University Library, with the Working Group of Medieval Scholars, Rostock, Germany (June 2021)
- “A Challenge of Competition: Responses from Elijah Mizrahi (ca. 1450–1526),” Jewish Studies / Middle Eastern Studies Seminar, Dartmouth College, Hanover (NH) (January 2021)
- “The Jewish Cemetery Cologne in the Middle Ages. Insights into Everyday Life in a Multi-religious Society,” Lecture Series on “Jewish History and Culture in Medieval Cologne. Interdisciplinary Approaches,” Cooperation of the Research Center for the History of Cologne, University of Cologne, with MiQua. LVR Jewish Museum in the Archaeological Quarter Cologne, Germany (January 2021)
- “Jewish-Jewish Encounters in the Ottoman Empire / Mediterranean,” Workshop on “Questions and Challenges of Transottoman Perspective for Early Modern Studies,” DFG Priority Program “Transottomanica” / GWZO Leipzig, Germany (September 2019)
- “A Question of Competition? How to Deal with Inner-Jewish Diversity in the Cities of the Early Modern Ottoman Heartlands,” 13th Conference of the Working Group “Early Modern Times” in the Association of German Historians, Rostock, Germany (September 2019)
- “Food and Eating Practices as Indicators of Jewish Plurality. A Look into Travel and Responsa Literature from Early Modern Ottoman Europe,” Workshop on “Food and Eating: Ritual and

Social Aspects in Jewish Communities from Antiquity to Early Modern Europe,” Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts,” University of Erfurt, Germany (May 2019)

- “‘About those who are Accustomed to not Eating Cheese, Rice, and Other Things on Passover’. The Culinary Field as a Crystallization Point of Jewish Affiliations in Ottoman Europe in the Early Modern Period,” Colloquium of Medieval and Early Modern History, Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany (February 2019)
- “Jewish-Jewish Encounters in the Ottoman Empire. Beyond the Sephardic Experience,” Setana Universita Sefaradi de Enverano (Judeo-Spanish Summer School, Organized by Dr. Michael Studemund-Halévy), Halberstadt, Germany (August 2018)
- “Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval Holy Roman Empire: Windows into Everyday Life within a Multi-Religious Society,” 11th Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Kraków, Poland (July 2018)
- “Jewish Cemeteries as Windows into the Multi-Religious Society of the Middle Ages. Magdeburg and other Examples,” Municipal Archives, Magdeburg, Germany (April 2018)
- “Jewish-Jewish Encounters in the Ottoman Empire. Negotiating Differences between Ashkenazim, Romaniotim, Sephardim and Other Groups,” Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany (February 2018)
- “The View of the Other Culture. Foundations of Jews in Sharia-Courts and their Discussion in the Responsa Literature,” German Oriental Studies Conference, Jena, Germany (September 2017)
- “Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval Holy Roman Empire (11th–16th c.). Approaching a History of Every Day Life,” Municipal Archives, Speyer, Germany (May 2016)
- “What Does It Mean? Secondary Uses of Medieval Jewish Tombstones from Regensburg,” Regensburg’s Fall Symposium, Germany (November 2015)
- Participation in the “Roundtable: Religion as a Heuristic Category,” 2nd Conference of the Center of Excellence (University of Constance). Cultural Foundations of Integration, Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland (July 2014)
- “Who are the Dead? Approaching the Problem of Dealing with Religious Difference,” Colloquium of the Society for the Study of the History of the Jews in Pre-Modern Times, Venice, Italy (October 2015)
- “The Everydayness of Existence. Jewish Cemeteries in the Medieval Holy Roman Empire,” Colloquium of the Constance Circle of the Middle Ages, Bern, Switzerland (May 2013)
- “How Things Present Themselves. Primary and Secondary Uses of Jewish Tombstones from Regensburg,” Conference of the Brackwede Circle on Research of the Middle Ages, Erfurt, Germany (November 2011)

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (SELECTION)

November 21–23, 2021	Together with Prof. Dr. Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam), “Convivencia in the Mediterranean. Early Modern Perceptions, Practices, and Limits in Dealing with the Religious Other,” Annual Conference of the Selma Stern Center, Berlin, Germany
September 24–26, 2019	Together with Prof. Dr. Sina Rauschenbach (Potsdam), “Sephardic History and Culture – International Graduate Conference,” University of Potsdam, Germany
July 19, 2019	Together with Dr. Martin Stechauner (Vienna), Workshop “Introduction into the Language of Sephardic Jews,” Selma Stern Center, Berlin, Germany
June 20, 2019	Together with Dr. Benjamin Williams (London), Workshop “Jewish-Jewish Encounters,” Selma Stern Center, Berlin, Germany