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 Coercion and Faith in Pre-Modern Iberia and Beyond



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Thursday, November 17

INTRODUCTION

9:30 - 10:00 Mercedes García-Arenal and Yonatan Glazer-Eytan

PANEL 1: THE ALMOHADES AND THE WIDER ISLAMIC CONTEXT

CHAIR: Gerard A. Wiegiers (University of Amsterdam)

- 10:00 - 10:30** Uriel Simonsohn (University of Haifa)
“Women and Conversion to Islam: A Sample Analysis of Medieval Narratives and Legal Problems”
- 10:30 - 11:00** Maribel Fierro (ILC-CCHS, CSIC)
“Rethinking Forced Conversion in Almohad Times”
- 11:00 - 11:30** *coffee break*
- 11:30 - 12:00** Alan Verskin (The University of Rhode Island)
“Consolation Literature as a Response to the Forced Conversions of the Almohad Period: Maimonides’ Epistle on Martyrdom in the Light of Maimon b. Joseph’s Epistle of Consolation and Ibn ‘Aqnīn’s Healing of Souls”
- 12:00 - 12:30** Tamer el-Leithy (Johns Hopkins University)
“The Limits of Constituted Conversion in Late Medieval Egypt”
- 12:30 - 13:00** Discussion
- 13:00 - 14:30** *lunch*

PANEL 2: GRAPPLING WITH THE RESHAPING OF COMMUNITY

CHAIR: David Nirenberg (University of Chicago)

- 14:30 - 15:00** David S. Powers (Cornell University)
“Mālikī Jurists on the Status of a Synagogue in Touat, ca. 1480”
- 15:00 - 15:30** Paul Fenton (Paris Sorbonne)
“Problems of Integration and Exclusion: the Case of Neo-Muslims of Jewish Origin in Morocco”
- 15:30 - 16:00** *coffee break*
- 16:00 - 16:30** Ryan Szpiech (University of Michigan)
“Enforcing Rabbinical Tradition: The Forced “Conversion” of Castilian Qaraites”
- 16:30 - 17:00** Ram Ben-Shalom (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
“Jews and Conversos in Aragon in the Aftermath of the 1391 Riots: The Development of a New Grammar of Conversion”
- 17:00 - 17:30** Discussion

Friday, November 18

PANEL 2: THE VISIGOTHIC MODEL AND ITS USES

CHAIR: Julio Escalona (IH-CCHS, CSIC)

- 09:30 - 10:00** Elsa Marmursztejn (Université de Reims)
“Uses and Echoes of the Visigothic Conciliar Legislation in the Scholastic Controversy on Forced Baptism (13th -14th Centuries)”
- 10:00 - 10:30** Rosa Vidal Doval (Queen Mary, University of London)
“Visigothic Legislation and the Converso Problem in Late Medieval Spain”
- 10:30 - 11:00** Isabelle Poutrin (Paris-Est, Créteil)
“Proving the Extortion of Consent in Conversion, Apostasy and Other Circumstances of Life. Some Theorizations in Canon Law (16th-17th C.)”
- 11:00 - 11:30** Discussion
- 11:30 - 12:00** *coffee break*

PANEL 4: BETWEEN DISSIMULATION AND MARTYRDOM

CHAIR: Luis Bernabé-Pons (Universidad de Alicante)

- 12:00 - 12:30** Yonatan Glazer-Eytan (CORPI, Johns Hopkins University)
“Between Heart and Mouth: Idolatry and Intention after the Forced Conversions”
- 12:30 - 13:00** Miriam Bodian (University of Texas at Austin)
“Crypto-Jewish Dissimulation and Martyrdom: Ambivalent Values”
- 13:00 - 13:30** Gerard A. Wiegiers (University of Amsterdam)
“Martyrdom and Eschatological Reward: Crypto-Islam and the Salvation History of the Parchment of the Turpiana Tower and the Granadan Lead Books”
- 13:30 - 14:00** Discussion
- 14:00 - 15:30** *lunch*

PANEL 5: THE LIMITS OF FORCED CONVERSION

CHAIR: Fernando Rodríguez Mediano (CORPI, ILC-CCHS, CSIC)

- 15:30 - 16:00** Marisa Bueno (POCRAM, Paris-Est, Créteil)
“Are You Still My Wife? Conversion to Christianity and Its Legal Effects on the Pre-Existing Marriage and Their Offspring in Late Medieval Castile”
- 16:00 - 16:30** Tamar Herzig (Tel Aviv University)
“The Forced Conversion of Convicted Jewish Criminals in 15th Century Italy”
- 16:30 - 16:45** *coffee break*
- 16:45 - 17:15** Mercedes García-Arenal (CORPI, ILC-CCHS, CSIC)
“Forced Conversion and Theologies of Baptism”
- 17:15 - 17:30** Discussion

CONCLUDING REMARKS

17:30 - 18:00 David Nirenberg (University of Chicago)