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RESEARCH INTERESTS

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

since October 2023

Post-doctoral assistant

Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

QUALIFICATIONS

2023

Doctoral Thesis

Advisors

Examinors

Doctorate Jewish Studies

University of Vienna

The Motif of Jewish 'Male Menstruation' and its Function in High and Late Medieval (1100–1500) and Early Modern (1500–1700) Christian Sources

Armin Lange, University of Vienna

Miri Rubin, Queen Mary, University of London

Bettina Bildhauer, University of St Andrews

Irven M. Resnick, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

2013

MA Jewish Studies

University of Vienna

2012

Mag.phil. Slavonic Studies

University of Vienna

2010

Bakk.phil. Jewish Studies

University of Vienna

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

03/2023 – 09/2023

Project Assistant

Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Awards for Scholarly Excellence
Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

10/2021 – 06/2023

Junior Fellow

International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) in Vienna
University of Art and Design Linz

12/2022 – 02/2023

Visiting PhD Researcher

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

08/2022 – 11/2022

Visiting PhD Training Student

University of St Andrews, UK

02/2021 – 10/2021

Project Assistant

Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Awards for Scholarly Excellence
Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

06/2017 – 10/2021

Project Assistant

“An End to Antisemitism!”

Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

05/2017 – 08/2018

10/2011 – 06/2014

Project Assistant

Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire”

Department of Legal and Constitutional History, University of Vienna

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS & MERITS

2022	Abroad Fellowship International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna University of Art and Design Linz
2021	Doctoral Grant Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe
	Junior Fellowship International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna University of Art and Design Linz
2020	doc:muv Mentoring Programme University of Vienna
2008 – 2010	Various merit-based scholarships University of Vienna

PUBLICATIONS (EDITIONS)

forthcoming	<i>Experiencing the Hebrew Bible: Spotlights on History and Tradition</i> . Edited together with Amy Fedeski and Alina L. Schittenhelm. Vol. 2 of <i>Baron Lectures: Studies on the Jewish Experience</i> . Edited together with Armin Lange. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill, forthcoming.
2023	<i>Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity</i> . Edited together with Rachel Blumenthal and Daniel M. Herskowitz. Vol. 1 of <i>Baron Lectures: Studies on the Jewish Experience</i> . Edited together with Armin Lange. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill, 2023.
2022	<i>Confronting Antisemitism from Perspectives of Philosophy and Social Sciences</i> . Vol. 4 of <i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> Edited together with A. Lange, D. Porat, and L. H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022.
2021	<i>Confronting Antisemitism through the Ages – A Historical Perspective</i> . Vol. 3 of <i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> Edited together with A. Lange, D. Porat, and L. H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.
	<i>Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds</i> . Vol. 5 of <i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> Edited together with A. Lange, D. Porat, and L. H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.
2020	<i>Confronting Antisemitism from the Perspectives of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism</i> . Vol. 2 of <i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> Edited together with A. Lange, D. Porat, and L. H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020.
2019	<i>Comprehending and Confronting Antisemitism: A Multi-Faceted Approach</i> . Vol. 1 of <i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> Edited together with A. Lange, D. Porat, and L. H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS (* PEER REVIEWED)

2023	<i>Quellen zur jüdischen Geschichte im Heiligen Römischen Reich und seinen Nachfolgestaaten: Judendeutsch, Jiddisch, Hebräisch, Judenspanisch, 16.–20. Jahrhundert</i> . Vollständig überarbeitete Neuauflage. Wien: Böhlau, 2023. With Dieter J. Hecht, Louise Hecht, Avraham Siluk and Stephan Wendehorst.
	* “Creating an Unlike to Dislike: Constructions of Jewish Identity and Alterity in Christian Exempla Stories.” In <i>Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity</i> , edited by Rachel Blumenthal, Daniel M. Herskowitz, and Kerstin Mayerhofer. Vol. 1 of <i>Baron Lectures: Studies on the Jewish Experience</i> , edited by Armin Lange and Kerstin Mayerhofer. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill, 2023.

“Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity: Introduction.” In *Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity*, edited by Rachel Blumenthal, Daniel M. Herskowitz, and Kerstin Mayerhofer. Vol. 1 of *Baron Lectures: Studies on the Jewish Experience*, edited by Armin Lange. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill, 2023. With Rachel Blumenthal and Daniel M. Herskowitz.

2022 * “Von menstruierenden Männern und zügellosen Frauen: Sexualität und Geschlecht im mittelalterlichen Antisemitismus.” *Jahrbuch für Antisemitismusforschung* 31 (2022): 91–110. Mayerhofer. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill, 2023.

“Confronting Antisemitism from Perspectives of Philosophy and Social Sciences: Introduction.” In *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*. Vol. 4 of *An End to Antisemitism!*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022. With Armin Lange.

2021 * “Inferiority Embodied: The ‘Men-struating’ Jew and Pre-Modern Notions of Identity and Difference.” In *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*. Vol. 3 of *An End to Antisemitism!*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.

“Comprehending Antisemitism through the Ages: Introduction.” In *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*. Vol. 3 of *An End to Antisemitism!*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021. With Armin Lange.

“Introduction.” In *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*. Vol. 5 of *An End to Antisemitism!*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021. With Armin Lange and Lisa Johanne Jacobs.

2020 “Introduction.” In *Confronting Antisemitism from the Perspectives of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism*. Vol. 2 of *An End to Antisemitism!*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020. With Armin Lange.

2015 * “Wolf Pascheles: The Family Treasure Box of Knowledge.” *Jewish Printing Culture between Brno, Prague and Vienna in the Era of Modernization, 1750–1850*, special issue of *Judaica Olomucensia* 1 (2015): 110–135. With Magdaléna Farnesi.

2014 * “‘And they will rejoice over me forever!’ The History of Israel in the Light of the Catastrophe of 70 C.E. in the Slavonic Apocalypse of Abraham.” *Judaica Olomoucensia* 1–2 (2014): 22–35.

Quellen zur jüdischen Geschichte im Heiligen Römischen Reich und seinen Nachfolgestaaten: Judendeutsch, Jiddisch, Hebräisch, Judenspanisch, 16.–20. Jahrhundert. Wien: Böhlau, 2014. With Dieter J. Hecht, Louise Hecht, Avraham Siluk and Stephan Wendehorst.

2013 * “The Concept of the Absurd in the Book of Qohelet and the Philosophy of Albert Camus.” *Qolot Hadashim – New Voices in Jewish Studies*, vol. 1 of *Judaica Olomucensia* (2013): 99–113.

2010 *Retrograde Hebrew and Aramaic Dictionary. Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements* 1. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2010. With Ruth Sander.

PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

2024 *Menstruation Produces Religion: Menstrual Regulations and Polemics in Medieval Judaism and Christianity*. International Medieval Congress (IMC), University of Leeds/UK

A Short History of the Menstruating Man. Menstruation Research Network Conference, University of Liverpool/UK

2023 *The Blood-sucking Serpent and the Bleeding Jew. Late-Medieval Entanglements of Sexism and Antisemitism*. There Will Be Blood: The Medieval Blood Conference, King’s College Cambridge/UK
Jewish ‘Male Menstruation.’ A Medieval Entanglement of Sexism and Antisemitism. Medieval Matters: Symposium in Honour of Professor Miri Rubin, Queen Mary University London/UK (Poster Presentation).

2022	<i>‘Und sie bluten wie die Frauen’: Geschichte eines antisemitischen Motivs.</i> Fellowship Lecture, International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna
2021	<i>‘quam mulieres menstruosi sunt – Perceptions of the ‘Men-struating’ Jew.</i> Conference “Antisemitism and Sexualities Reconsidered,” Center for Research on Antisemitism (TU Berlin) and German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.), online <i>Alterity Embodied – The Motif of Jewish ‘Male Menstruation’</i> International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds/UK, online <i>Verkörperte Minderwertigkeit: Der “menstruierende” Jude und das vormoderne Verständnis von Identität und Alterität.</i> Doctoral Colloquium, University of Basel, University of Vienna, University of Potsdam, online
2020	<i>Do Jews ‘Men-struate?’ Thirteenth-Century Concepts of Jewish ‘Male Menstruation’</i> The Second Doctoral Colloquium, Queen Mary University of London, University of Cambridge/UK
TEACHING	
2024	<i>Title TBC.</i> Seminar, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna
2021	<i>Gender(s) and Sexuality(ies) in Judaism</i> Seminar, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna
2020 Guest Lecture	<i>Bodies in Crisis: The Bleeding Body in Medieval Judaism and Christianity</i> Seminar “Blood, Sweat & Tears: Bodily Fluids and Religion,” Dr. Isabella Schwaderer and Mag. Thomas Sojer, University of Erfurt (online)
2019 Guest Lecture	<i>Mann, Nicht-Mann, Hermaphrodit. Geschlechter*konstruktionen bei Maimonides und beyond [Man, Non-Man, Hermaphrodite. Constructions of Gender in Maimonides and beyond]</i> Seminar “Zentrale Quellen Mittelalter: Ausgewählte Kapitel aus Maimonides Mishneh Torah,” Univ.-Prof. Dr. Ursula Ragacs, University of Vienna
Guest Lecture	<i>Geschlechterrollen im Judentum [Gender Roles in Judaism]</i> Seminar “Macht.Sex.Sinn,” Mag. Olivera Koprivica and Raphaela Swadosch, M.A., M.A., Studium Fundamentale, University of Erfurt
2014 – 2018	<i>Palaeography of Early Modern Jewish Texts (Judeo-German, Yiddish, Hebrew)</i> Summer Academy of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire,” Germany, Austria, Switzerland
2010	<i>Seminar for Methodology of Ancient Jewish Texts (accompanying tutorial)</i> Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna
ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	
July 2024	<i>Bleeding Bodies in Crisis? Medieval (Mis-)conceptions of Menstruation</i> Strand of Sessions, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds/UK, with Rosalie Gabay Bernheim
May 2023	<i>Experiencing the Hebrew Bible: Spotlights on History and Tradition</i> Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Young Scholars Workshop, University of Vienna
since February 2023	<i>Let us Bleed + Read!</i> Monthly readings and discussion of all things menstruation / menarche / menopause, with Rosalie Gabay Bernheim
2021	<i>Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity</i> Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Young Scholars Workshop, University of Vienna
2018	<i>An End to Antisemitism!</i> International Conference, University of Vienna; co-organised with the European Jewish Congress, New York University, Tel Aviv University, with Armin Lange <i>Transport and Communication</i> 10 th Summer School of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire” Vienna, Eisenstadt, and East Frisia, with Stephan Wendehorst

- 2017 *Jews and Jewish Communities in Public Ecclesiastical Law*
9th Summer School of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire”
Vienna and Eisenstadt, with Stephan Wendehorst
- 2013 *Jews and the Military*
5th Summer School of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire”
Fürth and Rauschholzhausen, with Stephan Wendehorst
- 2012 *Jewish Spaces as Spaces ‘in between’ in a Polycentric Political, Legal and Social Polity*
4th Summer School of the Research Cluster “The Jewish Holy Roman Empire”
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, with Stephan Wendehorst

LANGUAGES (SPOKEN)

native
other languages

German
English | fluent, C1
French | good, B2
Russian | good, B1
Czech | good, A2
Hebrew | good, A2
Italian | basic, A1

LANGUAGES (READ)

Hebrew (Biblical, Mishanic) | good
Judeo-German | good
Latin (Classical, Medieval) | good
Yiddish | good
Spanish | average
Judeo-Spanish (Ladino) | basic
Aramaic | basic

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

Text processing
Typesetting and layout

MS Office | Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook | advanced
Adobe Indesign | advanced (certified 2016)
LATEX | basic (certified 2017)

CMS

Typo3, Wordpress, Joomla! | advanced

Graphic design

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator | advanced (certified 2016)

Digital learning platform

Moodle | advanced

Digital communication

Zoom, BigBlueButton, BlackBoard Collaborate, Teams | advanced