

CONSTANZA CORDONI – ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

MAIN RESEARCH AREAS

Rabbinic literature, Jewish literature and cultural history; reception history; historical narratology; rabbinic hermeneutics

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

23.9.2021	Habilitation and venia docendi in Jewish Studies; Univ. Vienna
28.9.2016	Doctorate in Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
11.2.2011	Doctorate in German Philology, Univ. Vienna
12.12.2005	Master's in German Philology, Univ. Vienna
3.10.2000	Master's in Literary Studies, Univ. Buenos Aires

POSITIONS HELD TO DATE

Since 4/2023	PI Austrian Science Fund (FWF)-funded project, Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences
4/2023–9/2024	Rothschild Fellow, Department of Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
4/2022–3/2023	Visiting Professor, Department of Jewish Studies, FU Berlin
3/2018–6/2022	Lecturer, Department of Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
10/2021–3/2022	Rothschild Fellow, Department of Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
3/2020–3/2022	PI FWF-funded project, Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of the Sciences
11/2019–2/2020	Post-doc Fellow Jewish Theology, Department of Old Testament Studies, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
11/2016–10/2019	Post-doc Researcher, Department of History and Art History, University of Utrecht
10/2010–10/2016	Prae-doc Assistant, Department of Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
4/2008–9/2010	Doctoral Candidate, Department of German Philology, Univ. Vienna

PARENTAL TIMES

2/2014–12/2015	Parental leave (birth of second child: 16.3.2014)
1/2012–8/2013	Parental leave (birth of first child: 23.2.2012)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST; MEMBERSHIP IN SCHOLARLY BODIES

<u>Evaluator</u>	for Belgian Flemish Research Foundation (FWO); for Israel Science Foundation (ISF); for Brill series The Reference Library of Judaism and Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism; for journal <i>Miscelánea de estudios árabes y hebreos</i> ; reviewer of doctoral dissertation Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
<u>Member</u>	<u>Member of ICAN VI International Advisory Committee</u> (Univ. Ghent); European Association of Jewish Studies; Mediävistenverband; World Union of Jewish Studies; Vienna Doctoral School of Theology and Research on Religion (https://vdtr.univie.ac.at); Research Center Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society”, (RaT: https://www.religionandtransformation.at/en/); Fachverband Judaistik – Jüdische Studien – Jüdische Theologie
<u>Editor</u>	With G. Langer, K. Davidowicz, and C. Bakhos Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht series <i>Poetik, Exegese und Narrative</i> ; <i>Dialog – Du Siach</i> , interfaith journal of the Coordination Committee for Christian-Jewish Cooperation

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING

2022	Protestantse Theologische Universiteit Amsterdam/Groningen, Senior Research Fellowship, Center for Early Jewish Hermeneutics; sum granted: EUR 4,000.
2021	Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) Cofund Post-doc Fellowship (declined).
2021	Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe: for research project: <i>Enduring Job: The Book of Job in Early Jewish Medieval Literature</i> ; sum granted: EUR 79,530.
2021	FWF (Austrian Science Fund) Stand-alone project: <i>The land of Israel in Geonic Times</i> (P 34307-G; sum granted: EUR 394,952.
2020	Vienna City, MA 7 Wien Kultur; toward the organisation of conference: Ancient and early medieval religious homelands; sum granted: EUR 4,000.
2019	Post-doctoral Research Fellowship Jewish Theology, Institute of Old Testament Studies, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz.
2019	European Association for Jewish Studies Conference Grant Programme in European Jewish Studies; grant toward the organisation of conference: Ancient and early medieval religious homelands; sum granted: GBP 5,900.

2007 FWF (Austrian Science Fund) Stand-alone project: *Barlaam und Josaphat in der europäischen Literatur des Mittelalters* (P 20738; project proposal co-authored with Prof. M. Meyer); sum granted: EUR 120,000.

LIST OF MOST IMPORTANT ACADEMIC LECTURES

- April 2024 “A land that flows with milk and honey and devours its inhabitants: On the land of Israel of the Geonic period”. Guest lecture. Princeton.
- June 2023 “Spatial aspects of Jewish apocalypticism”. Conference: *Comparative approaches to apocalyptic literature in Judaism, Islam & Christianity c. 600–c. 900*. St Andrews.
- June 2023 “Rabbinic Exegesis to Psalm 14 and 53”. Conference: *Commentaries on Psalms: International Workshop*. Vienna.
- May 2022 “Hebräisch als rabbinische Utopie? Überlegungen zum Verhältnis von Sprache und Identität in ausgewählten Midraschim”. Conference: *Sprache – Religion – Grenzen. Spätantike und Frühmittelalter: Verläufe und Vergleiche*. Historisches Kolleg, Munich.
- September 2021 Rabbinised Job: Revisiting the Job of the Sages”. Conference: *Lustrumcongress Job in het vroege christendom. Stichting Oudchristelijke Studiën*. Driebergen.
- April 2021 “La Tierra según los Sabios”. Guest lecture. Instituto Multidisciplinario de Historia y Ciencias Humanas (IMHICIHU) – CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- January 2020 “Die Literatur des klassischen Judentums: Ein Überblick über das erste Millennium unserer Zeitrechnung”. Guest lecture. Dept. Old Testament Studies, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz.
- March 2019 “The meaning of (territorial) borders in Rabbinic Judaism”. Conference: *Mainzer Akademietagung: Fragmentierte Welten: Entflechtung in der Vormoderne*.
- June 2019 “It is Like a King who had a Vineyard: The Land of Israel in Rabbinic Parables”. Conference: *The Power of Parables: Narrating Religion in Late Antiquity*. Utrecht.
- May 2018 “Individual and Collective Emotions in Esther Rabbah”. Conference: *Social and Personal Emotions*. Univ. Groningen.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

- 2021 *Ancient and early medieval religious homelands* (online [conference](#); 17 speakers, co-organised with L. V. Rutgers and G. Langer).
- 2018 *The Languages of the Jews: Diaspora, Language, and Jewish Identity*, Utrecht (conference; 12 speakers; co-organised with L. V. Rutgers).

- 2018 *The Relation between Form and Content in Aggadic Midrash*, Krakow (congress sessions at XIth EAJS Congress; 8 speakers, co-organised with L. Teugels).
- 2014 *The Bible and Women: Jewish Middle Ages*, Vienna (Workshop; 15 speakers, co-organised with G. Langer and C. Bakhos).
- 2011 *Narratology, Hermeneutics, and Midrash*, Vienna (conference; 14 speakers; co-organised with G. Langer).
- 2010 *Barlaam and Josaphat in the Literature of the Middle Ages*, Vienna (conference; 27 speakers; co-organised with M. Meyer).

TEACHING

- 2024 Seminar: Jewish Travel in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2024 Seminar: Women on the Margin: Rabbinic and Patristic Reception of Biblical Women (taught with Agnethe Siquans), Dept. Biblical Studies, Catholic Theological Faculty, Univ. Vienna.
- 2023 Seminar: Pesiqtot: The Homiletical Midrashim Pesiqta de Rav Kahana and Pesiqta Rabbati, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2023 Lecture: History of Rabbinic Literature and Culture, Dept. Jewish Studies, FU Berlin/ Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2023 Seminar: Ladino for beginners, Dept. Jewish Studies, FU Berlin.
- 2023 Seminar: Seder Eliyahu: A Late Midrash, Dept. Jewish Studies, FU Berlin.
- 2022–2023 Seminar: Job: Jewish Readings, Dept. Jewish Studies, FU Berlin.
- 2022–2023 Lecture: The Land of Israel in the First Millennium, Dept. Jewish Studies, FU Berlin.
- 2021 Seminar: Psalms: Bible and Reception, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna (taught with G. Langer).
- 2021 Seminar: Ladino for beginners, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2021 Seminar: Jewish Literature Digitally Explored, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2021 Seminar: Job: Bible and Reception, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna
- 2020 Seminar: Matriarchs and other Scriptural: Late Antique and Early Medieval Reception, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2019 Seminar: The Land of Israel and Sense of Place (taught with G. Langer), Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2018 Seminar: Rabbinic Mental Maps: The Land of Israel, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.
- 2016 Seminar: Small Forms of Rabbinic Literature, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.

2010 Tutorium on Lawrence Schiffman's lecture: History, Culture, Literature and Religion of Judaism during the Rabbinic Period, Dept. Jewish Studies, Univ. Vienna.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Hanna Skerhut Doctoral thesis: “‘Das Land, das ich dir zeigen werde’ (Gen 12.1): Zur jüdischen und christlichen Auslegung der Texte zum Land und zur Landverheißung in der Hebräischen Bibel bzw. im Alten Testament”.

Helga Schöppl Master's thesis: “Bruno Schulz und seine jüdische Identität”.

Bianca Plattner Master's thesis: “The land of Israel and the Psalms: Analysis of selected Psalms and their interpretation using Traditional and Digital Methods”.

Daniel Edelhofer Master's thesis: “Diasporische jüdische Identitäten in Siebenbürgen: Eine vergleichende Analyse anhand ausgewählter jüdischer Periodika und Schriftstücke des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts”.

Esther Jelinek Doctoral thesis: “Gerecht und sozial – Zedaka: Tradition, Transformation und ihre zeitgenössische Bedeutung in Wien”.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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MONOGRAPHS

- Cordoni, C. *Reconfiguring the land of Israel: A Rabbinic Project*. The Brill Reference Library of Judaism 76. Leiden: Brill, 2024 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004696761>).
- Cordoni, C. *Seder Eliyahu: A Narratological Reading*. Studia Judaica 100. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110531879>).
- Cordoni, C. *Barlaam und Josaphat in der europäischen Literatur des Mittelalters: Darstellung der Stofftraditionen, Bibliographie, Studien*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110341898>).

EDITED VOLUMES

- Ilan, T., R. Nikolsky, L. Miralles Maciá, eds. *Rabbinische Literatur*. German edition supervised by C. Cordoni. Die Bibel und die Frauen 4.1. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2021.

- Cordoni, C., and G. Langer, eds. “*Let the Wise Listen and Add to Their Learning*” (*Prov 1:5*): *Festschrift for Günter Stemberger on the Occasion of his 75th Birthday*. *Studia Judaica* 90. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110435283>).
- Meyer, M., and C. Cordoni, eds. *Barlaam und Josaphat: Neue Perspektiven auf ein europäisches Phänomen*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110343328>).
- Cordoni, C. and G. Langer, eds. *Narratology, Hermeneutics, and Midrash: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Narratives from the Late Antiquity through to Modern Times*. Göttingen: V&R unipress, 2014 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110435283>).

ONGOING BOOK PROJECTS

- Edited volume: *On Jewish Multilingualism in Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages* (with L. V. Rutgers; in preparation).
- Edited volume: *Ancient and Medieval Religious Homelands: Collected Essays* (with L. V. Rutgers and G. Langer; preliminarily accepted for publication at De Gruyter’s *Studia Judaica*).

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- Cordoni, C. “‘Send men to spy out the land’ (Num 13:2): Rabbinic Readings of the Spies’ Episode”. *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* (forthcoming).
- Cordoni, C. “‘Have you noticed My servant Job?’ (Job 1:8): On the Gentile, the Patient, the Righteous and the Protester Job in premodern Jewish tradition”. *European Journal of Jewish Studies* (forthcoming).
- Cordoni, C. “On Seder Eliyahu, Wisdom, and Job”. *Frankfurter Judaistische Beiträge* 44 (2022): 1–25 (DNB: <https://d-nb.info/011086114>).
- Cordoni, C. “‘For they did not change their language’ (MekhY Pischa 5): On Early Medieval Literary Rehebraicisation of Jewish Culture”. *Medieval Worlds* 11 (2020): 165–186 (DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1553/medievalworlds_no11_2020s165).
- Cordoni, C. “Inheriting and Buying a Homeland: The Land of Israel and the Patriarchs”. *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 49 (2018): 551–580 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12493216>).
- Cordoni, C. “The Book of the Prince and the Ascetic and the Transmission of Wisdom”. *Cahiers de Recherches Médiévales et Humanistes* 29 (2015): 43–70 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/crm.13772>).
- Cordoni, C. “Die weißen Tage oder warum die Frau immer noch als unrein gilt, nachdem ihre Unreinheit aufgehört hat”. *Protokolle zur Bibel* 21 (2012): 1–17.
- Cordoni, C. “o favole o parole o istorie: Zum Parabelkorpus in der Barlaam-Legende”. *Fabula* 52 (2012): 207–227 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/fabula-2011-0018>).

- Cordoni, C. “Körperkonzeptionen in der Barlaam und Josaphat-Legende”. *Hagiographica* 17 (2010): 301–324.
- Cordoni, C. “The Desert as locus Dei in Barlaam and Josaphat?” *Cahiers de Recherches Médiévales* 18 (2009): 389–400 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4000/crm.11726>).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Cordoni, C. “Hebräisch als Utopie? Sprache und jüdische Identität in Exegese und Erzählung”. In *Sprache – Religion – Grenzen: Spätantike und Frühmittelalter; Verläufe und Vergleiche*, edited by J. Heil, forthcoming.
- Cordoni, C. and L. Teugels, “Early Jewish Readings of Job”. In *Biblical Job in Early Christianity: Origins, Reception, Context*, edited by A.-K. Geljon, P. Rose, and N. Vos. Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- Cordoni, C. “Seder Eliyahu”. In *Targums and Early Rabbinic Literature*, edited by B. Chilton and A. Avery-Peck. Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies 7, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2024.
- Cordoni, C. “‘If You Keep Silent in This Crisis’ (Esth 4:14): Esther the Medieval Biblical Heroine”. In *The Jewish Middle Ages*, edited by C. Bakhos and G. Langer, 35–54. Bible and Women: An Encyclopedia of Exegesis and Cultural History 4.2. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2023 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.1176891.7>).
- Cordoni, C. “The Diasporic Topos of the Land of Israel in Rabbinic Parables”. In *The Power of Parables: Essays on the Comparative Study of Jewish and Christian Parables*, edited by E. Ottenheijm, M. Poorthuis, and A. Merz, 432–453. Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series 39. Leiden: Brill, 2023 (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004680043_022).
- Cordoni, C. “Jewish literary responses to the Arab conquest of the Land of Israel”. In *Late Antique Responses to the Arab Conquest*, edited by J. van den Bent, F. F. van den Eijnde and J. Weststeijn, 214–46. Leiden: Brill, 2021 (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004500648_010).
- Cordoni, C. “Identity and Sense of Place in Rabbinic Literature: The case of the Land of Israel”. In *“Written for Our Discipline and Use”: The Construction of Christian and Jewish Identities in Late Ancient Bible Interpretation*, edited by A. Siquans, 123–42. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.13109/9783666522192.123>).
- Cordoni, C. “‘Wenn du in diesen Tagen schweigst’ (Est 4,14): Zur mittelalterlichen biblischen Heldin Ester”. In *Das jüdische Mittelalter*, edited by C. Bakhos and G. Langer, 37–56. Die Bibel und die Frauen: Eine exegetisch-kulturgeschichtliche Enzyklopädie 4.2. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2020.
- Cordoni, C. “Biblical Interpretation in Seder Eliyahu”. In *“Let the Wise Listen and Add to Their Learning” (Prov 1:5): Festschrift for Günter Stemberger on the Occasion of*

his 75th Birthday, hg. v. C. Cordoni and G. Langer, 413–430. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110435283-023>).

- Cordoni, C. “Es geschieht in den besten Familien: Barlaam und Josaphat und das Problem der Familie”. In *D’Orient en Occident: Les recueils de fables enchâssées avant les Mille et Une Nuits de Galland (Barlaam et Josaphat, Calila et Dimna, Disciplina clericalis, Roman des Sept Sages)*, edited by M. Vuagnoux-Uhlig and Y. Foehr-Janssens, 165–190. Turnout: Brepols, 2014 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1484/m.celama-eb.1.101991>).
- Cordoni, C. “The emergence of the individual author(-image) in late rabbinic literature”. In *Narratology, Hermeneutics, and Midrash: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Narratives from the Late Antiquity through to Modern Times*, edited by C. Cordoni and G. Langer, 225–50. Göttingen: V&R unipress, 2014 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.14220/9783737003087.225>).

THIRD MISSION

- Cordoni, C. “Hiob, der Gott sucht”. *Dein Wort, mein Weg: alltägliche Begegnung mit der Bibel* 4/23 (2023): 34–36.
- Cordoni, C. “‘Have you noticed My servant Job?’ (Job 1:8): On the Gentile, the Patient, the Righteous and the Protester Job in premodern Jewish tradition”. Keynote lecture: *International Jewish-Christian Bible Week*. Münster, July 2022.
- Cordoni, C. “Land of the Sages”. ÖAW: Historical Identity Research Blog, 2021 (<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/imafo/read/land-of-the-sages>).
- Cordoni, C. “Die Unterwelt in der antiken jüdischen Literatur”. In *Einmal Unterwelt und zurück: Die Erfindung des Jenseits* (Ausstellungskatalog; Residenzgalerie Salzburg 21.7–4.11.2012), edited by T. Habersatter, A. Ducke and G. Groschner, 69–77. Salzburg: Residenzgalerie Salzburg, 2012.

REVIEWS

- Jason Kalman. *The Book of Job in Jewish Life and Thought: Critical Essays*. Cincinnati, OH: Hebrew Union College Press, 2021. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 55 (2024): 124–127 (DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12511385>).
- Ronit Nikolsky and Arnon Atzmon, eds. *Studies in the Tanhuma-Yelammedenu Literature*. The Brill Reference Library of Judaism 70. Leiden: Brill, 2021. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 54 (2023): 137–141 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12511361>).

- Isaac Kalimi. *Fighting over the Bible: Jewish Interpretation, Sectarianism and Polemic from Temple to Talmud and Beyond*. Leiden: Brill, 2017. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 52 (2021): 604–607 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12511332>).
- Suleiman A. Mourad, Naomi Koltun-Fromm, and Bedross Der Matossian, eds. *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem*. London: Routledge, 2019. In *NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* 75,2 (2021): 284–286 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5117/NTT2021.2.010.CORD>).
- Klaas Spronk and Evelyne van Staalduine-Sulman, eds., *Hebrew Texts in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Surroundings*. Studia Semitica Neerlandica 69. Brill: Leiden, 2018. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 51 (2019): 140–144 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12504501>).
- Ze'ev. Safrai. *Seeking out the Land: Land of Israel Traditions in Ancient Jewish, Christian and Samaritan Literature (200 B.C.E.–400 C.E.)*. Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series 32. Leiden: Brill, 2018. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 50 (2019): 284–289 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12502002>).
- G6rge Hasselhoff and Meret Strothmann, eds., *Religio licita? Rom und die Juden*. Studia Judaica 84. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016. In *NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* 73,2 (2019): 126–128 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5117/NTT2019.2.004.REVI>).
- Marion Uhlig, *Le prince des clercs. Barlaam et Josaphat ou l'art du recueil*. Publications romanes et franaises 268, Geneva: Droz, 2018. In *Zeitschrift f6r franz6sische Sprache und Literatur* 129,1 (2019): 108–110 (<https://elibrary.steiner-verlag.de/article/99.105010/zfs1201901010801>).
- Eyal Ben-Eliyahu. *Identity & Territory: Jewish Perception of Space in Antiquity*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2019. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 51 (2019): 306–8 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700631-12511290>).
- Moulie Vidas. *Tradition and the Formation of the Talmud*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2014. In *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 7 (2016): 283–284 (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.13109/jaju.2016.7.2.269>).