

## 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; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG).
<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 ( <a href="https://vdtr.univie.ac.at">https://vdtr.univie.ac.at</a> ); Research Center Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society, (RaT: <a href="https://www.religionandtransformation.at/en/">https://www.religionandtransformation.at/en/</a> ); Fachverband Judaistik – Jüdische Studien – Jüdische Theologie; Excellence Cluster Eurasian Transformations ( <a href="https://www.oeaw.ac.at/eurasian-transformations/home">https://www.oeaw.ac.at/eurasian-transformations/home</a> ).
<u>Editor</u>	With G. Langer, K. Davidowicz, and C. Bakhos of 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

2024	FWF (Austrian Science Fund) Stand-alone project: <i>Job in Early Medieval Jewish Literature</i> (PAT 5867124); sum granted: EUR 485,405.
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 XI<sup>th</sup> EAJC 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.

#### 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](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](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](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 Staaldoune-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>).
  - Görge 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 françaises 268, Geneva: Droz, 2018. In *Zeitschrift für französische Sprache und Literatur* 129,1 (2019): 108–110 (<https://elibrary.steiner-verlag.de/article/99.105010/zfsl201901010801>).
  - 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>).