

# MAG DR KERSTIN MAYERHOFER

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER



## QUALIFICATION

**2023** Dr.phil. Jewish Studies  
University of Vienna

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

**Advisors** Armin Lange, University of Vienna  
Miri Rubin, Queen Mary, University of London

**Examinors** Bettina Bildhauer, University of St Andrews  
Irvn 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

## RESEARCH FOCUS

Pre-modern antisemitism and sexism | Medieval gender concepts | The body in Jewish thought and history | Gender(s) and sexuality(ies) in Judaism

## AWARDS/GRANTS

**Laura Bassi Scholarship (Finalist)**  
Laura Bassi Foundation, 2024

**International Communication Scholarship**  
Austrian Research Association, 2024

**Abroad Fellowship**  
International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna, 2022

**Doctoral Grant**  
Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe, 2021

**Junior Fellowship**  
International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna, 2021

## TALKS/PAPERS

*Demystifying Jewish Male Menstruation.*  
History International Network, 2024

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

*The Blood-sucking Serpent and the Bleeding Jew. Late-Medieval Entanglements of Sexism and Antisemitism.*  
The Medieval Blood Conference, Cambridge University, 2023

*'Und sie bluten wie die Frauen': Geschichte eines antisemitischen Motivs.*  
International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) Vienna, 2022

*Perceptions of the 'Men-struating' Jew. Antisemitism and Sexualities Reconsidered,* Center for Research on Antisemitism (TU Berlin) and German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C.), online, 2021

## APPOINTMENTS

**current** Post-doctoral assistant  
Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

**2022 – 2023** Visiting PhD Researcher  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

**2022** Visiting PhD Training Student  
University of St Andrews, UK

**2021 – 2023** Junior Fellow  
International Research Center for Cultural Studies (IFK) in Vienna, University of Art and Design Linz

**2017 – 2021** Project Assistant "An End to Antisemitism"  
Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA)

**summer** Racial Antisemitism: Origins, Evolution, and Contemporary Relevance  
**2025** Seminar, BA+MA Level, 8 ECTS

**In the Garden of Stories: Adam, Eve, and the Cultural Legacy of Creation**  
Seminar, BA+MA Level, 8 ECTS

**winter** Back at Sinai: History of the Jewish Women's Movement from its Beginnings to the Present Day  
**2024** Guided reading, BA+MA Level, 8 ECTS

**Covenant, Sacrifice, (Im-) Purity: Blood in Judaism from Halakhic, Cultural Historical, and Gender Perspectives**  
Seminar, BA+MA Level, 8 ECTS

**summer** Women in the Hebrew Bible and Qumran  
**2024** Lecture, BA+MA Level, 4 ECTS

**summer** Gender(s) and Sexuality(ies) in Judaism  
**2024/2021** Seminar, BA+MA Level, 8 ECTS



# PUBLICATIONS

## BOOKS

### MONOGRAPH

**currently under peer review** Jewish Male Menstruation: A Medieval Entanglement of Sexism and Antisemitism.  
Manchester: Manchester University Press.

### EDITED BOOKS

- forthcoming (in press)** Experiencing the Hebrew Bible: Spotlights on History and Tradition.  
Volume 2 of *Baron Lectures: Studies in the Jewish Experience*.  
Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill. With Amy Fedeski and Alina L. Schittenhelm.
- 2023** Quellen zur jüdischen Geschichte im Heiligen Römischen Reich und seinen Nachfolgestaaten: Judendeutsch, Jiddisch, Hebräisch, Judenspanisch, 16.–20. Jahrhundert.  
Vollständig überarbeitete Neuauflage.  
Wien: Böhlau. With Dieter J. Hecht, Louise Hecht, Avraham Siluk and Stephan Wendehorst.
- 2023** Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity.  
Volume 1 of *Baron Lectures: Studies in the Jewish Experience*.  
Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill. With Rachel Blumenthal and Daniel M. Herskowitz.
- since 2023** Baron Lectures: Studies in the Jewish Experience.  
Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill. With Armin Lange.
- 2022** Confronting Antisemitism from Perspectives of Philosophy and Social Sciences.  
Volume 4 of *An End to Antisemitism!*  
Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman.
- 2021** Confronting Antisemitism through the Ages – A Historical Perspective.  
Volume 3 of *An End to Antisemitism!*  
Berlin: De Gruyter.
- Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds.**  
Volume 5 of *An End to Antisemitism!*  
Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman.
- 2020** Confronting Antisemitism from the Perspectives of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism.  
Volume 2 of *An End to Antisemitism!*  
Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman.
- 2019** Comprehending and Confronting Antisemitism: A Multi-Faceted Approach.  
Volume 1 of *An End to Antisemitism!*  
Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman.
- 2014** Quellen zur jüdischen Geschichte im Heiligen Römischen Reich und seinen Nachfolgestaaten: Judendeutsch, Jiddisch, Hebräisch, Judenspanisch, 16.–20. Jahrhundert.  
Wien: Böhlau. With Dieter J. Hecht, Louise Hecht, Avraham Siluk and Stephan Wendehorst.
- 2010** Retrograde Hebrew and Aramaic Dictionary.  
Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements 1.  
Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. With Ruth Sander.

# PUBLICATIONS

## ARTICLES

### PEER REVIEWED

- forthcoming** **Jews as Bloody Snakes: An Entanglement of Religion, Gender, and Race.**  
**(under contract)** *Conceptions of "Race" in Premodern German Studies*, special issue of *Seminar: A Journal of Germanic Studies*, edited by Tina Boyer, and Annegret Oehme.
- (under contract)** **Historical Approaches to Menstruation Research.**  
*SAGE Encyclopedia of Menstruation & Society*, edited by Bee Hughes, and Kay Standing. London: SAGE Publishers.
- 2023** **Von menstruierenden Männern und zügellosen Frauen: Sexualität und Geschlecht im mittelalterlichen Antisemitismus.**  
*Jahrbuch für Antisemitismusforschung* 31, 91–110.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- forthcoming** **Experiencing the Hebrew Bible: Spotlights on History and Tradition: Introduction.**  
**(in press)** *Experiencing the Hebrew Bible: Spotlights on History and Tradition*, edited by Alina L. Schittenhelm, Kerstin Mayerhofer, and Amy Fedeski. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill. With Alina L. Schittenhelm, and Amy Fedeski.
- 2023** **Creating an Unlike to Dislike: Constructions of Jewish Identity and Alterity in Christian Exempla Stories.**  
*Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity*, edited by Rachel Blumenthal, Daniel M. Herskowitz, and Kerstin Mayerhofer. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill.
- Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity: Introduction.**  
*Constructing and Experiencing Jewish Identity*, edited by Rachel Blumenthal, Daniel M. Herskowitz, and Kerstin Mayerhofer. Paderborn: Schöningh-Brill. With Rachel Blumenthal, and Daniel M. Herskowitz.
- 2022** **Confronting Antisemitism from Perspectives of Philosophy and Social Sciences: Introduction.**  
*Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange.
- 2021** **Inferiority Embodied: The 'Men-struating' Jew and Pre-Modern Notions of Identity and Difference.**  
*Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- Comprehending Antisemitism through the Ages: Introduction.**  
*Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange.
- Introduction.**  
*Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange and Lisa Johanne Jacobs.
- 2020** **Introduction.**  
*Confronting Antisemitism from the Perspectives of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism*, edited by Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Berlin: De Gruyter. With Armin Lange.