

Ringvorlesung

Vernunft und Offenbarung in der jüdischen Tradition

Mo 6-8 pm Uhr, Hörsaal ESA K (Mondays and Wednesdays)

The general theme of the lecture series in 2018 will be **Reason and Revelation in Jewish Tradition** (Vernunft und Offenbarung in der jüdischen Tradition). The lectures shall introduce Jewish thought to the general public and expose the relation between reason and revelation in specific Jewish writings. The lectures will revolve around the following questions: Under which circumstances can we speak of reason in the framework of Judaism? Can we erroneously read reason into the sources of heavenly revelation? How can the presupposition of reason/ *ratio* be justified by Jewish thinkers and be deduced from traditional Jewish sources? Does reason concur with faith or are they exclusive epistemological spheres?

We will have speakers, who are either fellows at the Maimonides Centre or faculty staff at the Institute, all presenting their research on aspects of Jewish thought, philosophy, theology and mysticism.

1 16.4. **Giuseppe Veltri**, Universität Hamburg

Glauben und Vernunft im Judentum: Eine philosophisch-skeptische Einführung

2 Wed 25.4. **Meir Buzaglo**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The One: Towards a Talmudic Approach

3 Wed 2.5. **Bill Rebiger**, Universität Hamburg

Gershom Scholems Erforschung der Kabbala und die Frage nach Vernunft und Offenbarung im Judentum

4 7.5. **Christoph Schulte**, Universität Potsdam (Maimonides Lecture)

Metaphysical Scepticism Concerning the Philosophy of History: Mendelssohn's Arguments Against the Progress of Humankind

5 14.5. **Zeev Strauss**, Universität Hamburg

Wenn die Offenbarung selbst die hypostasierte Vernunft Gottes ist: Der Offenbarungsbegriff des Philon von Alexandria

21.5. Pfingstferien / holidays

6 28.5. **Elchanan Reiner**, Tel Aviv University

The 'Ten Questions' of Eliezer of Eilenburg - Skepticism, Heresy or Exegesis? An Alternative Reading

- 7 4.6. **Daniel Davies**, Universität Hamburg
The Jacobs Affair: Revelation and Schismatic Jewish Theology
- 8 Wed 6.6. **Lilian Türk**, Universität Hamburg
Offenbarungsverständnis und Vernunftkritik im jüdischen religiösen Sozialismus
- 9 11.6. **Aryeh Botwinick**, Temple University
Negative Theology in the Context of Rabbi Akiva as a Rabbinic Precursor and Infinity as the Point of (Non-) Contact
- 10 Wed 13.6. **Yair Lorberbaum**, Bar Ilan University
The Rise of Halakhic Religiosity, of Mystery and Transcendence in the Jewish Tradition
- 11 18.6. **Michael Engel**, Universität Hamburg
Apologetic Tendencies vs. Apologetic Works: Evaluating the Historiography of Medieval Jewish Thought
- 12 25.6. **Rachel Aumiller**, Universität Hamburg
The Comic Slapstick of Resistance and Revelation: Walter Benjamin and WWII Political Satire
- 13 Wed 27.6. **Libera Pisano**, Universität Hamburg
The '*Speaking Language*' of Revelation beyond Reason: Franz Rosenzweig's Grammatical Thought
- 14 2.7. **Daniel Boyarin**, University of California, Berkeley
Kommentar innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft: The Philosophical Grounds of Pilpul
- 15 9.7. **Michela Torbidoni**, Universität Hamburg
Challenging religious authorities: The scientific commitment of the Jews in 17th century Venice