

Gender, Sexual Nationalism, Antisemitism and Orientalism in European Identity Discourses

First Workshop 30. 5. - 1. 6. 2013 Maastricht University (NL), Grote Gracht 80-82, Room 001

Outline of the Conference Topic

Taking our lead from new theoretical perspectives on “sexual nationalism”, neo-Orientalism and contemporary veil performances this workshop starts with a discussion of current debates of a comparability of Antisemitism and “Islamophobia”. Secondly, it will concentrate on historical constructions of Jewish identity from the perspective of colonialism and Orientalism. How did the stereotypes of the external and the internal Other intertwine? What role did/do gender and processes of sexualisation and ‘aesthetic formations’ play therein? The first workshop aims at a state-of-the-art overview of gender and postcolonial-studies approaches to intersections of new and old Orientalism, pre-Shoa Antisemitism, and the ambivalent trope of an ‘inner Orient’, as can be seen, for example, in the figure of the “beautiful Jewess”.

Format

The format of the workshops aims at intensive exchange and developing the formation of the network, getting in contact, learning from each other, comparing the different case studies, historical fields, and methodological approaches and strengthening common ground and goals. Every speaker has 20 minutes, plus ten minutes for direct questions and remarks. Afterwards we will have a plenary discussion about each unit. In the program you’ll find the function ‘respondent’. Since we do not have time for elaborate responses, the ‘respondents’ will formulate some questions and add remarks about the session to create a reflective way of communication. Only the starting session on Thursday will be public.

Program & Schedule

Thursday, 30.5.2013

- 14:30-15:30 Registration and Coffee
15:30- 16:00 **Ulrike Brunotte** (Maastricht) *Welcome* Introduction

Session A, Chair:/Respondent Ulrike Brunotte, Respondent: Jay Geller

- 16:00-16:30 **Juliane Wetzel** (Berlin): *Towards a comparability of Antisemitism and Islamophobia*
16:30-17:00 **Achim Rohde** (Marburg): *Inner Orient. Antisemitism and the (Self-)Orientalization of the (German) Jews*
17:00-17:30 **Axel Stähler** (Kent, UK): *Constructions of Jewish Identity and the Spectre of Colonialism*
17:30 -18:15 Respondents comments, open discussion

20:00 Dinner in La Rilette, St. Pieterstraat 54
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Friday, 31.5.2013

Session B, Chair/Respondent: Christina Spaeti (Zürich)

- 9:15-9:45 **Anna-Dorothea Ludewig** (Potsdam): *"Alle diese orientalischen Gestalten aber übertreffen die Frauen unseres traurigen und gemeinen Abendlandes"* Das Bild der Jüdin in der europäischen Literatur des 19. und beginnenden 20. Jahrhunderts
9:45-10:15 **Stefanie Schüler-Springorum** (Berlin): *Was wir alles nicht wissen. Deutsch-jüdische Geschlechtergeschichte im langen 19. Jahrhundert*
10:15- 10:45 Respondent, discussion
10:45-11:00 Coffee

Chair: Christina Spaeti, Respondent: Claudia Bruns (Berlin)

- 11:00-11:30 **Tatjana Petzer** (Berlin/Zürich): *Schleier in Aktion. Der Oriental Turn in Mode und Kunst*
11:30-12:15 **Sarah Dornhof** (Frankfurt/Oder): *Embodied Protest. Bareness and Unveiling in Contemporary Visual Politics*
12:15-12:45 **Christina von Braun** (Berlin): *To see or not to see. Auge und Geschlecht in der jüdischen, christlichen und muslimischen Kultur*
12:45- 13:15 Respondents, discussion

13:15-14:15 Lunch break

Chair/Respondent: Susanne Enderwitz, Respondent: Daniel Wildmann

14:15-14:45 **Claudia Bruns** (Berlin): *Interrelationen zwischen Rassismus, Antisemitismus und Orientalismus um 1900*

15:45-15:15 **Jan den Hond** (Amsterdam): *Dutch Orientalism*

15:15-15:45 Respondents, discussion

15:45-16:00 Coffee

Chair: Susanne Enderwitz, Respondent: Willy Jansen

16:00-16:45 **Patricia Plummer** (Duisburg/Essen): *Imperial Desire. Homoeroticism, Colonial Contact*

16:45-17:15 **Paul Mepschen** (Amsterdam): *Sexual Nationalism, Homophobia, Orientalism and Citizenship*

17:15-18:00 Respondent, discussion

Dinner

Saturday, 1.6.2013

Chair: Ulrike Brunotte/Achim Rohde (Berlin Network-Partners)

9:45-10:15 Open Discussion *zum Netzwerk, Struktur, finanzielle Möglichkeiten, Planung des nächsten Workshops, COST-application etc.*

Chair/Respondent: Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Respondents: Tatjana Petzer and Anna-Dorothea Ludewig

10:15-10:45 **Jay Geller** (USA, Vanderbilt): *Kafkas "Schakale und Araber": Gleichnis, Tiergeschichte, dialektisches Bild?*

10:45-11:15 **Willy Jansen** (NL, Nijmegen): *Entangled Histories: Radboud Researchers on European and Middle Eastern Identity Discourses on Gender and Sexuality*

11:15-11:45 **Daniel Wildmann** (UK, London): *Golem??*

11:45-12:30 Respondents, discussion

12:30 Lunch break end of the workshop