

Medieval Africa and the Global World Workshop

13–15 January 2025

Organizers

François-Xavier Fauvelle

Collège de France, Paris, & The French Research Center in Jerusalem

Yitzhak Hen

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Israel Institute for Advanced Studies

Sarah Stroumsa

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Monday, 13 January

Venue: The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

16:00 Gathering

16:30 **Greetings**

Chair: **Sarah Stroumsa**, Academy Member, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

David Harel, President, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Yitzhak Hen, Director, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies

Opening Lecture

François-Xavier Fauvelle, Collège de France, Paris,
& Director of the French Research Center in Jerusalem

Reflections in a Golden Orb: Africa in the Middle Ages

להרשמה
לכל ימי הכנס

Registration
for all
Conference Days





Medieval Africa and the Global World

Workshop

Tuesday, 14 January

Venue: The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

09:30 Panel 1: Framing the Middle Ages

Chair: **Galia Sabar**, Tel Aviv University & The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

Marco Cristini, Università degli Studi di Firenze

Barbarian Times? Arians and Catholics in Vandal Africa (5th–6th Centuries)

Philip Slavin, University of Stirling & IIAS

The Disease that Should Not Have Been There: On Two Introductions of Plague into Sub-Saharan Africa, 15th–18th centuries

Steven Kaplan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Composition of Christianity in Medieval Ethiopia

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Panel 2: Peri-Saharan Africa

Chair: **Meir Bar-Asher**, Academy Member, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Judith Olszowy-Schlanger, École Pratique des Hautes Études & University of Oxford

Migration of People, Migration of Script in the Maghreb: A Hebrew Palaeography Study

Mehdi Ghouirgate, University of Bordeaux-Montaigne

The Almoravid and Almohad Berber Dynasties (11th–13th Centuries): An African Perspective

Youval Rotman, Tel Aviv University

Africa and the Medieval Map of Human Trafficking

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Panel 3: Peri-Saharan Africa (continued)

Chair: **Camila Adang**, Tel Aviv University

Sarah Stroumsa, Academy Member, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Cultural Tel: In Search of Vestiges of Medieval Jewish–Berber Cultural Contacts

Daniel Kumah, University of Ghana

Begho (Ghana) and West African Connections with the Islamic World

Discussion

16:00 Visit to the Medieval Africa Exhibition at the National Library of Israel

Guided by **Raquel Ukeles**



להרשמה
לכל ימי הכנס

Registration
for all
Conference Days



Medieval Africa and the Global World Workshop

Wednesday, 15 January

Venue: Israel Institute for Advanced Studies

09:30 Panel 4: **Ethiopian Crossroads**

Chair: **Yoram Bilu**, Academy Member, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Haggai Erlich, Tel Aviv University

The Horn of Africa: A Christian and Muslim Crossroads in the 16th Century

Alebachew Belay Birru, Debre Berhan University & Université Grenoble-Alpes

Connected "Pagans" of Medieval Ethiopia: The Shay Culture in Focus

Bar Kribus, Tel Aviv University

Christian Solomonic Expansion into the Regions Inhabited by the Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jews) and Its Impact on the Development of Religious Institutions in These Regions (14th–17th Centuries)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 Panel 5: **Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Interconnections**

Chair: **Michal Biran**, Academy Member, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Samantha Kelly, Rutgers University

Ethiopia and Latin Europe: Settlement, Diplomacy and Millenarianism

Guy Ron-Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University

The Tale of the Righteous Zanjī Prince and Its (Implied) Readers

Oded Zinger, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Continuing Jewish Involvement in the East African Slave Trade According to Geniza Documents and Other Sources

Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Round Table on **African History in Israel**

Moderator: **Miriam Frenkel**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Galia Sabar, Tel Aviv University

Ruth Ginio, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Lynn Schler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Leonardo Cohen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

16:00 **Concluding Remarks**

17:00 Reception

להרשמה
לכל ימי הכנס

Registration
for all
Conference Days

הכניסה בהרשמה מראש, ללא תשלום ועל בסיס מקום פנוי.

Please register in advance. Admission is free of charge, on the basis of available seating.