

The University of Haifa
hosts
The Mediterranean Seminar Summer 2022 Workshop

**Purity, Pollution, Purification
and Defilement
in the Premodern Mediterranean**

Tuesday, 28 June & Wednesday, 29 June 2022

Keynotes

**Holger Zellentin (University of Tübingen)
Eve Krakowski (Princeton University)**

Workshops

**"Sacred Spaces and the Purification of the Soul: Ritual
Ablutions in the Mediterranean"**

• Federica Broilo (University of Urbino)
Respondent: Fred Astren (San Francisco State)

**"Blood Purity and the Biology of Difference in
Late-Medieval Spain"**

• Ana M. Gómez-Bravo (SUniversity of Washington)
Respondent: Yossi Yisraeli (Jewish History: Bar-Ilan U)

"Ritual Purity as Jewish Self-Definition in the Diaspora"

• Friederike Katharina Schöpf (Frankfurt am Main)
Respondent: Conrad Leyser (Oxford)

Organizers

Moshe Bildstein (Haifa) • Brian A. Catlos (CU Boulder)
Naama Cohen-Hanegbi (Tel Aviv) • Sharon Kinsohita
(UC Santa Cruz)

Round-Tables

**"How do interreligious interactions shape or alter
discourses of purity and pollution?"**

Neta B. Bodner (Open U of Israel) • Nathan Ron (Haifa)
Núria Silleras-Fernández (CU Boulder) • Rebecca Wartell
(CU Boulder) • David Williams (U of Saint Katherine)
Nina Glibetic (Notre Dame) • Yaniv Fox (Bar Ilan)

**"In what ways do ideas about purity and filth
correspond with notions of well-being, physical
health or spiritual health?"**

Sam Cohen (Sonoma State) • Sara McDougall (CUNY)
Feray Coskun (Ozyegin U) • Sarah Whitear (KU Leuven)
Rami Tannous (Haifa Center for Mediterranean)
Naphtali Meshel (Hebrew U of Jerusalem)

**"Purity and practice: how do discourses of purity
intersect with economic and social realities?"**

Hila Brokman (Tel Aviv) • Meir Edrey (Haifa)
Mark Hoover (Tübingen) • Matan Orian (Tel Aviv)
Felipe E. Rojas (West Liberty U) • Yizhak Feder (Haifa)
Michelle Hamilton (Minnesota)

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