The Italian Way: State, Empire, and Policy towards Jews (15th-18th century)

May 5-7, 2019
University of Maryland, College Park - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Sunday May 5, University of Maryland, College Park
1:15 PM Introductory Remarks: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland)
1:30 PM Keynote: Francesco Benigno (Scuola Normale Superiore), Beyond the Courts: Rethinking Statehood and Governance in Early Modern Europe
2:30-4:00 PM Laying the Foundations
Chair: Philip Soergel (University of Maryland)
Piero Savy (École française de Rome), Cows, Cogs, Actors? Jews in the Political Processes of the Duchy of Milan (15th Century)
Alessandra Veronese, From Mid-14th to Early 16th Centuries: the Jews of the Duchy of Urbino as an Active Presence in the Building of the State
Giacomo Todeschini (University of Trieste), Christian Financial Government and Jewish Political Culture in Italy (15th-17th Centuries): A Dialectic of Modernity
Coffee break
4:30-5:30 PM Venice
Chair: Pawel Maciejko (Johns Hopkins University) Renato Segre (Venice), Prelude to the Ghetto. Did Venice Favor the 'Italian Way'? Benjamin Rovit (Brandeis University), Jewish Moneylenders and Merchants in Venice: Necessary for the Venetian Government or Only Useful?
5:30 PM Germano Maifreda (University of Milan), Beyond the Ghetto: Marina Caffiero on Italian Jewry
Dinner
Monday May 6, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
9:30-11:00 AM Rome
Chair: Gabriele Ferrario (Johns Hopkins University) Davide Liberatossi (Potsdam University), The Idea of Universitas Judaearum as an Instrument for the Construction of Centralizing States: Rome and the Papal State between the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period
Serena Di Nepi (Sapienza – University of Rome), Jews, State, and Politics: The Trial against Bernardino Campello in the Aftermath of the Cum nimis absurdum (Rome and Spoleto, 1562)
Raffaele Pittella (State Archive of Rome), The Status Animiranum as an Instrument of Control over Fiscal Matters and Religious Minorities in the Ecclesiastical State
Coffee break
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Italian Jews in the Spanish Imperial System
Chair: Erin Rowe (Johns Hopkins University) Nadia Zeldes (Ben Gurion University of the Negev), Jews, Conversos, and Inquisition in the Italian Spanish Dominions (1503-1541)
Flora Cassen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Jews in Spanish Milan: Between Local and Imperial State
Vincenzo Selleri (The City University of New York, Graduate Center), Iudeca: Jewish Communities and Jewish Space in 15th-century Apulia
Lunch
12:30 PM-2:00 PM Educational Institutions and the Jewish Community in Early Modern Italy
Saturday May 4, University of Maryland, College Park
Chair: Asher Salah (Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design) Restrictive Tolerance: Receptio of Jews and Muslims in Livorno (1591-1614)
Francesco Bregoli (Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY), Beyond Jewish "Autonomy": State Reforms and Political Negotiations in Habsburg Italy
Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti (University College London), Negotiating Power, Autonomy and Integration in Late 18th- and early 19th-century Livorno
Lois Dubin (Smith College), State Building and the Politics of Intimacy: Marriage and Divorce, Jewish and Civil, in Early Modern Italy
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Bernard Cooperman (University of Maryland), Concluding Remarks: The State and the Rise of Jewish Communal Governance
Lunch
Washington DC, Library of Congress
3:30 PM Guided Book Exhibit

Monday May 6, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore
2:15-3:45 PM Tuscany
Chair: Lawrence Principe (Johns Hopkins University) Mofalda Toniazzi (University of Pisa), At the Beginning of the Modern Era: The Jews and the Magistrates Dedicated to Them in the Cities of Central and Northern Italy. The Case of Florence (15th Century)
Stefanie B. Siegmund (Jewish Theological Seminary), Forced in, Pushed out: The Medici State, the Ghetto Community, and the Control of Walls and Boundaries
Justine Walden (Yale University), The Global and the Local: Sephardic Diaspora, Ottoman Entanglements, and The Medici State
4:00-5:00 PM Macksy Room at Brody Learning Commons
Documenting the Ghetto Administration in Ferrara
Dinner
Tuesday May 7, University of Maryland, College Park
9:30-11:30 AM Livorno and Trieste
Chair: Rachelle Jesurum (University of Bologna) Asher Salahi (Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design), Restrictive Tolerance: Receptio of Jews and Muslims in Livorno (1591-1614)
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