Wissenschaft between East and West: The Hungarian Connection in Modern Jewish Scholarship

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Sunday, October 14, 2012
Venue: Central European University, Auditorium, Nádor utca 9
17:30-18:00 Welcoming remarks
18:00-19:00 Keynote lecture
Chair: Nadia Al-Bagdadi (Budapest)
Geza Komoroczy (Budapest): Oriental Studies in Hungary and at the Rabbinical Seminary
19:00 Reception

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9:00-9:10 Welcome and greetings: Zsigmond Ritoók, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
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Chair: Andreas Brämer (Hamburg)
Michael K. Silber (Jerusalem): The Beginnings of Hungarian Jewish Historiography
Michael L. Miller (Budapest): The Moravian Origins of Hungarian Wissenschaft des Judentums
10:15-10:45 Coffee break
10:45-12:30 IGNÁC GOLDSZIEHR: LONELY MAN OF FAITHS
Chair: Shaul Shaked (Jerusalem)
Igor Schersch (New York): Value Free Scholarship in an Age of Academic Bigotry: the Relationship between Heinrich Fleischer and Ignaz Goldszihr
Ottfried Fräkle (Leipzig): From Geiger to Goldszihr: Historical Method and its Impact on Shaping Isam
Tamás Túrán (Budapest): Academic Religion: Goldszihr as Scholar and Jew
12:30-14:00 Lunch break
14:00-15:15 VENUES OF WISSENSCHAFT: YESHIVA, SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY
Chair: György Harazti (Budapest)
Carsten L. Wilke (Budapest): Students’ Itineraries between Yeshiva and University
Mirjam Thuln (Mainz): Connecting Centers of Wissenschaft des Judentums: David Kaufmann in Budapest, 1877-1899
15:15-15:45 Coffee break
15:45-17:30 THE POLITICS OF WISSENSCHAFT
Chair: Viktor Kárdy (Budapest)
Miklós Konrád (Budapest): Hungarian Politics and the Construction of Denationalized Judaism
András Kovács (Budapest): An Unhappy Ending: Jewish Educational Institutions under Communist Rule
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Vítomi Voigt (Sibiu): Suspension Bridge of Confidence: Folklore Studies in Jewish-Hungarian Scholarship
Zsuzsanna Torony (Budapest): Fixtures at an Exhibition: Making Judaica Visible at the Turn of the Century
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