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9:30-10:15
Danny Trom (EHESS/lier Paris)
An aspect of Jewish political knowledge contained in classical rabbinical comments on Esther VI:1

10:15-11:00
Dana Hollander (McMaster University)
Hermann Cohen’s Epistemologies of Philosophy and Judaism: the Meaning of “Source”

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00
Oded Schechter (Johns Hopkins University)
Literal Sense: Spinoza vs. the Rabbis

12:00-12:45
Ido Harari (Ben Gurion University)
Translating Ostjuden – Nathan Birnbaum reading Martin Buber reading R. Nachman of Breslov

12:45-13:30
Concluding discussion

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**Tuesday, June 2, 2015**

9:00-9:30 Greetings  
Joachim Küpper (Freie Universität Berlin | Dahlem Humanities Center)  
Rainer Kampling (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Judaistische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)

9:30-10:15  
Elad Lapidot (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Judaistische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)  
Do Jews Know? Torah as Science of Judaism

10:15-11:00  
Ron Naiweld (CNRS/CRH Paris)  
Knowing What should be Known: The Talmud’s Epistemology of Historical Knowledge

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

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Tali Artman Partock (University of Cambridge)  
Irrational truths: Midrash as Myth

12:00-12:45  
Mark Geller (Freie Universität Berlin)  
The Babylonian Talmud: Things are not always what they seem

12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15  
Yossi Chajes (Haifa University)  
Seeing the Forest though Trees: Ilanot and the Visualization and Creation of Kabbalistic Knowledge

15:15-16:00  
Federico Dal Bo (ICI Berlin)  
A Sage Understands of his own Knowledge” (mHag 2:1). Degrees and Hierarchy of Knowledge in the XIII Century Kabbalah

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:00  
Gabriel Levy (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)  
Judaic information, complex creation, and the limits of human understanding

17:00-17:45  
Hillel Ben Sasson (The Hebrew University Jerusalem)  
Knowing God or speaking to Him?  
The name YHWH’s Epistemological Legacy

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9:30-10:15  
Sylvie-Anne Goldberg (EHESS/CRH Paris)  
Let’s be anachronistic: theory of knowledge and rationality in Sa’adia Ga’on

10:15-11:00  
Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell University)  
The Grand European “Tur”

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:00  
Cedric Cohen Skalli (Haifa University)  
A critical study of modern scholarship on Isaac Abravanel: From Politics to cultural agency

12:00-12:45  
Lukas Mühlthaler (Freie Universität Berlin | Zentrum Judaistische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg)  
The Delmedigo Conundrums – Jewish Knowledge and New Sciences in the Early 17th Century

12:45-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15  
Anthony J. DeSantis (University of Texas Pan American)  
The True God and Way to Salvation and Happiness according to Benedict de Spinoza Knowledge

15:15-16:00  
Beate Ulrike La Sala (FU Berlin)  
Spinoza and prophetic knowledge: the perspective of Manuel Joel

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Yaniv Feller (University of Toronto)  
The Epistemology of Jewish Essence

17:00-17:45  
James Diamond (University of Waterloo)  
The Epistemological Value of Suffering: Rupture in the Warsaw Ghetto