

# 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

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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Israel Institute for Advanced Studies

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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**

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לכל ימי הכנס

Registration  
for all  
Conference Days





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## 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 (5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

**Philip Slavin**, University of Stirling & IIAS

**The Disease that Should Not Have Been There: On Two Introductions of Plague into Sub-Saharan Africa, 15<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> 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 (11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> 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**





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## 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 (14<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> 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 Zanj 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



הכניסה בהרשמה מראש, ללא תשלום ועל בסיס מקום פנוי.

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