



THE HERITAGE OF THE JEWS OF GOA

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A two-day interdisciplinary congress to be held on Day 1 at the Hebrew University and Day 2 at the Ben-Zvi Institute in Jerusalem on December 18-19, 2016.**

December 18, 2016: Day 1

Location: Research Institute for Innovation in Education, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Room 242**

10:00-10:15 Registration and refreshments

10:15-10:45 Greetings

Gad Yair, Director, RIFIE, Hebrew University

Yaron Ben-Naeh, Director, Misgav Yerushalayim Research Institute

David Shulman, Professor Emeritus, Depts. of Asian Studies and Comparative Religions, Hebrew University

Anat Bernstein-Reich, Chairperson, Israel-India Chamber of Commerce

10:45-11:30 Session 1: The Jews of Goa: From Early Settlement to Modern Times

Chair: José Alberto Rodrigues da Silva Tavim, Centre of History, Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon

Pratima Kamat, Head, Dept. of History, University of Goa

Indo-Portuguese History, Maritime Studies and the Connection with the Jews

Shalva Weil, RIFIE, Hebrew University

The Jews of Goa: State of the Art and State of the Scholarship

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Session 2: The Jews of Goa under the Portuguese in the Eyes of Contemporary Novelists

Chair: Palmira Fontes da Costa, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Richard Zimler, author of “Guardian of the Dawn” (Skype interview)

The effect of the Goa Inquisition on the Zarco family

Naomi Keren, author of “La Senora”

The Lady of the Seas: the story of a 16th century Spice Trade Empire and the Marrano connection

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 Session 3: Jews in Goa in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries

Chair: João Teles e Cunha, Institute of Oriental Studies, Portuguese Catholic University

José Alberto Rodrigues da Silva Tavim, Centre of History, Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon

The Jews in sixteenth and seventeenth century Goa

Moises Orfali, Dept. of Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University; Head of Zfat Academic College

The “Law of Moses” in Goa

Dejanirah Couto, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris

All ways lead to Goa: messengers, interpreters, Jewish and New-Christian informants in the Indian Ocean in the Sixteenth Century

Discussant: Yaron Ben-Naeh, Bernard Cherrick Chair in the History of the Jewish People and Contemporary Jewry Dept., Hebrew University

On the Ottoman Connection

16:00-16:30 Summary and Discussion

December 19, 2016: Day 2

Location: Ben-Zvi Institute, 14 Ibn Gabirol St., Rehavia, Jerusalem

9:00-9:30 Registration and refreshments

9:30-10:00 Greetings

Chair: Ambassador Mark Sofer, Deputy Director-General and Head of the Asia and Pacific Division, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Eyal Ginio, Director, Ben-Zvi Institute

Shalva Weil, Conference Organiser

His Excellency Ambassador of India to Israel, Pavan Kapoor

Relations between Israel and India, with special reference to Goa

10:00-11:15 Session 4: Conversos and Crypto-Jews

Chair: Alisa Meyuhas Ginio, Dept. of History, Tel Aviv University

Palmira Fontes da Costa, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

The many lives of the Jewish-Physician Garcia de Orta: An historiographical perspective

João Teles e Cunha, Institute of Oriental Studies, Portuguese Catholic University

«Desengano de Perdidos»: Social definitions and identity search in sixteenth century Portuguese India

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 -12:45 Session 5: Israelis in Contemporary Goa

Chair: Uriel Adiv, Translator and Interpreter

Dennis Kurzon, Dept. of English Language and Literature, Haifa University

The success in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) among Konkani speakers

Darya Maoz, Dept. of Government and Social Sciences, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem

From Goa to Geha

Hagit Bonny-Noach, Dept. of Criminology, Ariel University

'Moral Panic' over backpackers in Goa India: The construction of a social problem

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:45 Session 6: Reactions to the Inquisition

Chair: Dejanirah Couto, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris

Miryam Silvera, Università di Roma Tor Vergata

The Inquisition in Goa following Charles Dellon's report

Ana Canas, Centre of History, Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon; Director of the Portuguese Overseas Historical Archive

Behind the Inquisition curtain: New Christians and Jews in the Portuguese Estado da Índia

Panel Discussion 1: Are There Anusim/Marranos Today in Goa?

Panelists: Michael Freund, Jacqueline Moreno, Solomon Souza

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Panel Discussion 2: How do We Progress from Here in the Study of the Jews of Goa?

Chair: Shalva Weil, Hebrew University

Panelists: José Alberto Tavim, Dejanirah Couto, Palmira da Costa, Ana Canas

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