The workshop is on premodern interreligious Jewish-Christian relations in the Islamic world in the Middle East, Ethiopia, the Caucasus, India and Southeast Asia since the rise of Islam to early modernity (700 – 1800 CE).

The workshop is intended as a platform for scholarly and institutional collaboration on the research of the history of Eastern Jewish-Christian relations in the context of the broader field of the history of interreligious contacts.

**Wednesday, 22 June 2016**

**VENUE:** RA’ANANA, JCM CENTER AT THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

09:30 - 10:00 WELCOME ADDRESS & INTRODUCTION
Mustafa Kahha (JCMcenter, Ra’anana)
Eyal Ginio (Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem)

10:00 - 11:30 PANEL 1
**Jewish-Christian Relations in the East: Defining the Field: On the State of Field**
Chair: Alexandra Cuffel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Discussants:
Ethiopia
Steven Kaplan (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Georgia
Constantine Lerner (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Middle East
Uriel Simonsohn (Haifa University, Haifa)

Armenia
Michael Stone (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:30 PANEL 2
**Interreligious Exchange as Reflected in Polemic Literature**
Chair: Sarah Stroumsa (JCMcenter, Ra’anana/Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Retelling Others’ Histories as Strategies in Eastern Jewish-Christian Polemic
Alexandra Cuffel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

'Strengthening the Jewish Identity Among Christian Converts in the 15th Century: The Polemical Depiction of Muslim Converts in the Christian Literature of the Middle East’
Ophira Gamliel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

13:30 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 16:30 PANEL 3
**Ideologies and Practices of Conversion and Proselytizing**
Chair: Uriel Simonsohn (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Christianization of Georgia and Ruffin’s “History of the Church”
Constantine Lerner (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Conversion between Judaism and Christianity in the Cairo Geniza ‘Classical Period’
Moshe Yagur (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

16:30 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 18:30 PANEL 4
**What’s Next? Practical Issues for Future Collaborations**
Chair: Haim Saadoun (Open University, Ra’anana)

Discussants:
Eyal Ginio (Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem)

Mustafa Kahha (JCMcenter, Ra’anana)

**Thursday, 23 June 2016**

**VENUE:** JERUSALEM, THE BEN-ZVI INSTITUTE

10:00 - 11:30 PANEL 5
**Muslim, Christian and Jewish Traders across the Long Distance Trade Routes**
Chair: István Penczel (Central European University, Budapest)

Jewish and Non-Jewish Traders in the India Book
Mordechai Akiva Friedman (Tel Aviv University)

Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Indian Ocean: Transfer of Knowledge, 18th-20th Centuries
Menashe Anzi (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

The Afghan Genizah: A Glimpse into an Archive of a Jewish Family from 11th Century Bamiyān
Ofir Haim (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

11:30 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:30 PANEL 6
**Interface between People, Religions, Cultures and Ideas**
Chair: Steven Kaplan (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Shared Ideas and Customs of Proclamation and Purification among Jews and Christians of Precolonial Kerala: Rereading the Canons of the Synod of Diamper (1599)
Scaria Zacharia (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

Writing the History of the Jews in Armenia
Michael Stone (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Beta Israel Monastic Sites North of Lake Tana: Preliminary Results of an Exploratory Field Trip to Ethiopia in December 2015
Baz Kribus (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) & Verena Berhan-Krebs (Martin Buber Fellow, Jerusalem)

13:30 - 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 - 16:30 PANEL 7
**Inventing Identities of the “Other” in Communal Chronicles**
Chair: Ronit Racci (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Sufi Perspectives on Jews and Christians as Expressed in the Early Shādhilī Literature
Giuseppe Cecere (University of Bologna)

Between Heretics and Jews: Inventing Jewish Identities in Ethiopia
Sophia-Dege Müller (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

An Indian Christian’s Perspective on Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Alexander of the Port’s Poems on the Arabic, the Syriac and the Hebrew Languages
István Perczel (Central European University, Budapest)

16:30 - 17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 18:45 PANEL 8
**Oral Traditions and Historiography**
Chair: David Shulman (Hebrew University, Israel)

Jewish and Christian Folk songs
Scaria Zacharia (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

Jews in Armenian Sources: Mythical Ancestors, Heretics, Wise Men and More
Zara Pogossian (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Incorporating Oral Sources into a Bibliographical History
Alexandra Cuffel & Ophira Gamliel (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
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