



# 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)

Géza Komoróczy (Budapest): **Oriental Studies in Hungary and at the Rabbinical Seminary**

19:00 **Reception**

**Monday, October 15, 2012**

Venue: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Kisterem (2nd floor), Széchenyi István tér 9

9:00–9:10 **Welcome and greetings:** Zsigmond Ritoók, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

9:10–10:15 **LEOPOLD LÖW AND THE FIRST GENERATION OF HUNGARIAN JEWISH WISSENSCHAFT**

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 GOLDZIHÉR: LONELY MAN OF FAITHS**

Chair: Shaul Shaked (Jerusalem)

Ismar Schorsch (New York): **Value Free Scholarship in an Age of Academic Bigotry: the Relationship between Heinrich Fleischer and Ignaz Goldziher**

Ottfried Fraisse (Leipzig): **From Geiger to Goldziher: Historical Method and its Impact on Shaping Islam**

Tamás Turán (Budapest): **Academic Religion: Goldziher as Scholar and Jew**

12:30–14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00–15:15 **VENUES OF WISSENSCHAFT: YESHIVA, SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY**

Chair: György Haraszti (Budapest)

Carsten L. Wilke (Budapest): **Students' Itineraries between Yeshiva and University**

Mirjam Thulin (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: Victor Karády (Budapest)

Gábor Schweitzer (Budapest): **Scholarship and Patriotism: Research on the History of Hungarian Jewry and the Rabbinical Seminary of Budapest (1877–1947)**

Miklós Konrád (Budapest): **Hungarian Politics and the Construction of Denationalized Judaism**

András Kovács (Budapest): **An Unhappy Ending: Jewish Educational Institutions under Communist Rule**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

Venue: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Kisterem (2nd floor), Széchenyi István tér 9

9:00–10:45 **JEWISH SCHOLARSHIP, HUNGARIAN AUDIENCE**

Chair: Kata Zsófia Vincze (Budapest)

Giuseppe Veltri (Halle): **Ludwig Blau's Concept of Jewish Monotheism as Cultural Deviance**

Vilmos Voigt (Budapest): **A Suspension Bridge of Confidence: Folklore Studies in Jewish-Hungarian Scholarship**

Zsuzsanna Toronyi (Budapest): **Fixtures at an Exhibition: Making Judaica Visible at the Turn of the Century**

10:45–11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15–13:00 **RELIGIOUS CULTURES**

Chair: Balázs Déri (Budapest)

Christian Wiese (Frankfurt a.M./Sussex): **Hungarian-Jewish Scholars on Christianity and Christian Scholarship**

Shaul Shaked (Jerusalem): **From Bacher to Telegdi: the Lure of Iran in Jewish Studies**

Paul B. Fenton (Paris): **Georges Vajda and his Method of the Study of Kabbalah**

13:00–16:00 **Afternoon break**

16:00–17:45 **THE STUDY OF ANCIENT JUDAISM BY HUNGARIAN EMIGRANT SCHOLARS**

Chair: Gábor Buzási (Budapest)

Günter Stemberger (Vienna): **Meir Friedmann – A Pioneering Scholar of Midrash**

Catherine Hézser (London): **Samuel Krauss' Contribution to the Study of Judaism in Antiquity**

Isaiah Gafni (Jerusalem): **Adolf Büchler and the Historiography of Talmudic Judaism**

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