

**Northern Jewish Studies Partnership Research Workshop:  
The Study and Conceptualization of Material Objects  
25 June 2019**

**(followed by the Fourth Early Career and Postgraduate Research Training Event  
25–27 June 2019 at the Centre for Jewish Studies of the University of Manchester)**

**Provisional Programme**

**Venues:** Graduate School Conference Room (C1.18, upstairs), Seminar Rooms 1 and 2 (CG 59, CG 58 downstairs), Seminar Room 3 (C.1.1 upstairs), and Atrium. Ellen Wilkinson Building, Manchester University (building 77 on campus map)

Tuesday 25 June

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9.15–09.45	Coffee and Welcome	Atrium
09.45–11.30	Introduction (10 minutes) and 6 x 10-minute presentations of objects at Partnership institutions, with 3-minute responses from Dr Silvestri to each and general discussion	Room C.1.18
11.30–11.45	Coffee	Atrium
11.45–12.45	Discussion of readings on material culture and sample amulet description, 10 minute presentation from A. Samely	Room C1.18
12.45–1.15	Plenary discussion, ideas for future research meetings	Room C1.18
1.15–2.00	Lunch buffet	Atrium

**Programme of the Early Career Researcher Training and Career Development Event  
Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
2.00 – 2.30	Registration and Coffee for Early Career and Postgraduate Research Training Event	Atrium
2.30 – 2.45	Welcome	Room C1.18
2.45 – 3.30	Session 1 – Discussion led by Dr Jessica Keady (Wales Trinity Saint David) “Recent Experiences in Applying and Being Interviewed for Lectureships”	Room C1.18
3.30 – 4.15	Session 2 – Dr William Tooman (St Andrews) "Experiences of Shortlisting and of Interviewing for Lectureship Posts"	Room C1.18
4.15 – 4.45	Coffee and biscuits	Atrium
4.45 – 5.30	Session 3 – Groups of 3-4 participants: everyone presents for 8 minutes (max.!) on their own research area, project and question – <b>Please send a short abstract of your presentation (no more than 300 words) to Ms Mitchell for prior circulation to the other members of their group by 17 June 2019</b> (laura.mitchell@manchester.ac.uk)	Room C1.18 and seminar rooms CG.58, CG.59 and C1.1
5.30 – 6.30	Buffet dinner	Atrium
6.30 – 7.30	Pre-allocated one-to-one slots for PhD students and Post-docs to meet Manchester/Northern Partnership staff for 30 minutes, to discuss in confidence any generic aspect of their research and career	See list at registration desk
7.30 - 9.00	Screen & Talk screening of ‘The Women’s Balcony’ ( <a href="http://ukjewishfilm.org/film/the-womens-balcony/">http://ukjewishfilm.org/film/the-womens-balcony/</a> )	Room C1.18

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
9.00 – 9.20	Coffee and biscuits	Atrium
9.20 – 9.45	Session 4 – Prof Alex Samely (Manchester) “AHRC Large Grant Application Exercise: Introduction” (for preparation requirements, see material on <a href="http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/">http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/n-uk-js-partnership/</a> )	Room C1.18
9.45 – 12.30	Session 5 – Group Exercise (each group decides when to break to grab a coffee, but work through) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group 1 Jewish migration to Scotland, 1880-1950 – Mentor: Dr Hannah Holtschneider (Edinburgh)</li> <li>- Group 2 The role of Hebrew Printing in the reception of Jewish culture in Caxton's Britain– Mentor: Prof Philip Alexander, FBA (Manchester)</li> <li>- Group 3 Academic and traditional constructions of inconsistencies in Hebrew Bible, Qur’an and Vedic Scriptures – Mentor: Prof Alex Samely (Manchester)</li> </ul> Final three quarters of an hour: preparation of handouts (see session 6)	Seminar room CG.59 Seminar room CG.58 Seminar Room C1.1

12.30–1.15	Lunch	Atrium
1.15 – 2.00	Session 6 – Presentation of mock AHRC projects by early career researchers, responses from Dr Jean-Marc Dreyfus (AHRC Peer Review College member) and the plenum - PhD/ECR group representatives present: summary, objectives, budget - Feedback from Jean-Marc Dreyfus and/or Northern Partnership academics	Room C1.18
2.00 – 2.45	Session 7 – Dr Katharina Keim (Lund) “Academic engagement with online audiences”	Room C1.18
2.45 – 3.30	Session 8 – Dr William Tooman (St Andrews) “Current Trends in Biblical Studies”	Room C1.18
3.30 –4.00	Coffee and biscuits	Atrium
4.00 – 4.45	Session 9 – Dr Zoe Roth (Durham) “Current Trends in Jewish Literary Studies”	Room C1.18
4.45 – 5.30	Session 10 – Dr Moshe Behar (Manchester) “Current Trends in Palestine/Israel Studies”	Room C1.18
5.30 – 6.45	Buffet dinner	Atrium
5.45 – 6.45	Pre-allocated one-to-one slots for PhD students and Post-docs to meet Manchester/Northern Partnership staff for 30 minutes, to discuss in confidence any generic aspect of their research and career	See list at registration desk

## Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

Time	Event	Venue
9.00 – 9.15	Coffee and biscuits	Atrium
9.15 – 10.00	Session 11 – Panel: Debriefing/Reflection on the large grant writing exercise Prof Daniel Langton, Prof Alex Samely, Dr Jean-Marc Dreyfus (Manchester)	Room C1.18
10.00 – 10.45	Session 12 – Panel: “How to turn a PhD thesis into a monograph and funder-acceptable Open Access publication practices” – Mr Alun Richards (Manchester University Press) and Ms Lucy May (Scholarly Communications Librarian, Manchester University Library)	Room C1.18
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee and biscuits	Atrium
11.15 – 12.00	Session 13 – Prof Daniel Langton, Dr Jean-Marc Dreyfus and Dr Lucy Stone (Manchester) “What you need to know about research impact”	Room C1.18
12.00 – 12.45	Session 14 – Prof Alex Samely (Manchester) "How to cope with negative responses to your work from PhD supervisors, conference participants, and reviewers of publications and applications”	Room C1.18
12.45 – 1.15	Closing plenary of all PhDs/Post-docs and any staff who are free to attend: General discussion of workshop themes. Oral feedback from participants on the event; filling in of questionnaires. *	Room C1.18
1.15 – 2.15	Pre-allocated one-to-one slots for PhD students and Post-docs to meet Manchester/Northern Partnership staff for 30 minutes, to discuss in confidence any generic aspect of their	See list at registration desk

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\*PLEASE LEAVE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE AT THE REGISTRATION  
DESK.

Special event  
3.00–4.00

Session 15 – 50 Jewish Objects - John Rylands Collection  
Encounter – Session 15 Dr Stefania Silvestri (Manchester). NB:  
limited to an audience of 12 - register with Ms Laura Mitchell  
from Tuesday 25 June  
([http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-  
objects/](http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/50-jewish-objects/))

John Rylands  
Library Deansgate  
Bible Room

*Please note that there will be an opportunity for students of the Northern Partners to study Hebrew for free at the University of Manchester or through distance learning starting from September 2019. Anyone interested please speak to Laura Mitchell during the event or email [laura.mitchell@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:laura.mitchell@manchester.ac.uk)*