



Warrior, Poet, Prophet and King:

**THE CHARACTER OF DAVID IN JUDAISM,
CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM**

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Wednesday 26 October

(Jewish Historical Institute, ul. Tłomackie 3/5, 00-090 Warsaw)

15:30-16:30

Registration and coffee

16:30-17:00

Greetings on behalf of the Jewish Historical Institute (Paweł Śpiewak, director of the Institute, Andrzej Żbikowski, head of the JHI Academic Department)

17:00-18:00

Opening session: Keynote lecture by Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University,
A Question of Character: Biblical Bathsheba as a Case Study of Cross-Cultural Exegesis and Typology

18:00-18:45

Visit to the Institute

19:00

Reception

Thursday 27 October

(Column hall [Sala kolumnowa], Institute of History, University of Warsaw, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw)

9:00-9:30

Greetings on behalf of the University of Warsaw (Małgorzata Karpińska, dean of the Faculty of History; Łukasz Niesiołowski-Spanò, director of the Institute of History; Anna Michałowska-Mycielska, director of the Mordechai Anielewicz Center for the Study and Teaching of the History and Culture of Jews in Poland)

9-30-11:00

SESSION 1: David's Characterization in Biblical Historiography and Jewish Bible Exegesis

Chair: Marzena Zawadowska, University of Warsaw
& Jewish Historical Institute

1. Łukasz Niesiołowski-Spanò, University of Warsaw, *The Need for David in the Biblical Narrative?*
2. Michael Avioz, Bar Ilan University, *Retelling the David and Bathsheba Narrative in Josephus' Antiquities of the Jews*
3. Sivan Nir, Tel Aviv University, *Midnight Lyres and Demon Flutes: David's Music in Medieval Jewish and Muslim Exegesis*

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

SESSION 2: The Transformations of David in Ancient and Medieval Christian Exegesis

Chair: Mateusz Wilk, University of Warsaw

1. Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala, University of Córdoba, *King David's Psalter in Christian Arabic Dress: 'Abd Allāh ibn al-Faḍl's Translation and Commentary*
2. Miriam Lindgren Hjälms, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, *Psalms to Reason, Psalms to Heal: David and his Book in Rūm Orthodox Communities*
3. Jerzy Pysiak, University of Warsaw, *David noster... Saint Louis comme nouveau David vu par les hagiographes*

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:00

SESSION 3: The Perception of David in Classical Islam

Chair: Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv University

1. Camilla Adang, Tel Aviv University, *Exonerating David. Ibn Hazm's Reading of Q 38:17-25*
2. Marianna Klar, SOAS University of London, *'God guides whom He will to the straight path': Ibn Kathīr's Treatment of the David and Uriah Narrative in His History and in His Tafṣīr*
3. Mateusz Wilk, University of Warsaw, *The Weeping King. David in the Kitāb al-wara' of 'Abd al-Malik b. Habib*

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00

SESSION 4: The Reception of David in Jewish, Christian and Islamic Religious Denominations and Mystical Messianic Movements

Chair: Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, University of Aberdeen

1. Jan Doktór, Jewish Historical Institute, *King David as a Messianic Topos in the Teaching of Jacob Frank*
2. Dennis Halft, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, *The Muslim David in a Shī'ī Milieu and the al-Ma'mūn Tradition: Some Evidence from Khoy, Madrasa-yi Namāzī, MS 77*
3. Arje Krawczyk, Jewish Historical Institute, *"I will raise unto David a Righteous Shot" (Jeremiah 23:5) - How the Davidic Notion of Warrior-like Messiah is Encoded in r. Abraham Abulafia's Sefer ha-Ot, 'Book of the Sign', XIII-century Kabbalistic Treatise*

19:00

Dinner

Friday 28 October

(Column hall [Sala kolumnowa], Institute of History, University of Warsaw, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28)

9-11:00

SESSION 5: The Cross-cultural Migrations of David's Name and his Attributed Book of Psalms

Chair: Camilla Adang, Tel Aviv University

1. Arnold Franklin, The City University of New York, *Sharif of the Jews: The Family of King David in the Medieval Islamic World*
 2. Yonatan Moss, Hebrew University, *From David to Davids: An Abrahamic Onomastic Revolution*
 3. David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma, *Images of David in Several Muslim Rewritings of the Psalms*
 4. Zsuzsanna Olach, University of Szeged, *David's Psalms in Eastern European Karaite Literature*
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11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

SESSION 6: The Iconographic and Literary Representations of David in Jewish, Christian and Islamic Traditions

Chair: Miriam Lindgren Hjälms,
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

1. Witold Witakowski, and Ewa Balicka-Witakowska, Uppsala University, *Looking for David in Ethiopian Literature and Art*
 2. Sara Offenberg, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, *Beyond Davidic Messianism: On Complex Redemption Notions in Hebrew Illuminated Manuscripts from Ashkenaz*
 3. Elah Langer-Ravitzky, Hebrew University, *David in the Lack of Kingship: Transforming Symbol of Sovereignty in Exilic Ashkenaz*
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13:00-14:00

Lunch

14-15:30

SESSION 7: The Metamorphoses of David in Early Modern and Modern Period

Chair: Maciej Tomal, Jagiellonian University

1. Dorota Smętek, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, *The Nature of Relations Between King Saul and Young David on the Basis of a Crimean Karaim Translation of the Drama “Melukhat Sha’ul”*
2. Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, University of Aberdeen, *David and the Wives of his Youth in Twentieth-century European Fiction*
3. Ela Lazarewicz-Wyrzykowska, independent researcher, *“I heard there was a secret cord”: David in Contemporary Catholic Practical Exegesis.*

15:30-15:45

Coffee break

15:45-16:30

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION and concluding remarks including the discussion of possible avenues of further research and of next steps with regard to research grants

Chairs: Marzena Zawadowska, University of Warsaw
& Jewish Historical Institute,
and Mateusz Wilk, University of Warsaw

Respondent: Andrzej P. Kluczyński, Christian Theological Academy

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