

# The Italian Way: State, Empire, and Policy towards Jews (15th-18th century)

May 5-7, 2019

University of Maryland, College Park - Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

## Sunday May 5, University of Maryland, College Park

### RH Smith School of Business in Van Munching Hall (VMH) 1505

1:15 PM Introductory Remarks: Stefano Villani (University of Maryland)  
1:30 PM Keynote: Francesco Benigno (Scuola Normale Superiore), *Beyond the Courts: Rethinking Statehood and Governance in Early Modern Europe*

### 2:30-4:00 PM *Laying the Foundations*

Chair: Philip Soergel (University of Maryland)  
Pierre Savy (École française de Rome), *Cows, Cogs, Actors? Jews in the Political Processes of the Duchy of Milan (15th Century)*  
Alessandra Veronese (University of Pisa), *From Mid-14th to Early 16th Centuries: the Jews of the Duchy of Urbino as an Active Presence in the Building of the State*  
Giacomo Todeschini (University of Trieste), *Christian Financial Government and Jewish Political Culture in Italy (15th-17th Centuries): A Dialectic of Modernity*  
Coffee break

### 4:30-5:30 PM Venice

Chair: Pawel Maciejko (Johns Hopkins University)  
Renata Segre (Venice), *Prelude to the Ghetto. Did Venice Favor the 'Italian Way'?*  
Benjamin Ravid (Brandeis University), *Jewish Moneylenders and Merchants in Venice: Necessary for the Venetian Government or Only Useful?*

### 5:30 PM Germano Maifreda (University of Milan), *Beyond the Ghetto: Marina Caffiero on Italian Jewry*

## Monday May 6, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Gilman Hall, #50

### 9:30-11:00 AM Rome

Chair: Gabriele Ferrario (Johns Hopkins University)  
Davide Liberatoscioli (Potsdam University), *The Idea of Universitas Judaeorum as an Instrument for the Construction of Centralizing States: Rome and the Papal State between the Middle Ages and Early Modern Period*  
Serena Di Nepi (Sapienza – University of Rome), *Jews, State, and Politics: The Trial against Bernardino Campello in the Aftermath of the Cum nimis absurdum (Rome and Spoleto, 1562)*

Raffaele Pittella (State Archive of Rome), *The Status Animarum as an Instrument of Control over Fiscal Matters and Religious Minorities in the Ecclesiastical State*  
Coffee Break

### 11:30 AM-1:00 PM *Italian Jews in the Spanish Imperial System*

Chair: Erin Rowe (Johns Hopkins University)  
Nadia Zeldes (Ben Gurion University of the Negev), *Jews, Conversos, and Inquisition in the Italian Spanish Dominions (1503-1541)*  
Flora Cassen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), *Jews in Spanish Milan: Between Local and Imperial State*  
Vincenzo Selleri (The City University of New York, Graduate Center), *Iudeca: Jewish Communities and Jewish Space in 15th-century Apulia*

Lunch

## Monday May 6, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore Gilman Hall, #50

### 2:15-3:45 PM Tuscany

Chair: Lawrence Principe (Johns Hopkins University)  
Mafalda Toniuzzi (University of Pisa), *At the Beginning of the Modern Era: The Jews and the Magistrates Dedicated to Them in the Cities of Central and Northern Italy. The Case of Florence (15th Century)*  
Stefanie B. Siegmund (Jewish Theological Seminary), *Forced in, Pushed out: The Medici State, the Ghetto Community, and the Control of Walls and Boundaries*  
Justine Walden (Yale University), *Sephardic Diaspora, Ottoman Entanglements, and the Medici State*

### 4:00-5:00 PM Macksey Room at Brody Learning Commons *Documenting the Ghetto Administration in Ferrara*

## Tuesday May 7, University of Maryland, College Park Maryland Room 0100 in Marie Mount Hall

### 9:30-11:00 AM Livorno

Chair: Rachele Jesurum (University of Bologna)  
Asher Salah (Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design), *Restrictive Tolerance: Reception of Jews and Muslims in Livorno (1591-1614)*  
Francesca Bregoli (Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY), *Beyond Jewish "Autonomy": State Reforms and Political Negotiations in Habsburg Italy*  
Carlotta Ferrara degli Uberti (University College London), *Negotiating Power, Autonomy and Integration in Late 18th- and early 19th-century Livorno*

Coffee Break

### 11:15 AM-12:30 PM Bernard Cooperman (University of Maryland), *Concluding Remarks: The State and the Rise of Jewish Communal Governance*

Discussion

Lunch

### Washington DC, Library of Congress

### 3:30-4:30 PM Tour of the Library of Congress

### 4:30-6:00 PM Guided Book Exhibit

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