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REVISITING FREUD AND MOSES: Heroism, History and Religion



**370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley
Wednesday and Thursday
October 7-8, 2015**

The conference aims to explore Freud's place in current debates on secularism and post-secularism, featuring new research on the intersections of theology, Judaism and history in Freud's psychoanalytic theories. Freud's own attempts to suggest a new paradigm for thinking the religious, beginning with the place of monotheism and Judaism in his theories, will be brought into more general debates on the place of the secular in Jewish thought and in psychoanalysis. The conference will bring together established scholars not only in psychology, religion and Jewish studies but also philosophy, history and literary studies.

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:00-12:00 **Graduate Workshop: Freud and Moses**
- 12:00-1:30 **Lunch Break**
- 2:00-2:30 **Introduction**
- Karen Feldman and Deniz Göktürk,**
Welcoming Remarks
Gilad Sharvit, “Freud’s Moses: An Introduction”
- 2:30-4:00 **Afternoon Session I**
- Moderator: **Andrea Sinn** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Willi Goetschel** (University of Toronto),
“Heine’s Messiah in Golden Chains: Deferred Action and the Concept of History”
Respondent: **Winfried Kudszus** (UC Berkeley)
- 4:00-4:30 **Coffee Break**
- 4:30-6:00 **Afternoon Session II**
- Moderator: **Barbara Spackman** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Jan Assmann** (University of Heidelberg),
“Freud, Sellin, and the Death of Moses”
Respondent: **Ron Hendel** (UC Berkeley)
- 6:00 **Reception in 370 Dwinelle Hall**

Thursday, October 8

- 8:30-9:00 **Coffee and Pastries**
- 9:00-10:30 **Morning Session I**
- Moderator: **Donna Jones** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Catherine Malabou** (Kingston University), “Is
Psychic Phylogenesis only a Fantasy? New
Biological Developments on Trauma
Inheritance”
Respondent: **Naomi Seidman** (Graduate Theological Union)
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00-12:30 **Morning Session II**
- Moderator: **Kent Puckett** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Gabriele Schwab** (UC Irvine), “Freud’s Moses:
Murder, Exile and the Question of Belonging”
Respondent: **Stefania Pandolfo** (UC Berkeley)
- 12:30-2:00 **Lunch Break**
- 2:00-3:30 **Afternoon Session III**
- Moderator: **Paul Buchholz** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Richard J. Bernstein** (New School for Social
Research), “Why [the Jews] have attracted this
undying hatred”
Respondent: **Daniel Boyarin** (UC Berkeley)
- 3:30-4:00 **Coffee Break**
- 4:00-5:30 **Afternoon Session IV**
- Moderator: **Jeroen Dewulf** (UC Berkeley)
Presentation: **Joel Whitebook** (Columbia University),
“*Geistigkeit*: A Problematic Concept”
Respondent: **Martin E. Jay** (UC Berkeley)