



“Call” for Candidates

Tenth Session of the International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry
Wrocław, July 1-4, 2021

The Leonid Nevzlin Research Center for Russian and East European Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Department of Jewish Studies at Wrocław University and the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow, are pleased to invite applications for the tenth session of the International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry. This session will be hosted at Wrocław University. Its purpose is to promote the research and career progress of promising young scholars from all countries.

This is an ongoing forum, comprised of 15 advanced PhD students (ABD) and recent PhDs (prior to tenure-track appointments). It meets periodically and is intended to allow the young scholars an opportunity for cross-fertilization in their fields with their own peers and with an esteemed group of senior scholars led by Israel Bartal, Oleg Budnitskii, Jonathan Dekel-Chen, David Engel, Zvi Gitelman, Rebecca Kobrin, Gabriella Safran and Anna Shternshis. The Forum's faculty also includes scholars representing the organizing institutions: Eli Lederhendler and Semion Goldin from the Hebrew University, Yfaat Weiss from the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow and Kamil Kijek from Wrocław University. We invite candidates from all branches of the humanities and the social sciences connected to the study of East European Jewry.

The first session of the International Forum was held at the Dubnow Institute in Leipzig in 2004. The second session was hosted by the Vilnius Center for the Study of the Culture and History of East European Jews in 2005. The Institute of Jewish Studies at University College London hosted the third session of the Forum in 2007. The Jewish Studies Program at Central European University (Budapest) hosted the fourth session in 2009. Ukrainian Catholic University and the Institute for Historical Research, Lviv National University hosted our fifth session in 2011. The sixth session of the Forum was hosted by the I. Mechnikov Odessa National University in 2013. The seventh session was hosted by Boston University in 2015. The Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences and NYU Prague hosted the eighth session of Forum in July 2017. Harriman Institute and the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies at Columbia University and the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University hosted the ninth Forum session in July 2019. The Nevzlin Center at the Hebrew University serves as the Forum's permanent headquarters. For additional particulars about past sessions, please visit the Nevzlin Center's website: <http://www.nevzlin.huji.ac.il>.

Housing costs for the participants will be paid in full by the organizers of the Forum. Transportation for the participants will be paid up to \$300 per ticket for participants from Israel, up to \$100 from Europe and up to \$450 from North America. Funding for any additional transportation costs must be obtained by the participants from their home universities or from other sources.

***The convening of the Forum is subject to travel restrictions in light of the current world COVID-19 health crisis.**

Applications must include:

1. Cover letter with exact contact details
2. Updated CV
3. Scanned university transcript
4. Publications list
5. Précis of current research (2 pages)
6. Two letters of recommendation (to be sent directly to the Nevzlin Center by the recommending scholars)

Those who participated in, or applied to, previous sessions of the Forum are welcome to reapply for the tenth session, but preference in funding will be given to first-time applicants.

All application materials must be received by the Nevzlin Center no later than **31 January 2021**.

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision by early March 2021.

Please submit all applications for candidacy to the Forum to the following address: merkaznev@savion.huji.ac.il