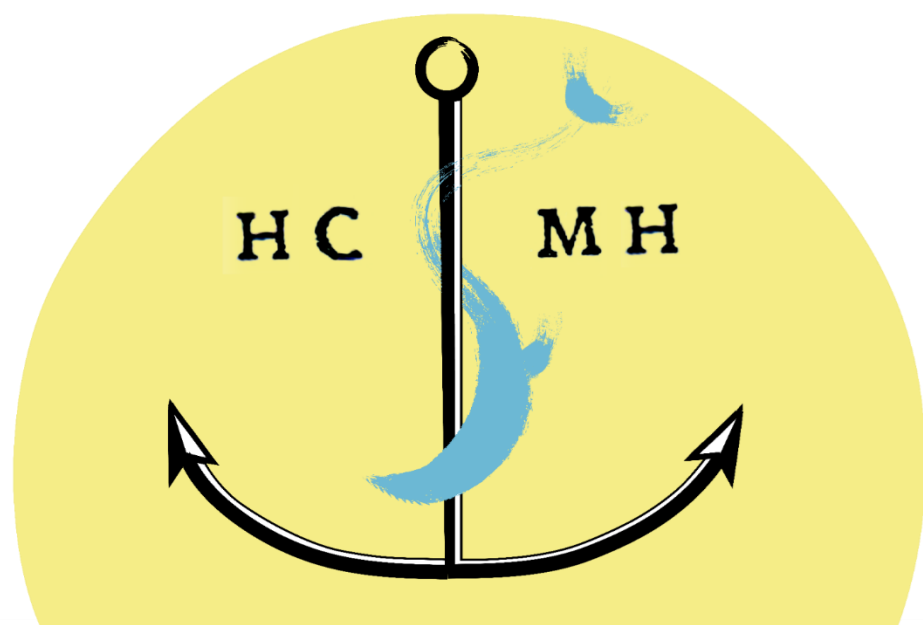


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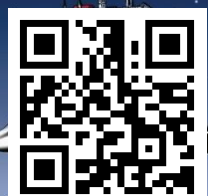
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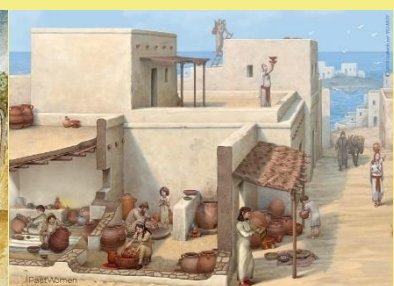
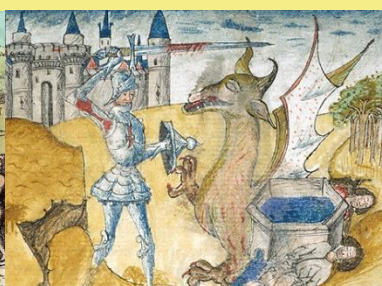
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Welcome!



Prof. Gil Gambash

Dr. Zur Shalev

We are delighted to summarize in this bulletin our sixth year of activity at the **Haifa Center for Mediterranean History** and share more information on the upcoming year.

This year had a slow start but as the sky opened, the center's activities came back to life.

You can visit our [website](#) to stay updated on future events and collaborations!

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Yours,

Prof. Gil Gambash and Dr. Zur Shalev,
The HCMH Directors.



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Events 2021-22 - Mediterranean Forum

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us a lot about virtual exchanges. All of our Mediterranean Forum lectures were converted to a hybrid format (in-person and online), which, on the bright side, has allowed for broader exposure and wider international audiences. Additionally, many lectures were recorded and are now available on the HCMH's YouTube channel.



31st March 2022.

A hybrid lecture by **Prof. Theo Maarten van Lint**, University of Oxford, Fellow of the Fund for the Advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Israeli Academy of Sciences.

The lecture titled "[Christian Apologetics and Muslim-Christian Interaction in Eleventh Century Armenia. The Case of Grigor Magistros Pahlawuni and Amir Ibrahim](#)" was co-hosted by the Department of General History, University of Haifa. Available on the [HCMH's YouTube channel](#)!



26th April 2022.

An online lecture by **Dr. Silvia Gazzoli**, IMT School for Advanced Studies, Lucca, titled "[Facere, Restituere, Ornare: An Analysis of Building Activities through Inscriptions](#)".

Co-hosted by The Department of Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa.



11th May 2022.

A hybrid lecture by **Prof. Vadim Putzu**, Missouri State University, co-hosted with the Department of Jewish History, University of Haifa. In his lecture titled "[נכנס יין יצא סוד: Wine in Safedian Kabbalah](#)", Prof. Putzu Analyzes how four kabbalists active in 16th-century Safed—Joseph Karo, Solomon Alqabetz, Moses Cordovero and Hayyim Vital—discussed the symbolic and practical uses of wine in their works. This sheds light on their respective views on the material world and how to conduct oneself in it, their understanding of evil and its origin, and their perception of the "other". [Watch on YouTube](#)!



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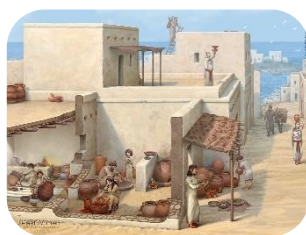


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18th May 2022.

A hybrid lecture by **Prof. Carolina Lopez-Ruiz**, Department of Classics, Ohio State University. Fellow of the Fund for the Advancement of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Israel Academy of Sciences.

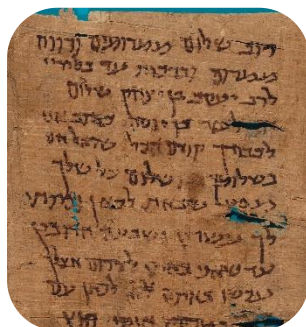
Prof. Lopez-Ruiz's Lecture titled "[From East to West, and Back Again: Towards a Reconstructed Phoenician Identity](#)" was co-hosted by the Department of Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa. [Watch on YouTube!](#)



24th May 2022.

An online book launch, **Prof. Elena N. Boeck**, Department of History of Art and Architecture, DePaul University. "[A Singular Mediterranean Monument: Justinian's Bronze Horseman and Its Global Reach](#)" co-hosted by the Department of Maritime Civilizations, and the Department of Art History, University of Haifa. Responder: **Dr. Gil Fishhof**, Department of Art History, University of Haifa.

The lecture and response discussed some of the evidence analyzed in Prof. Boeck's [new book](#) which explores seminal moments in the biography of the Justinian's triumphal column, a contested medieval monument, between ca. 500 C.E and 1600 C.E.



31st May 2022.

A hybrid lecture by **Dr. Amit Gvaryahu**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, titled "Hebrew Words, Roman Law, Egyptian Formulae: A Hebrew Letter on Papyrus at Oxford" was co-hosted by the Department of General History and the Department of Jewish History, University of Haifa.

MS Oxford Heb.d.69(P) is a surprisingly well-preserved letter in Hebrew. Bought in Cairo at the end of the 19th century, it reveals the everyday financial dealings of two Jews in fifth century Egypt. The letter, a demand for repayment of a loan with standard Roman interest, is a unique testament to ordinary life in late antique Egypt. [Available in Hebrew on YouTube.](#)



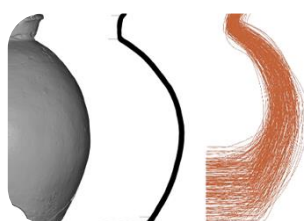


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Events 2021-22 - Seminars, workshops, and conferences



3rd November 2021.

The third meeting of the Intermediate Bronze Age Forum, "[*Pottery and Technology: Pottery Making in the Intermediate Bronze Age*](#)" focused on both modern and ancient pottery technology. Co-organizer, [Dr. Shlomit Bechar](#), the HCMH, University of Haifa, reports: On the one hand, we discussed ancient pottery making techniques and technology. On the other, we discussed

how modern technology is used to examine and understand ceramic assemblages. Like the previous workshops, this was also a successful meeting and we are all looking forward to the next meetings

The meeting was also organized by **Dr. Karen Covello-Paran**, Israel Antiquities Authority, **Dr. Helena Roth**, Tel Aviv University.



21st December 2022.

[A lecture by the author Ala Hlehel on his book "Au revoir Acre"](#) (Am Oved) hosted by the joint seminar of the Departments of General History and English Language & Literature, "Narratives of Travel to the Levant: Gender and Genre" and by the HCMH, University of Haifa.

Organizers: **Dr. Zur Shalev** and **Dr. Zoe Beenstock**, University of Haifa.

[Available on YouTube!](#)



2nd May 2022.

In May 2022, we celebrated the publication of the new Hebrew translation of [A Man of Three Worlds: Samuel Pallache, a Moroccan Jew in Catholic and Protestant Europe](#) (Magness Press). Written by **Prof. Mercedes Garcia-Arenal**, CSIS-CCSH, Madrid and **Prof. Gerard Wiegers**, University of Amsterdam, it tells the story of the sixteenth-century Moroccan Jewish pirate and spy who moved between Spain, Amsterdam, and Morocco. Together with the authors, and with **Prof. Claude B. Stuczynski**, Bar-Ilan University, **Dr. Or Has-**

son, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Prof. Miriam Eliav-Feldon**, Tel Aviv University, **Dr. Zur Shalev**, the HCMH, University of Haifa, and [Mr. Shai Zamir](#), University of Michigan and visiting PhD candidate at the HCMH, University of Haifa, we explored questions concerning early modern identity and identification and the writing of Jewish history from a Mediterranean perspective. [Watch on YouTube!](#)



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28-30th June 2022.

The HCMH was proud to host the first [Mediterranean Seminar](#) Workshop held outside North America. The two-day conference on the subject of "[Purity, Pollution, Purification and Defilement in the Premodern Mediterranean](#)", featured a packed schedule of lectures, workshop papers and roundtable discussions, with innovative formats to maximize fruitful discussion. Keynote lectures were given by **Prof. Eve Krakowski**, Princeton University on "*Jewish corpse impurity and the 'work of the dead' in medieval Egypt*" and **Prof. Holger Zellentin**, Tübingen University, on "*Ritual Purity and Satanic Defilement: Basic Notions from the Bible to the Qur'an*".

The papers spoke to a wide variety of periods, from antiquity to the early modern period, and to many areas and issues regarding purity, as well as to a wide variety of disciplines – archaeology, art history, social history, and philology.

The conference was organized by [Dr. Moshe Blidstein](#), the HCMH, University of Haifa, **Dr. Naama Cohen-Hanegbi**, the Morris E. Curiel Institute for European Studies, Tel Aviv University, in partnership with **Prof. Brian Catlos**, University of Colorado, and **Prof. Sharon Kinoshita**, University of California, Santa Cruz, both of the Mediterranean Seminar.

The conference was capped by a tour of archeological and religious sites in Lod and Ramle, conducted by **Dr. Moshe Yagur**.



20-21st July 2022.

The goal of the two-day online conference on the subject of "[Illuminating Mediterranean Antiquity through Comparative History: Theorizing 'Soft' Approaches](#)" was a constructive dialogue between historians of the ancient Mediterranean, delving into the theoretical limits of 'soft' comparative approaches (i.e. the use of later/alternative periods to ask new questions of ancient evidence). The conference was a great success, as speakers from across Europe, North America, and Australasia (and attendees from almost every continent) explored the limits and very definitions of comparative history through case studies from across ancient Mediterranean history. The organizers are confident that a compelling and cohesive edited volume will now emerge from this exciting meeting of minds.

The conference was organized by [Dr. Dylan James](#), the HCMH post-doc fellow, University of Haifa, and **Dr. Stephen Harrison**, Swansea University.





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5 September 2022

The School of History and the HCMH, University of Haifa, will be hosting **Prof. Guy Geltner**, Monash University. His talk is entitled "[Eat, Pray, Dig: Miners' Health in the Mediterranean and Europe, 1200-1550](#)".

Since their proliferation in the later twelfth century, miners encountered many hazards both below and above the ground. This talk examines the cluster of dangers that extraction involved, and the suite of preventative programs devised to address them. It also seeks to assess the latter's limitations and impact, as they emerge from (bio)archaeological data. Tracing the preventative practices of these mostly rural communities sheds much new light on preindustrial healthscaping in Europe and its relations with the era's prevalent medical paradigm of Galenism. Furthermore, it tests new methodologies to recover and analyze miners' sub/terranean spaces, including their unique materiality and mobility regimes.



8 September 2022

An international workshop co-organized by People in Motion (PIMo) and the HCMH entitled: "[Travelling matters: rereading, reshaping, reusing objects across the Mediterranean](#)". In the last two decades, objects have become increasingly relevant to historical studies as the primary focus of research discussing cross-cultural relations. Objects are produced, used, modified, preserved, and destroyed according to historically specific political and cultural settings, thus providing researchers with information and insights about their original background. The workshop "Travelling matters: rereading, reshaping, reusing objects across the Mediterranean" intends to tackle objects as sources and subjects of the history of cross-cultural encounters in innovative ways focusing on the "second-handedness" of displaced objects across the Mediterranean with a broad chronology, extending from antiquity to the present-day intersecting different time frames.





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Events 2021-22 - Postdoc Fellows and PhD Candidates Lectures



30th November 2021.

Dr. Paolo Cimadomo, post-doctoral fellow, gave a hybrid lecture titled "[Between the desert and the sown: Relationships between \(Semi-\)Nomads and Sedentary People in the Roman and Late Roman Near East](#)" as part of the Maritime Civilizations Departmental Seminar, School of Archaeology and Maritime Cultures, University of Haifa.

Analyzing the archaeological, epigraphic, climatic, and geographical aspects of the area between Southern Syria and Northern Jordan during the Roman and Late Roman period, the principal goal was to find proofs of the relationships between (semi-)nomads and sedentary peoples and to analyze their nature. Were they conflictual or peaceful? Through the analysis of the palaeoenvironmental context, of the human impact on the area, and of Roman and Byzantine policies, Dr. Cimadomo tried to provide an answer.

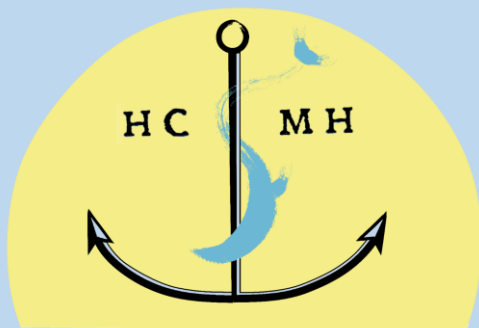


21st December 2021.

Dr. Beatrice Pestarino. "['Wonderful Things', First Encounters of Cypriots with Egyptian Monuments](#)". Dr. Pestarino, the HCMH Post-doctoral fellow, gave an online lecture, in the Maritime Civilizations Departmental Seminar, School of Archaeology and Maritime Cultures, University of Haifa.

The paper focused on Cypriot graffiti in Egypt, from Abydos, Karnak and Gizeh, written in different languages – Cypriot-syllabic and alphabetic Greek, Eteocypriot and Phoenician – on Egyptian monuments such as the Temple of Seti I, Akhoris' chapel and Cheops' pyramid. [Watch on YouTube!](#)





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24th February 2022.

[Dr. Dylan James](#), our post-doctoral fellow, presented his paper in a hybrid lecture titled "[Indigenous Guides and Comparative History: Reflections on Alexander and Columbus](#)" as part of the General History departmental seminar.

This talk considered the universal question of how conquerors and colonizers first engage with their new surroundings. How much do they listen to local people? How much do they ignore? James looked at the two expeditions through the lens of indigenous guides, a relatively neglected topic in ancient Greek history. He also explored whether and how modern historical

settings — like Columbus' voyages — can shed new light on ancient evidence.

[Also available on YouTube!](#)



15th March 2022.

[Dr. Chris Prejean](#), Fulbright post-doctoral fellow, gave an online lecture titled "[Islamic Law and the Interpretive Non-Muslim](#)", as part of the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Departmental Seminar.

This presentation, based on Dr. Prejean's dissertation thesis, helped us understand how the *ḥadīth* teacher Ibn Ḥanbal (d. 255 / 855 C.E.) sought to resolve difficult legal problems that arose from Muslim and non-Muslim co-existence.

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5th April 2022.

Ms. Nomi Schneck, Princeton University and the HCMH visiting PhD candidate, gave a hybrid lecture titled "[Between Sepphoris and Alexandria: Mapping Presence on the Late Antique Mosaic Floor](#)", as part of the Art History Departmental Seminar.

Why is Alexandria mapped onto a floor in Late Antique Sepphoris? This talk explored the function of geographic place in Late Antique floor mosaics through a case study of the Sepphoris Nile Festival mosaic.



12th April 2022.

A hybrid lecture titled "'Whatever God Provides': Shapes of Risk and Sacred Materiality in Medieval Mediterranean Trade, ca. 1100-1400", by **Dr. Sarina Kuersteiner**, the HCMH post-doctoral fellow, as part of a joint seminar of the Department of General History and the Medieval-Renaissance Studies Association.

In this talk, Dr. Kuersteiner examined traders' religious practices to help explain differences and similarities in their conceptions of risk. Risk involves assumptions about divine providence – explicitly stated in contractual formulas – and how to access it in this world. Hence, looking at how people connected risk to the sacred can reveal different shapes of risk.





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2nd June 2022.

A hybrid lecture titled "[Dragons of Summer and Winter: Lay Traditions of Jews and Christians between South and North in Medieval Europe](#)", by [Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay](#), the HCMH post-doctoral fellow, as part of the Medieval-Renaissance Studies Association Seminar.

This talk examined the idea that water sources were under a threat during liminal times, predominantly discussing the connections between the Jewish *tekufah*, when Jews feared the poisoning of their drinking water, and the Christian rituals around the eve of St. John the Baptist, when Christians acted to protect their water sources from dragons or demonic forces. We see that such lay traditions took on a different form in southern and northern Europe and have transformed over time.

Events 2021-22 - Special lecture series: Medieval Mediterranean



31st October 2021.

"[A Geniza Street View: Domestic Inter-religious Encounters in the Medieval Islamic Mediterranean](#)", a lecture by [Dr. Moshe Yagur](#) at the University of Haifa.

In this talk, Dr. Yagur presented his research on daily inter-religious interactions through a systematic study of the houses, alleys and neighborhoods of several cities in the Islamic Mediterranean, between the tenth and the thirteenth centuries.



31st October 2021.

"[Venetian Shipping from the Days of Glory to Decline, 1453–1571](#)", a lecture by [Dr. Renard Gluzman](#) at the University of Haifa.

Drawing from a broad range of hitherto unpublished archival material and the reconstructed biographies of hundreds of San Marco ships, Dr. Gluzman's talk, based on his [recent book](#), provided a critical overview of the Republic's shipping activities contemporary with the major geographical discoveries of the period, the ascendancy of the Ottoman Empire in the Mediterranean, and the on-going struggle among the major European powers for political and economic hegemony. Within this complex framework, the agency of environmental factors receives equal importance beside geopolitics and economic interests, challenging the accepted hierarchy of the factors impacting the maritime history of Venice.





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Events 2021-22 - Special lecture series: Medieval Mediterranean



4th November 2021.

"Urban Panegyric and the Rise of the "Mediterranean City" in the Twelfth Century", a lecture by **Dr. Anna Gutgarts** at the University of Haifa.

The talk argued that contemporary adaptations of urban panegyric played a significant role in the formulation of a new comprehensive program for the physical, social and religious transformation of the Mediterranean in the twelfth century, shaping both local and cross-Mediterranean identities.



8th November 2021.

"Protecting Public Health: Political Independence and Well-Poisoning Allegations in Medieval Mediterranean France", a lecture by **Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay** at the University of Haifa.

This lecture shed light on the efforts of medieval administrators to deal with one minority that stood at the heart of social anxiety, the lepers. Municipal officials in medieval southern France tried to segregate lepers and manage their property, while pushing aside competing claims by other institutions and the Crown. Well-poisoning accusations developed as a weapon in this struggle, and were designed to bolster the authority of urban councils over the lepers, and give officials additional administrative forces. We see that while this political maneuver was successful, the idea of well poisoning took on a life of its own.



10th November 2021.

"A Sea of Tongues: Language and Cultural Change in the Medieval and Early Modern Sephardic Mediterranean", a lecture by **Dr. Ilil Baum** at the University of Haifa.

In this talk, Dr. Baum explored how language and script served as boundary markers for defining and determining group membership beyond strictly religious definitions. Examining manuscript sources, early prints and archival documents in Hebrew, Arabic, Latin, Castilian, Catalan, Judeo-Spanish and Portuguese between the thirteenth and the seventeenth centuries, Baum delineated longue durée changes in practices related with Jewish reading, learning, translation and other scribal practices.





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Events 2021-22 - Sponsored conference



25th April 2022.

An event in honor of the book authored by [Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay](#), entitled "[Poisoned Wells: Accusations, Persecution, and Minorities in Medieval Europe, 1321-1422](#)" (University of Pennsylvania Press).

The event was co-hosted by the research group *Beyond the Elite: Jewish Daily Life in Medieval Europe*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the HCMH, the University of Haifa.

Speakers: **Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten**, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, [Dr. Moshe Blidstein](#), the University of Haifa, **Prof. Rowan Dorin**, Stanford University, **Dr. Naama Cohen-Hanegbi**, Tel-Aviv University, **Dr. Lee Mordechai**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and **Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay**, the University of Haifa.



5-7 September 2022.

An international research workshop of the Israel Science Foundation (ISF) entitled "[Food, Kitchens and Cooking in the Crusader Period: Between East and West](#)". Organized by [Dr. Judith Bronstein](#), the Department of Israel Studies, University of Haifa. Co-sponsored by the Israel antiquities authority, Old Akko & Nazareth Development Company LTD, and the HCMH.





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The HCMH's Evaluation Committee

30-31 May 2022.

Nearing the HCMH's final year, and with the hope of carrying on the Center's activities into the years ahead, we called on **Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten**, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Prof. Annalisa Marzano**, Universities of Reading and Bologna, and **Prof. Tamar Hodos**, University of Bristol, to take part in the HCMH's Evaluation Committee.

During the two-day meeting, the committee members met with the directors of the HCMH, **Prof. Gil Gambash**, and **Dr. Zur Shalev**, with the head of the Center's executive board, **Prof. Adi Erlich**, Research faculty members, **Dr. Moshe Blidsten** and **Dr. David Friesem**, the Center's former and current post-doc and research fellows, PhD candidates, affiliated researchers, the Vice President and Dean of Research, **Prof. Ido Itzhaki**, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, **Prof. Efraim Lev**, and finally they met online with the [HCMH's Academic Committee](#) - **Prof. Achim Lichtenberger**, University of Münster, **Prof. Arietta Papaconstantinou**, University of Reading, **Prof. Sabine Schmidtke**, Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), **Prof. John Watkins**, University of Minnesota, **Prof. Greg Woolf**, UCLA.

To conclude the Committee's evaluation process, the members met the University of Haifa's Rector, **Prof. Gur Alroey**. The report of the committee has been submitted to Yad Hanadiv and the University of Haifa's president and rector on 12 August 2022.

We wholeheartedly thank all who have participated in this endeavor and appreciate your constant support!



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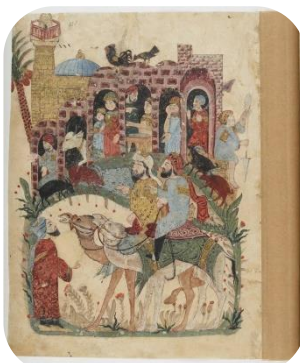


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The HCMH's Research Groups



The group "[Kinship and Community in the Early and Medieval Islamic Mediterranean](#)", led by [Dr. Uriel Simonsohn](#), University of Haifa, and **Dr. Oded Zinger**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, brings together scholars from the UK, Spain, France, and Belgium. The group aims to explore the overlapping and competing loyalties between kinship and confessional commitments in early and medieval Islamic dominated lands, with a particular focus on the Mediterranean Basin. For full details, visit the group's [page](#) on our website. The group will have its final meeting on October 25-26, 2022.

"[Kinship Encounters in the Early and Medieval Islamic World](#)" is an international conference that will mark the culmination of the work of the group.

The conference will bring together specialists from a variety of disciplines (e.g. literary, historical, archeological, legal, religious, as well as anthropological) to think comparatively about practices and conceptions of kinship relations and how they changed and interacted in the Early and Medieval Islamic world.



The group "[From Canaanites to 'Phoenicians' and 'Philistines': Maritime Connectivity and Use of Coastal Resources as an Adaptation to Changing Political and Environmental Conditions CA. 2000–500 BCE](#)" was formed by **Prof. Assaf Yasur-Landau**, Department of Maritime Civilizations and **Prof. Ayelet Gilboa**, Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa. It enjoys the active support and collaboration of **Prof. Tom Levy** from the Department of

Anthropology at the University of California in San Diego. The aim of the group is to look at the longue durée of changes in maritime activities and other forms of adaptation to living by the sea during the period spanning the Middle Bronze Age to the end of the Iron Age (ca. 2000–500 BCE). Since its first meeting in San Diego in November 2019 the group has been busy producing a volume dedicated to Mediterranean resilience, collapse and adaptation, which currently goes into production (see the book's web-page [here](#)).





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The HCMH's Research Groups



The group, "[Wine Production and Climate Change in Arid Environments around the Roman Mediterranean](#)" led by [Prof. Gil Gambash](#), Department of Maritime Civilizations, and [Prof. Guy Bar-Oz](#), Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa, hosted its introductory lectures in a seminar hosted by the Institute of Classical Studies in London (ICS), coordinated by former ICS director, **Prof. Greg Woolf**, and **Prof. Gil Gambash**. In the passing year, the group has been working with the Israel Museum on producing a catalogue for an exhibition dedicated to the wine of ancient Palestine. Next year members of the group will meet at Mount Athos on November 7th-11th 2022, to study the origins of monastic wine. Another meeting is set to take place in the Negev, assembling all the winemakers of the Negev region for a workshop on the Negev terroir (then and now). Finally, a graduate seminar dedicated to the history of wine in the Southern Levant will be given by the group leaders in the spring of 2023.



The group, "[Levant Antiquarianism in European History and Literature \(1500-1850\)](#)", led by [Dr. Zoe Beenstock](#), Dept. of English Language and Literature, and [Dr. Zur Shalev](#), Dept. of General History, University of Haifa, examines the intersection between literary and historical representation in early modern and modern antiquarian accounts of the Levant, which provided Europeans with what they considered to be evidence of their own pasts. Levant antiquarianism formed a distinct set of interests in empirical rather than spiritual knowledge communicated by artifacts, languages, and customs mediating European cultures and geographies to the Eastern Mediterranean. The group had its first online meeting on January 12th, 2022 and its first in-person meeting at the University of Haifa on May 22-23rd, 2022 along with a tour of Akko on May 21st. The next meetings are planned for October/November 2022 (online) and January/February 2023 (two or three day meeting possibly in Florence, Italy).





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Social Meetings and More



6 December 2021.

The HCMH had a blast starting the academic year of 2021-22 in the art gallery at the wonderful Hecht Museum, University of Haifa.

All the HCMH members and researchers were invited to a reception, where everyone got a chance to meet our newcomers and also get reacquainted with each other after a long period of social distancing.



3 April 2022.

With great excitement, the HCMH had opened its new Researchers Room in the Library of the University of Haifa.

The Vice President and Dean of Research, **Prof. Ido Itzhaki** has honored us with his presence along with **Ms. Tehila Friedman**, research authority, **Ms. Naomi Greidinger**, Library Director, and **Ms. Michal Gershtein**, Head of Administration in the library.

The HCMH reps were [Prof. Gil Gambash](#), co-director of the HCMH, post-doc fellows and PhD candidates.



8 June 2022.

To celebrate this year which signifies relief and joy of meeting people face to face once more, [Dr. Zur Shalev](#), the HCMH co-director kindly welcomed the Center's researchers and members into his home where everyone enjoyed delicious food, wine and of course – great company.

May we have many more joyous encounters such as this!



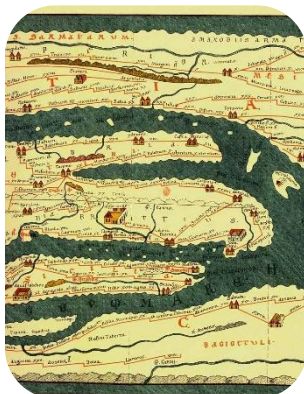


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Forthcoming in 2022-23



14-17 November 2022

["The Mediterranean, a View from the East"](#). An international conference co-organized and co-sponsored by Bar-Ilan University, the Israel Science Foundation, Universidad de Sevilla, Junta de Andalucía, the European Union, GAHIA, The Lechter Institute for Literary Research, The Lewis Family Foundation for International Conferences in the Humanities and the HCMH, University of Haifa. The conference will take place in Jerusalem Gardens Hotel in November 2022.



5 December 2022.

A lecture by **Prof. Tamar Hodos**, University of Bristol, entitled: ["Eggstraordinary Objects: Ostrich Eggs as Luxury Items in the Ancient Mediterranean"](#).



6 December 2022.

A lecture and workshop by **Prof. Paul Heck**, Georgetown University.
Lecture title: "The Ethics of Weeping: The Case of Islam"



January 2023

[Workshop and lecture by Prof. Richard Talbert](#), UNC, College of Arts and Sciences.

Young Researchers Workshop, 10:00-14:00 - Mini-presentations followed by Prof. Talbert's comments and general discussion.

Lecture: Senate Hall, 16:00-18:00.

Planned in collaboration with **Prof. Daniella Dueck**, Bar-Ilan University.

MORE EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE



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People – The HCMH Faculty Members



Dr. Moshe Blidstein reports:

During the past year I have organized an international conference, in collaboration with TAU and the [Mediterranean Seminar](#), on purity and defilement in the pre-modern Mediterranean, gave papers at the Institute of Advanced Study in Jerusalem, the International Medieval Congress in Leeds and the World Jewish Studies Congress in Jerusalem, and presented a poster at an event of the Haifa Data Science Research Center. I published two papers, one on perjury and honor with [Mediterranean Historical Review](#), and the other on citation network analysis in the Humanities, based on the data from the [Tiresias](#) digital humanities project, with Scientometrics. Several other articles on oaths, purity and the Tiresias project have been accepted or are in the works.



Dr. David Friesem reports:

During the past year my main research focused on the study of submerged Neolithic settlements off the Carmel coast. My project - BEFOREtheFLOOD - aims to understand the role of the earliest settled coastal societies in the emergence of Mediterranean complex societies in light of environmental change and cultural processes taking place on the Eastern Mediterranean littoral. In addition, following my work on my course on Mediterranean Environmental History and inspired by my ongoing discussions with members of the Haifa Center for Mediterranean History (HCMH), I started to engage with theoretical aspects of environmental history of the Mediterranean focusing mainly on cross-cultural encounters and environmental adaptation and modification. I am also involved in a new project re-examining the murex purple industry in the Eastern Mediterranean region during Antiquity together with [Prof. Gil Gambash](#) and [Dr. Beatrice Pestarino](#).

Personal [website](#).





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Dr. Sarina Kuersteiner is starting a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor of History at Union College (Schenectady, NY) on September 1, 2022. She has published an article, "[*Ad instar quatuor elementorum: Medical and Literary Knowledge in Salatiele's Ars notarie \(1242 CE – 1243 CE\)*](#)" in *RIME (Rivista dell'Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea)* 9 (2021). A book chapter, "Almost Sacred? How Bolognese Notaries Shaped the Meaning of Archives, 1289 CE – 1294 CE," is forthcoming with Routledge. Sarina has reviewed a book on late medieval notarial records from German and Austrian archives for *Sehepunkte*. Her main focus as post-doctoral fellow at the HCMH lay on developing her research project, "Shapes of Risk: Commercial Culture in the Medieval Mediterranean, c. 1000 CE – c. 1400 CE," examining differences and similarities in conceptions of risk among Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traders active in the Mediterranean, Red Sea, and Indian Ocean. Sarina started working with the Geniza letters and documents. To this end, she devoted much time to learning Arabic at the University of Haifa. Sarina presented her work on risk at the IHS London, at the MSA conference in Lisbon, and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For her public history project, The [*Medievalist Toolkit*](#), she co-organized a workshop bringing together public-facing experts and academics discussing problems and solutions in addressing the uses of history by extremists.



Dr. Dylan James reports:

It's been a productive first year at the HCMH! I co-hosted online (with a colleague in the UK) a long-planned international conference on comparative history, a key methodology of my postdoctoral project at Haifa. Entitled [*illuminating Mediterranean Antiquity through Comparative History: Theorising 'Soft' Approaches*](#), the conference aims to examine the theoretical limits of this historical methodology via twelve papers by participants from across Europe, North America, and Australasia. In February, I had an article accepted by the US journal *Classical Philology*. Entitled "*Translatio Fortunae: Curtius Rufus' Alexander, Livy's Hannibal, and Intertextuality*", the piece aims to kick-start renewed interest in the intertextual relationship between these two important Roman historians. I presented papers at the General History seminar at Haifa in February (comparing local guides on the expeditions of Alexander and Columbus) and at the UK Classical Association conference at Swansea in April (on bilingualism in the fifth century BCE). I have also advanced my research on local guides in Classical Greek historiography, and my monograph on bilingual individuals in Greco-Roman historiography has been provisionally accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press.





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Dr. Vicky Hioureas (Fulbright scholar) joined us in May. She is currently working on revising her dissertation about violence in Byzantium for publication as a book manuscript. She is looking to expand her research with anthropological and sociological work on violence in modern contexts and is eager to collaborate with scholars across departments with similar interests.



Dr. Chris Prejean (Fulbright scholar) reports:

What a fruitful 2021-22 academic year at the HCMH! As a result of my work with [Dr. Uriel Simonsohn](#), I broadened the focus of my current book project on Muslim self-conceptions in the early modern period. I also spent part of the year narrowing my book's theoretical lens. I published an open-access article on the Hanbali school of Islamic law in the [Database of Religious History](#), with two other publications under development. One is on the interpretation of Muslim self-conceptions based on legal discussions of divorce during the ninth century in Iraq. The other is an Arabic-English essay on the evangelical interpretation of Scripture, which I presented at a multi-faith international conference in Morocco, with the Georgetown-sponsored initiative The Study of Religions Across Civilizations (SORAC). I have been fortunate to be a research associate working to help build out the data portal and metadata for the Arabic manuscripts of the digital humanities project, The Sinai Manuscripts Data Portal. This project will make the manuscripts more accessible to scholars working on early Christian and Byzantine history. Finally, I have been fulfilling my duty as a Fulbright Scholar by connecting faculty of the University of Haifa with the faculty of American universities, in what I hope will result in stronger ties between the academic institutions and their respective scholarly initiatives and programs.





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Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay reports:

This year has brought about the culmination of several major projects. Most importantly, my book, *Poisoned Wells: Accusation, Persecution and Minorities in Medieval Europe, 1321-1422*, was published as part of The Middle Ages Series at University of Pennsylvania Press. I have presented my work in several international forums, in Israel, Germany and the US. In addition, I began working on a new project, focusing on the social importance of river travel in High and late medieval western Europe, and drafted a first article on the subject. I have also completed another article analyzing patterns of Jewish martyrdom in the same period.



Dr. Paolo Cimadomo reports:

During my year with the HCMH (2021/2022) I had the opportunity to develop my project on human-environment interactions in the Near East Roman area. Furthermore, I was able to extend my research interests both through discussions with numerous members of the Department of Maritime Civilizations and the Department of Archaeology, and by actively participating in the seminar activities of both Departments. For example, on 30 November 2021, I gave a lecture entitled 'Between the desert and the

sown: Relationships between (Semi-)Nomads and Sedentary People in the Roman and Late Roman Near East'.

In January, I inaugurated a temporary exhibition titled '[Tell Barri/Kahat \(Giazira\) 1980-2010 Photographic, documentary, and bibliographic exhibition](#)' at the University Library of Naples. The exhibition was a success, as it was extended for two months longer than planned. This success led us to plan a second exhibition between 2022 and 2023.

Scientific activity has always been intertwined with the activities described above, as evidenced by the articles I have published, as well as my participation in international conferences and symposia. Among these, I would like to highlight my participation in the international conference '[The End of the Roman Climate Optimum](#)', which was held between 29/08/22 and 01/09/22. During this conference, I presented the preliminary results of my project's activities.





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Dr. Federico Ugolini reports:

As the HCMH postdoctoral research fellow, I have conducted research on the port system of the Adriatic Sea and its network of coastal and rural settlements in the Roman period (200 BC to AD 300). I have explored aspects of topography, economy and iconography, as well as maritime antiquarianism of major harbors of the Roman Adriatic. During the academic year 2021/2022, I published results of my research works in peer-reviewed journals, such as the *Journal of Ancient Topography* (December 2021), *Archaeologia Maritima Mediterranea* (April 2022), *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* (forthcoming, October 2022), and *Agri Centuriati* (forthcoming, December 2022), as well as a chapter for an edited volume by Archaeopress (forthcoming, July 2022). I also received a major prize, the *Seal of Excellence for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, HORIZON-MSCA-2021* (May 2022). I gave talks on the archaeology of WW2 submarine wrecks in the Eastern Mediterranean at the [Down by the Water Series](#) of the University of Helsinki (November 2021); on the production and export of Adriatic wines in the Roman Mediterranean at the [Classical Art and Archaeology Seminar Series](#) at the Institute of Classical Studies, London (December 2021); on the maritime antiquities and antiquaries of Modern Adriatic Italy at the *Summer Series Seminar Series* of the Warburg Institute, London (April 2022); and on the maritime antiquarianism of Adriatic Italy at the [Levant Anti-quarianism in European History and Literature \(1500-1850\)](#) at the University of Haifa (May 2022). During the period January-July 2022, I also wrote and submitted to *Epigraphica* a paper on Roman shipowners and sailors of the Roman Adriatic; and a joint paper with my supervisor [Prof. D. Cvikel](#) on the Byzantine inscriptions of the Ma'agan Mikhael B Shipwreck, submitted to *ZPE*.





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Dr. Umberto Signori's research project lays out a critical approach for understanding the lived experience of mobility and identification of Christians from the Ottoman Empire who had links with the Venetian and Greek-speaking worlds. During the academic year 2021/2022, he published an article in the peer-reviewed journal *Società e storia* entitled "Il consolato ereditato: possesso di un titolo veneziano di merito nel Regno di Napoli d'epoca vicereale (Inheriting consulate: Venetian title of merit in the early modern Kingdom of Naples)." Another article for the same peer-reviewed journal *Società e storia*, "Between Misery and Reward: The Culture of Vigilance in the Experience of a Venetian Consul during the Early Modern

Period," has been accepted for publication and is expected to be published soon. Two book chapters entitled "*Quand les ressources juridiques ne suffisent pas. Identification et diplomatie pour la protection des sujets vénitiens au sein de l'Empire ottoman (Chios et Smyrne après la guerre de Candie)*" and "*Houses and Workshops in Seventeenth-Century Padua. Through the Inquisizioni and Research Hypotheses*" should be published soon in two edited volumes. He also presented the results of his research works in an international conference talk in Venice and in four international workshop papers in Nice, Athens, Florence and Haifa.

For the next two years, he will join the [DisComPoSE](#) ERC Starting Grant Project as a post-doc fellow at the University of Naples Federico II. For the academic years 2022/2024, his research activities will include writing a draft manuscript for a monograph entitled "*Consular Stories after Cyprus: Possessing the Venetian Consular Identity in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*".





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Dr. Oded Cohen reports:

This year I was a Valler postdoctoral fellow at the department of Jewish history at the university of Haifa and a research fellow at the Haifa Center for Mediterranean History. During the year I was organizing and coordinating the departmental seminar of the Department of Jewish History at the University of Haifa and co-organizing, together with Dr. Cedric Cohen-Skalli, the conference 'Jews and Movies', University of Haifa, May 12th, 2022. In November, my article "The Jew and the Wanderer: Self-Images and Complex Identities in Avraham Levy's travelogue", was published in: *Chidushim: Studies in the History of the German and Central European Jewry*, 23 (2021), pp. 37-70. (Hebrew). In March my book-review article "Rabbinical Writing and Scientific Knowledge in the Eighteenth Century (on: Maoz Kahana, *A Heartless Chicken: Religion and Science in Early Modern Rabbinic Culture*)", was published in: *Zion*, 87, 3 (2022), pp. 445-451. (Hebrew). In September I will participate in the International workshop of PIMO – People in Motion, Entangled Histories of Displacement Across the Mediterranean (1492-1923): ["Travelling Matters: Rereading, Reshaping, Reusing Objects Across the Mediterranean"](#), hosted by the HCMH. The subject of my lecture: "Manuscripts from Western Europe, Printer from Eretz Israel: Movement between Cultural Spaces in Hebrew Printing in the 18th Century".





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Dr. Beatrice Pestarino reports:

This passing year I completed my monograph on the politico-administrative system of the Classical Cypriot city-kingdoms, which has been published by Brill in August 2022 (Leiden). I took part in the [Wampa](#) Conference, *Writing around the Ancient Mediterranean: Practices and Adaptation* (University of Cambridge), where I presented a paper on the Introduction of the Greek alphabet in Ancient Cyprus. I turned the paper into a chapter for the book *Writing around the Ancient Mediterranean*, edited by **Dr. Pippa Steele**, the PI of the *Crews* project, *Contexts of and Relations between Early Writing Systems* at the University of Cambridge, where I have been visiting fellow in February 2022. In the conference '[POCA](#)' *Postgraduates on Cypriot Archaeology*, University of Basel, I delivered a paper on the property rights of women in Ancient Cyprus, which I turned into an article (currently under review for *The Journal of Ancient History*). I took part in the conference 'Writing and Experiencing graffiti in Egypt' organized by the [NINO](#) Institute of Leiden, with a paper on Cypriot graffiti on the Egyptian pyramids and temples (now under review to be published in the proceedings of the conference). I have been invited to deliver a talk in the *Classics seminar series 2021-2022 Facing Power* of the University of Swansea, and in the HCMH seminars. In April 2022, with my supervisors [Prof. Gil Gambash](#) and [Dr. David Friesem](#) I took part in the conference '[Ancient Science and Technology of colour, Pigments, dyes, drugs and their perception in Antiquity](#)' organized by the University of Pisa and Bologna. The paper that we presented will be published in the special issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Techne*. In the meantime, I laid the foundations for my future research on the role of the *suken* in Kition and Amathus and the study of the gardens/*paradeisoi* in Ancient Cyprus. Since the first of July 2022, I am also a research fellow of the Center for Hellenic Studies (University of Harvard), where I investigate the early Hellenistic *strategia* in Cyprus.



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People - PhD Candidates



Ms. Galina Rabinovich has worked on her research project entitled "Discourses of the justification of violence in early Christianity." She works with the texts of Christian apologists – Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Irenaeus and others. She focuses on the birth of new understanding, explanation, and justification of violence (strikingly different from Greco-Roman or Judaic) throughout the Christian texts and how it gets established within the Christian community and becomes a part of their collective reality perception. The study allows to rethink and redefine given concepts of violence and cruelty as a socially constructed and discursively conditioned

phenomenon.

Her PhD research on violence in early Christianity is conducted under the direction of [Dr. Moshe Blidstein](#).



Mr. Shai Zamir (University of Michigan, visiting PhD candidate) has studied the history of early modern friendship in its Spanish, Sephardi and Mediterranean contexts together with [Dr. Cedric Cohen-Skalli](#). He dedicated his time for writing two of his dissertation chapters, to develop one of them into an academic essay, and to consider the wider intellectual and philosophical horizons of seventeenth-century debates concerning friendship, ethics and practice, exploring thinkers and writers such as Descartes, Spinoza, Isaac Cardoso and Balthasar Gracian. Shai was the main organizer of

the mini conference on

[Samuel Pallache](#).



Ms. Nomi Schneck (Princeton University, visiting PhD candidate)

Nomi visited us for two semesters, during which, under the supervision of Prof. Adi Erlich, she continued her doctoral research on Late Antique floor mosaics, with particular emphasis on Sepphoris. Nomi kindly guided sections of the Dept. of General History's excursion to the site.





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People - Visiting Scholar



Prof. Vadim Putzu (April-June 2022), reports:

During my stay at the HCMH, I worked on revising and updating my research findings on wine in medieval and early modern Jewish mysticism and magic for a book manuscript on the symbolic and instrumental uses of this beverage in Safedian Kabbalah and beyond. Fruitful discussions with affiliated faculty members [Dr. Zur Shalev](#), [Prof. Gil Gambash](#), and [Prof. Yossi Chajes](#) have helped both to sharpen my arguments and to broaden my perspectives on the study of Mediterranean viticulture. I have also had the rare opportunity to visit important kabbalistic sites in Galilee with an extraordinarily diverse group of local tour guides, University of Haifa colleagues, and Israeli and international students, and share my research with them. In addition, various meetings with colleagues in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv have opened new avenues of research into the ideological and religious dimensions of contemporary winemaking in Israel and Palestine. Even though only for a few weeks, I have benefitted from the wealth of available library resources specific to my research interests, and enjoyed the camaraderie among the Center's fellows. A snippet of my research work in Haifa – on prophecy and drunkenness in medieval Jewish mysticism and magic – has already been presented in a workshop at the Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of Hamburg, and I am looking forward to further scholarly collaborations with the HCMH in the near future.

People - Incoming HCMH Faculty Member



We are delighted and proud to announce that **Dr. Anna Gutgarts**, former post-doc fellow of the HCMH, received the Center's third tenure-track position and will join the Department of General History at the University of Haifa in October 2022.

Anna is a historian of the Middle Ages, working on urban development in the Mediterranean between the 11th and 13th centuries and in the history of the Latin East. Her research focuses on the reciprocal connections between socio-economic structures and changes in the cityscape, as well as environmental factors which shaped the urban fabric of medieval cities. Her publications deal with the urban development of Jerusalem in the twelfth century, urban conflicts in the cities of the Latin East, and the connection between changes in the urban landscape of eleventh century Rome and the Medieval Climate Anomaly.

Welcome Anna!



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Dr. Davide Trentacoste (Dual PhD 2021, Modern History, University of Teramo, Italy / Oriental Languages and Civilisations-Iranian Studies, New Sorbonne University, France) is a historian of the Early Modern Eastern Mediterranean. His main research interests concern the “oriental” projection of pre-unitarian Italian States, their Eastern Mediterranean policy, their diplomatic relations with Muslim Empires (in particular Safavid Persia) and their knowledge of the East in the Early Modern Age (particularly between 1550-1750). His PhD dissertation dealt with diplomatic relations between Medici Tuscany and Safavid Persia in the seventeenth century and he has published several articles on the subject. He is also among the editors of a

[volume](#) on the importance of Medieval and Early Modern Italian travel literature in the Italian nation-building process.

As a post-doctoral fellow at the HCMH, he will focus on Tuscan policy towards the Levant and its Safavid connections during the first twenty years of the seventeenth century, expanding some of the issues discussed in his PhD dissertation. Dr. Trentacoste is also the co-organizer of the Travelling Matters conference taking place in Haifa on September 8th, 2022.



Dr. Shulamit Miller is an archaeologist of the Roman and Late Antique periods who holds a PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her work engages the urban culture of the Levant within the broader social and economic contexts of the Mediterranean through a study of material culture, visual representations, and textual sources. At the HCMH, Shulamit will develop the new project *Urban Gardens of Late Antiquity: Society, Economy, and Sustainability*, which will focus on gardens as forms of urban agriculture, shaping urban space and impacting the quality of life of local inhabitants.

Shulamit has recently completed a project dedicated to changing religious landscapes in the predominantly Jewish cities of the Galilee, and as a result has co-authored *Sepphoris 3: The Temple and Eastern Church in the Lower City*. She has also excavated at several sites in the Galilee and continues to be actively involved in the study of the two main cities of the region, Sepphoris and Tiberias. Additional areas of her interests include houses and daily life, urban development, private and public space, mosaic art, Jewish and Christian art and architecture, and the larger questions of cultural connectivity between the Levant and the broader Mediterranean region.





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Dr. Walter Beers is a social historian of the late antique eastern Mediterranean, with a focus on Syriac literature and rural Christianity. His PhD research, conducted in the Department of History at Princeton University, focused on the Syrian historian John of Ephesus and examined the socioeconomic forces behind the development of the future Syrian Orthodox Church in sixth-century southeastern Turkey and the Hauran. While at the HCMH, he will be writing a monograph based on his dissertation, and conducting further research grounded in the archaeological evidence for late antique rural monasticism.

People - Incoming PhD Candidates



Mr. Evan McDuff (visiting PhD candidate) studies ancient Greek and Roman culinary practices. Their methodology for studying ancient food is holistic, and includes historical research in Latin and ancient Greek primary sources, archaeological excavations, archaeobotany, and interpretations of ancient artistic representations of food. Evan holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Maine, Orono, a M.A. in Ancient Greek and Roman Studies from Brandeis University, and is currently working on their PhD in Anthropological Archaeology at Boston University. Their current research focuses on using phytoliths to identify patterns of spice use across the Levant during the early Roman period.



Ms. Sangeetha Raja (PhD candidate, the HCMH and School of Archaeology and Maritime Cultures)
Ms. Raja has completed recently her application process, and is planned to join the Department of Maritime Civilizations at the University of Haifa in October 2022, under the supervision of [Prof. Gil Gambash](#) and [Dr. David Friesem](#). She has three MA/MPhil degrees, the most recent of which was dedicated to the history and archaeology of Tamil Nadu. The topic of her planned project in Haifa is *The Role of South India in Ancient Indo-Mediterranean Trade*.





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People - Incoming PhD Candidates



Ms. Zoé Pessan (PhD candidate, the HCMH and School of Archaeology and Maritime Cultures)

Zoé Pessan is starting a PhD in mooring devices in the ancient Mediterranean. The question is quite important, as mooring is at the heart of the port, a system where ships are central. It will offer very concrete documentation on connectivity: the rope that is tying the ship to the quay. Her research is advised by Prof. Danny Rosenberg and Dr Emmanuel Nantet.

Publications

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Further announcements



The HCMH continues to support and sponsor PhD candidate scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships e.g. Azrieli, Fulbright, and more. Don't miss out on all the HCMH calls-for-applications!



The HCMH has been actively encouraging its members, fellows, and affiliates to submit research proposals on Mediterranean history to **competitive research funds**. The Center will help develop the proposals and allocate resources where needed.



The HCMH continues to support the **acquisitions of the University of Haifa's library**, with over 170 new items already on the shelves. The (continually updated) list can be found on our [website](#).



In this ever-changing reality, when everything becomes 'viral' in seconds, the HCMH is making adjustments in order to make its lectures and workshops more accessible anytime anywhere. Our events are being and will continue to be recorded and uploaded to the HCMH's [YouTube channel](#), and our [website](#), [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) account will be updated regularly. Stay tuned!



Congratulations are in order!

- to the HCMH co-director, Gil Gambash, on making Professor!
- To former post-doctoral and research fellow, Dr. Shlomit Bechar, on her new joint appointment in the departments of Archaeology and Maritime Civilizations, University of Haifa!
- To Post-doctoral and research fellow, Dr. Tzafrir Barzilay, on his new appointment in the Department of General History, Bar-Ilan University!
- To former doctoral student, Elenora Bedin, on receiving her PhD!



HCMH manager, Ms. Shiri Barnhart, has been appointed as the new coordinator of the Department of General History, University of Haifa. Replacing her at HCMH is the lovely and talented Ms. Ornit Tsoury. Good luck to both!



HCMH is preparing its first promo with the hope of releasing it until November 2022. Also, check out the new and improved HCMH logo!!

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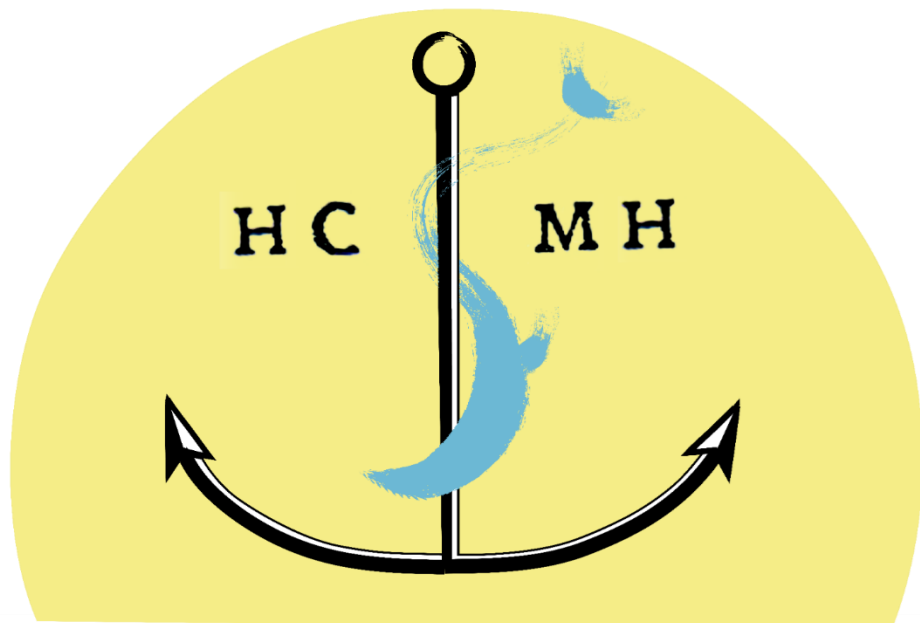


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