

DAY 1 (MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 2014)

9:00 Departure from the hotels (private bus)

9:30 Gathering and coffee

10:00 Greetings:

- Professor PIERRE DUCREY, Director of Fondation Hardt
- Professor NICOLAS ZUFFEREY, Dean, University of Geneva, Faculté des Lettres

10:20 OFER ELIOR, GAD FREUDENTHAL & DAVID WIRMER,
Welcome and Introduction

10:30-14:00 SESSION 1: GERSONIDES IN LATE JEWISH PHILOSOPHY (1)

Chair: WARREN ZEV HARVEY (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

10:30-11:15 SEYMOUR FELDMAN (Rutgers University)
Gersonides and his Sefardic Critics

11:15-12:00 DANIEL J. LASKER (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
The Karaite Reception of Gersonides

12:00-12:30 Coffee Break

12:30-13:15 MAURO ZONTA (University of Rome)
The Reception of Gersonides' Interpretations of Aristotle's and Averroes' Metaphysics

13:15-14:00 YITZHAK MELAMED (Johns Hopkins University)
Gersonides and Spinoza on God's Knowledge of Universals and Individuals

14:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-18:00 Guided Visit at the Permanent Exhibition of the Museum at Fondation Bodmer.

Return to the hotels (private bus)

DAY 2 (TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014)

09:00 Departure from the hotels (private bus)

09:30 Coffee

10:00-12:45 Session 2: Gersonides' Science Received and Transmitted (1)

Chair: Nadja Germann (University of Geneva and University of Freiburg)

10:00-10:45 RUTH GLASNER (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Did Anyone Learn Something from Gersonides' Physics and Cosmology?

10:45-11:30 RESIANNE FONTAINE (University of Amsterdam) & STEVEN HARVEY (Bar-Ilan University)
The Supercommentaries of Gersonides and his Students on Averroes' Epitomes of the Physica and the Meteorologica

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-12:45 CHARLES H. MANEKIN (University of Maryland)
Some Remarks on the Reception History of Gersonides' Logical Writings

12:45-14:15 Lunch

14:15-17:00 Session 3: Gersonides' Science Received and Transmitted (2)

Chair: RUTH GLASNER (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

14:15-15:00 HAGAR KAHANA-SMILANSKY (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Violas de Rodez's (alias Mordechai ben Joshua) Prognostication for the Year 1355 C.E.: A Corollary of Gersonides' Prognostication for the Year 1345?

15:00-15:45 JOSÉ CHABÁS (Pompeu Fabra University)
Gersonides' Astronomical Tables in Later Generations: The Lunar Cycle of 11,325 Days

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:00 PINCHAS ROTH (Ben-Gurion University)
Halakhic Science: The Responsa of Gersonides and Their Reception

19:30 Conference Dinner

Return to the hotels (private bus)

DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014)

09:00 Departure from the hotels (private bus)

09:30 Coffee

10:00-12:45 Session 4: Gersonides in Late Jewish Philosophy (2)

Chair: LUKAS MÜHLETHALER (Free University of Berlin)

10:00-10:45 WARREN ZEV HARVEY (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Hasdai Crescas and Gersonides

10:45-11:30 SHALOM SADIK (Polonsky Academy at The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
Rabbi Abraham Bibago's Criticism of Gersonides

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-12:45 OFER ELIOR (University of Geneva)
Gersonides' Wars of the Lord in Byzantium: Shabbetai ben Malkiel ha-Kohen on Gersonides' Rejection of Averroes' Theory of Material Intellect

12:45-14:15 Lunch

14:15-17:45 Session 5: Gersonides in Late Jewish Philosophy (3)

Chair: CHARLES H. MANEKIN (University of Maryland)

14:15-15:00 DAVID WIRMER (University of Cologne)
"But Dearer Still is Truth": Simeon ben Zemah Duran (1361–1444) and His Critique of Gersonides

15:00-15:45 TAMÁS VISI (Palacky University)
The Reception of Gersonides' Philosophy in Late Medieval Ashkenaz

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45 Session 6: Gersonides and his Critics in Print

Chair: DANIEL J. LASKER (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

16:15-17:00 MENACHEM KELLNER (Shalem College, Jerusalem, and the University of Haifa [emeritus])
Gersonides' Life After Death: The Case of To'aliyot ha-Ralbag

17:00-17:45 ZEEV GRIES (Ben-Gurion University [emeritus])
The Reception History of Gersonides' Books According to Their 15th-16th-Centuries Printing History

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DAY 4 (THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2014)

09:00 Departure from the hotels (private bus)

09:30 Coffee

10:00-13:30 Session 7: Gersonides in Late Jewish Philosophy (4)

Chair: CHRISTIAN WIESE (Goethe University Frankfurt)

10:00-10:45 CEDRIC COHEN SKALLI (University of Haifa) & ODED HOREZKY (University of Haifa and University of Cologne)

A 15th-Century Reader of Gersonides: Don Isaac Abravanel and the Question of Providence and Astral Influences

10:45-11:30 GIUSEPPE VELTRI (University of Hamburg)
Maestro Levi: Gersonides' Philosophy among Jewish Scholars of the 16th and 17th Centuries

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-12:45 MICHELA ANDREATTA (University of Rochester)
Gersonides Latinus: On the Reception of Levi ben Gershom's Works in the Renaissance

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 Session 8: Gersonides in Modern Thought & Scholarship

Chair: GIUSEPPE VELTRI (University of Hamburg)

15:00-15:45 GEORGE Y. KOHLER (Bar-Ilan University)
The Rediscovery of Gersonides as a Religious Philosopher by the Wissenschaft des Judentums (1860-1890)

15:45-16:30 CHRISTIAN WIESE (Goethe University Frankfurt)
Sub Specie Hermanni Cohen: Benzion Kellermann and Julius Guttman as Readers of Gersonides

16:30 OFER ELIOR, GAD FREUDENTHAL & DAVID WIRMER,
Concluding Words

17:00 Coffee and Farewell

Return to the hotels or railway station (private bus)

Conference Program

"EVERYONE CONTESTED HIS VIEWS, NO ONE DENIED HIS IMPORTANCE" GERSONIDES THROUGH THE AGES



Organizers:

Ofer Elior
Gad Freudenthal
David Wirmer

Venue:

Fondation Hardt
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17th-20th February 2014