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The trajectory of Jewish political theology from antiquity to modernity presents us with a profound paradox: how does a tradition rooted in divine revelation and sacred text navigate an increasingly secular world while maintaining its essential character? This conference seeks to explore this question through a careful examination of key texts, thinkers, and historical moments that have shaped Jewish political thought.

Monday, June 23

9.30-10.00: *Opening Welcome*

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University | **Federico Dal Bo**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia | **Hartley Lachter**, Lehigh University

10.30-12.00, **SESSION 1: *Rabbinics***

Presenters: **Krista Dalton**, Kenyon College | **Gregg Gardner**, University of British Columbia
Respondent: **Piero Capelli**, University of Venice

12.00-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.00, **SESSION 2: *Kabbalah and Theosophical Politics***

Presenters: **Clemence Boulouque**, Columbia University | **Hartley Lachter**, Lehigh University
Respondent: **Fabrizio Lelli**, University of Rome La Sapienza

15.00-15.30: Coffee Break

15.30-17.00, **SESSION 3: *Renaissance to Early Modern***

Presenters: **Fabrizio Lelli**, University of Rome La Sapienza | **Cristiana Facchini**, University of Bologna
Respondent: **Saverio Campanini**, University of Bologna

17.00-19.30: Free Time

19.30: Dinner (location TBA)

Tuesday, June 24

9.30-10.00: *Coffee and Welcome*

10.00-11.30, SESSION 4: *Modern and Postmodern Talmud*

Presenters: **Federico Dal Bo**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia | **Elad Lapidot**, University of Lille

Respondent: **Mira Wasserman**, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

12.00-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.00, SESSION 5: *German Jewish Thought*

Presenters: **Nitzan Lebovic**, Lehigh University | **Galili Shahar**, Tel Aviv University

Respondent: **Federico Dal Bo**, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

15.00-15.30: Coffee Break

15.30-17.30, SESSION 6: *Theopolitics and Academic Jewish Studies in Israel and the US*

Presenters: **Michal Bar-Asher Siegal**, Ben Gurion University | **Steven Weitzman**, University of Pennsylvania

Respondent: **Jodi Eichler-Levine**, Lehigh University | **Jessica Cooperman**, University of Connecticut

17.30-19.30: Free Time

19.30: Farewell Dinner (location TBA)