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 Jewish Culture and Identity

# CALL FOR PAPERS

**Summer Workshop for Young Researchers on Jewish Culture and Identity**  
**Monday-Wednesday, 30 June - 2 July 2014, at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute**  
**Modern Jewish Spaces:**

## From the Venice Ghetto to Contemporary Classifications

Contemporary globalization brings to the forefront the relation between identity and spatial location; it highlights new and multiple cross-cutting transnational allegiances that bear on central aspects of Jewish identity, which some contemporary writers and researchers have begun to explore and elaborate.

The Venice Ghetto raises a range of questions about Modern Jewish Spaces that have played central roles in Jewish and European culture since the Jews were sequestered in the Ghetto at its founding in 1516. The history of the Ghetto, its image and its symbolic resonances have generated different models that have

become subtexts of several Modern Jewish Spaces, often implicitly reverted to in desperate Jewish historical moments.

A broad range of questions arise from the study of Modern Jewish Spaces, such as the following:

1. Are there sets of necessary and sufficient conditions that constitute different paradigmatic Modern Jewish Spaces?
2. What do Modern Jewish Spaces mean for those who live in them, or for those outside?

3. Are the lives lived in a given Jewish Space by definition Jewish – even for non-Jews? What is implied, for example, when people say that every New Yorker is “a little bit Jewish”?

4. What roles do political, social and cultural power play in and for these Modern Jewish Spaces?
5. What was/is the influence of the State of Israel on contemporary definitions of Jewish people?
6. What roles do minority cultures in Modern Jewish Spaces assume and fulfill?

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**Researchers from all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, who are currently pursuing their doctorate or a post-doctorate and whose research is related to this topic, are invited to submit a two-page proposal for a presentation at the workshop.**

**Please send the proposals, along with a CV, by March 7, 2014, to Dafna Schreiber: [dafnas@vanleer.org.il](mailto:dafnas@vanleer.org.il)**

**Applicants whose proposals are accepted will be invited to present a full-length paper at the workshop.**

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