

Ludwig Rosenberg Kolleg: Historische Bezüge zwischen Arbeiterbewegung und Judentum (LRK)

(Historical Relations between Labour Movements and Modern Jewry, LRK)

The LRK, named after the chairman of the Confederation of German Trade Unions Ludwig Rosenberg (1903-1977), is an interdisciplinary PhD Research Group funded by the Hans-Böckler-Stiftung and affiliated to the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies Potsdam (MMZ). Distinguished Professors of the University of Potsdam, the FU, HU and TU Berlin are involved.

Starting in April 2014, LRK will grant eight PhD scholarships. Scholars and fellows will take part in a coordinated course program, a colloquium and specific working groups.

Focus

LRK will promote excellent PhD projects focusing on the historical relations between Labour Movements and Modern Jewry from the mid-19th till the mid-20th centuries. This covers all forms of Jewish labour organizations, Jewish individuals engaged in the respective Labour Movements, the specific perception of the “Jewish question” in those movements, as well as their attitude towards anti-Semitism.

Fields of research are:

1. Jewish labour organizations, including socialist, national-autonomist and Zionist groups.
2. Biographies and collective biographies of activists in the Labour Movements against their Jewish background.
3. Debates on Judaism and the “Jewish question” in the respective Labour Movements.
4. Anti-Jewish tendencies within the Labour Movements, as well as their different reactions and attitudes towards modern anti-Semitism.

LKR puts a main focus on History, Jewish Studies, and Cultural History, but is also open to scholars of Sociology, Political Science/Theory, European Anthropology, and other related disciplines.

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