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BIO

Ida Balwierz is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of the Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University in Krakow. She holds M.A. in Arabic Philology and Ph.D. in Literary Studies. Her research interests include: the Arabic language, literature, culture and art; cultural contacts between the Arab world and Europe; Syrian prison literature; Syrian war literature; Syrian Refugees; Arab diasporas; comparative literature and culture; intercultural communications; trauma and memory studies.

She was a visiting professor and researcher at the University of São Paulo (USP) (2017) in the frame of the Marie Curie International Research Exchange Scheme Project “SPeCTReSS” (Social Practice Cultural Trauma and REstablishing Social Sovereignities), the 7th Framework Programme /IRSES/. The subject of her research was: The Arabic diaspora in Brazil (history, culture, religion, literature, memory and trauma).



Timea Crofony

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B I O

Timea Crofony is a lawyer, international gender equality expert and lecturer and PhD student of cultural anthropology at the Institute of Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague.

She graduated from Law and Law Science at the Faculty of Law (Charles University) and Gender Studies at the Faculty of Humanities (Charles University in Prague) and holds MPA in research and development. As a lawyer, she has gained experience in both the private and public sectors. As part of her work for the Centre for Gender and Science (Czech Academy of Sciences), she has cooperated with most of the Czech universities and many research organisations in the development of their gender equality plans. As a freelance consultant and trainer, she collaborates with international organisations and universities in the field of gender equality and diversity.

Her research work is focused on intersections of Gender, Jewish and Israel studies. She is currently a visiting researcher at Tel Aviv University



Joanna Dyduch

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BIO

Joanna Dyduch is an Associate Professor at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, a political scientist and international relations scholar, and head of the Department of Israel at the Institute of Middle and Far East. Her research interests lie in the area of Israeli and European studies.

Her research also touches upon intersections between public policies and cultural and social cohesion.

Joanna's papers were published in the Journal of European Integration, Israel Studies Review, and Religion and the edited collection published by Routledge and Palgrave Macmillan. She has been a visiting scholar at the University of Vienna (2017), Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica (2019), the University of Potsdam (2020), the University of Maryland (2022) and a research fellow of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in 2018. Since 2019 she has served as the president of the European Association for Israeli Studies and, since 2021, as a Board Member of the Association of Israel Studies based in the US.

She is currently engaged in the following research project:

SHAPEDEM-EU: Rethinking and Reshaping the EU's democracy support in its Eastern and Southern Neighbourhood, HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01 (2022.10.01-2025.09.30)

Jews, Muslims and Roma in the 21st Century Metropolises: Reflecting on Polyphonic Ideal and Social Exclusion as Challenges for European Cohesion, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, KA220-HED -Cooperation partnerships in higher education (2022.10.01-2024.04.01)



Sami Everett

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B I O

Dr Samuel Sami Everett is a research coordinator for the cross-national (France-Germany-UK) ethnographic research on the ORA Joint Research Project "Muslim-Jewish encounter, diversity & distance in urban Europe: Religion, culture and social model (ENCOUNTERS)". His research focuses on the historical-colonial and spatial-political dimensions of Jewish and Muslim identification. His research interests span the historical, the anthropological, and the cultural and his work is located between North African, Middle Eastern, Jewish and Islamic studies of Diaspora, dynamic interreligious interaction, and migratory trajectories.



Jonathan Floyd

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BIO

Jonathan's research concerns the nature of political theory, and in particular the way in which we justify political principles, such as 'distribute resources so as to maximise the position of the worst off', 'only coerce individuals or groups in order to stop them harming other individuals or groups', and 'contribute a fair share to any cooperative schemes from which you derive a significant benefit'. Within this area, he has written on the nature of reflective equilibrium, the relationship between political theory and practical reason, the relationship between facts and principles, and the uses of things like intuitions and considered judgements in the process of principle-justification.

Jonathan has talked on these and other issues in various forums over the past few years, including invited talks at Yale, Leeds, The British Academy, Oxford, UCL, Sheffield, LSE & The Historical Institute, ANU, Sydney, Kyoto, Doshisha, Keio, Exeter, and Münster. Further papers have also been presented at the American Political Science Association annual convention, the International Studies Association annual convention, the Political Studies Association annual conference, the European Consortium of Political Research annual conference, and the Manchester Workshops in Political Theory.

The best bits of this research are captured in four separate book projects: *Political Philosophy versus History?* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) [co-edited with Marc Stears]; *Is Political Philosophy Impossible?* (Cambridge University Press, 2017); *What's the point of political philosophy?* (Polity, 2019); and *Political Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, under contract for 2023).



Tomáš Gavlas

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BIO

Tomáš Gavlas is a co-founder and Managing Partner at Sciencecom Agency, which deals with the dissemination of scientific knowledge. Tomáš has over 15 years of experience in online communication. He delivered over 200 projects to clients like Samsung, Microsoft, HP, and Phillips. He recently let go of his specialized YouTube agency (Get Boost Media) and is now excited to use his skills in helping scientists spread the results of their research globally. Tomas graduated from Charles University in Prague. Besides expertise in marketing activities, Tomas is interested in the phenomena of pilgrimage and provides therapeutic walks in nature.

Get Boost Media, CEO & Co-Owner (2015-2018)

Award-winning small Influencer and YouTube-certified marketing agency. 200+ successfully executed campaigns (CEE).

Utubering, Chairman of Supervisory Board & Co-Owner 2015-2019

Utubering is the largest Generation Z event in CZ, with over 15 000 visitors.

SCIENCECOM AGENCY

Sciencecom Agency is the first Czech agency focused on science communication. It prepares dissemination plans for grant proposals and specializes in the internationalization of communication and data analysis. In addition to traditional means of communication - such as creating a grant project website and preparing and sending press releases - it also focuses on new media. The agency disseminates the results, for example, on Wikipedia, Facebook, Twitter, and in professional forums on Reddit. All communication is accompanied by data analysis to prove its impact (e.g. increase in the number of views or an increase in the scientometric score of the impact of a scientific result in the public space - altmetrics).



Ben Gidley

BIRKBECK, UNIVERSITY OF
LONDON

B I O

Ben Gidley studied Anthropology as an undergraduate and Urban Studies at the MA level and has a PhD in Sociology (on citizenship and belonging among East London Jewish radicals in the early twentieth century) from the University of London. He is a Reader in Sociology and Psychosocial Studies at Birkbeck, University of London. Before that, he worked in interdisciplinary urban studies and migration research centres at Goldsmiths, University of London and the University of Oxford. During that period, he was involved in several policy-engaged research projects on topics around migration, integration and diversity, funded by research councils, charitable trusts, government departments and the European Union.

Ben's research is largely centred around the question of how we live together with difference in urban contexts. He also has an interest in British Jewry; *Turbulent Times* (Bloomsbury, 2010), written with Keith Kahn-Harris, was the first sociological monograph on British Jews for several decades, and on understanding different racisms comparatively; *Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Europe* (Palgrave, 2017), co-edited with James Renton, was a breakthrough volume in this field.

He is now leading the transnational ORA research project ENCOUNTERS: Muslim-Jewish encounter, diversity and difference in urban Europe, whose first publication is the book *Jews and Muslims in Europe: Between Discourse and Experience* (Brill, 2022), co-edited with Sami Everett.



Olaf Glöckner

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BIO

Olaf Glöckner, PhD, is a researcher at the Moses Mendelssohn Centre for European-Jewish Studies in Potsdam (MMZ). He is also a Lecturer at the Historical Institute and the Department of Jewish Studies at Potsdam University. Glöckner's main foci of research are on Jewish Migration, European Jewry after 1989/90, German-Israeli relations and modern anti-Semitism.

Glöckner has worked and participated in several empirical studies on Jewish migration, Jewish education, and Jewish experiences with modern anti-Semitism (incl. the AS Studies of the Fundamental Rights Agency 2012/13 and 2017/18). Currently, he is involved in the EU-funded project "United in Diversity' – An Interdisciplinary Study of Contemporary European Jewry and its Reflection" and in the joint research project "ASJust – Struggling of the Judiciary in Germany with anti-Semitism".

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Being Jewish in 21st Century Central Europe.
Berlin/Boston 2020 (ed. together with Haim
Fireberg and Marcela Menachem Zoufalá);

Das neue Unbehagen. Antisemitismus in
Deutschland heute. OLMS, Hildesheim 2019
/hrsg. zus. mit Günther Jikeli)



Serena Hussain

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COVENTRY UNIVERSITY

BIO

Dr Serena Hussain is a Sociologist and Human Geographer. She is currently an Associate Professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations. Serena completed her PhD in Sociology at the University of Bristol and went on to obtain an ESRC Research Fellowship in Geography at the University of Leeds. She then held a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Oxford, where she remained a Visiting Senior Research Associate in the School of Geography until 2013. Before joining the Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Serena acted as the Principal Scientist on International Migration at Charles Darwin University in Australia. Serena has worked as an expert consultant for a number of British government departments, with organisations such as Ipsos MORI and the BBC World Service; and collaborated with academics from the US, Asia and Australia.

Some of her current research explores;

- Transnational Capital among migrant youth in the UK, Australia and Canada with Deakin University, funded by the Australian Research Council;
- Engaging the public in Census 2021, funded by UKRI;
- and Peacebuilding interventions in fragile contexts with Islamic Relief Worldwide, funded by SIDA.

Serena currently supervises eight PhD students, is the Editor for a Springer book series, and a member of the editorial board for the journal Migration Letters. She is also a member of the Kashmiri Scholars Consultative and Action Network; and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations, Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan.



Kateřina Krejčířová

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B I O

Kateřina Krejčířová is a Research Coordinator of the project „Jews, Muslims and Roma in the 21st Century Metropolises: Reflecting on Polyphonic Ideal and Social Exclusion as Challenges for European Cohesion” at the Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague. She also works as a Communication and Project Manager at the Central European Digital Media Observatory (CEDMO), a multidisciplinary hub focusing on information disorders in Central Europe.

Kateřina has a degree in English and American Studies from Charles University. During her undergraduate degree, she spent time at Durham University (United Kingdom) and George Washington University (USA). She is currently working on an MA dissertation looking at various iterations of the Other in modern British literature.

In her professional life, she is a communications specialist with experience in private, think tank, governmental and academic sectors. She ran the social media presence of the Czech edition of the Forbes magazine and helped rapidly grow its website's popularity during the switch to digital during the pandemic. As a communications manager of a leading Czech think tank Prague Security Studies Institute, she helped the organization gain international recognition for its pioneering work by winning the prestigious Economics and Financial Affairs Award at Prospect Magazine's Think Tank Awards.



Marcela Menachem Zoufalá

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BIO

PhDr. et Mgr. Marcela Menachem Zoufalá, PhD. is a cultural anthropologist, lecturer, and researcher at the Centre for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University. Her research interests include Jewish and Israel Studies, precisely the quality of life of contemporary European Jewish communities in the context of a sense of belonging, transnationalism, and antisemitism. In the field of Israel Studies, her research interests combine Mizrahi Studies, ethnicity, and gender. Recently, she has focused on Jewish-Muslim relations from a transurban comparative perspective.

Marcela (co-)authored and (co-)edited several monographs and articles, e.g., "Jews and Muslims in Dubai, Berlin, and Warsaw: Interactions, Peacebuilding Initiatives, and Improbable Encounters," together with Joanna Dyduch and Olaf Glöckner. *Religions* 13, no. 1: 13. or *Being Jewish in 21st Century Central Europe*, published in De Gruyter. She is a principal investigator of the ongoing cooperative research project: *Jews, Muslims, and Roma in the 21st Century Metropolises* that involves partners from Potsdam and Jagiellonian universities, and she is a member of an international research team led by Artur Skorek (Jagiellonian University): *Jewish and Muslim Minorities in Urban Spaces of Central Europe*. Marcela is an academic council member (2020-2022) and vice-president-elect (2023-2026) of the European Association of Israel Studies.



Tariq Modood

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BRISTOL

BIO

Tariq Modood is a Professor of Sociology, Politics and Public Policy and founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship at the University of Bristol and the co-founder of the journal, *Ethnicities*. He has held 40+ grants and consultancies, has 35+ (co-)authored and (co-)edited books and reports and 280+ articles and chapters. He was ranked #131 in the world (#19 in the UK) in the Research.Com citations 2022 ranking for Law, Politics, Sociology and Social Policy.

His work is frequently cited by policy-makers and practitioners and, on several occasions, has influenced policy. He was appointed an MBE by the Queen for services to social sciences and ethnic relations in 2001, made a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (UK) in 2004 and elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2017. He served on the Commission on the Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain, the National Equality Panel, and the Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life.

His latest books include *Essays on Secularism and Multiculturalism* (2019), *Multiculturalism: A Civic Idea* (2 nd ed; 2013); and as co-editor *Multiculturalism and Interculturalism* (2016) and *The Problem of Religious Diversity: European Problems, Asian Challenges* (2017). His website is tariqmodood.com. He has supervised over 50 Ph.D.s and 10+ Research Associates and mentored 5 postdocs.



Dekel Peretz

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BIO

Dekel Peretz is a post-doctoral research fellow at the Max-Weber-Institute of Sociology of Heidelberg University and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity. His current research focuses on Muslim-Jewish encounters in Berlin within the framework of the ORA and DFG funded joint research project: “Muslim-Jewish encounter, diversity & distance in urban Europe: religion, culture and social model.”

Dekel holds a PhD in history from the University of Potsdam titled *Zionism and Cosmopolitanism: Franz Oppenheimer and the Dream of a Jewish Future in Germany and Palestine* (De Gruyter Oldenburg, 2022), in which he dealt with the history of sociology and Jewish identity in fin de siècle Germany in the context of the racial and colonial discourses.



Eduard Petiška

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B I O

Eduard Petiška is a co-founder and Managing Partner at Sciencecom Agency, which deals with the dissemination of scientific knowledge. He received his Ph.D. from Charles University, his dissertation was focused on the usage of open educational resources. He then worked at Charles University as a researcher on applied research projects funded by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic. Before that, he also worked as a journalist at Lidové noviny, one of the main Czech media outlets, and at the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, where he dealt with digital communication of environmental issues.

A selection of the grant projects he has worked on

- 2019-2021 TL02000013 TAČR (Technology Agency of the Czech Republic) - Ensuring the quality of open educational resources: how to properly create and use freely available learning materials (project initiator and member of the research team).
- 2017-2022 (involved in the project in 2017-2019) - Enhancing the quality of education at CU and its relevance to the needs of the labour market. ESF project registration number: CZ.02.2.69/0.0/0.0/16_015/0002362 (expert).
- 2017-2019 - Charles University Specific Research - Usability of Scientific Knowledge for Addressing Societal Challenges (initiator and co-principal investigator, the project dealt with Open Educational Resources).
- 2018 - Charles University Grant Agency (Project No. 970 218) - Use of Open Educational Resources by Environmental Studies Students in the Czech Republic (Principal Researcher).

Magdalena Pycinska

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BIO

Assistant Professor at the Institute of the Middle and Far East. She holds a Ph.D. in Cultural Studies. Her research interests include contemporary national discourses in the Middle East, particularly in Palestine, and social changes in Arab societies, settler colonialism, racialisation of religion and gender.

Currently, she focuses her research on 2 main subjects: the religiosity of Muslim youth and developing a new strategy for studying religiosity from an intersectional perspective and secondly on post-colonial racialisation of gender and religious experience in the MENA region.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

1. Postcolonial Racialisation of Gender and Religious Experience within the Settler Colonial Context: Ahed Tamimi's Experience of a Racialised Practice, Literature and Theology, Volume 35, Issue 4, December 2021, Pages 414–432
2. Palestinian experiences of shaping the relationship between national politics and Islamic religious tradition, *Studia Religiologica*, T 52, No 1, Jagiellonian University, Krakow 2019;
3. Local and International Politics and the Expression of Palestinian Identity [in:] *International Interdisciplinary Conference on Identity and Philosophy of the Self*, ed. Özgür Öztürk, DAKAM, Istanbul 2017.
4. Palestinian national pragmatics and social performance. Case of Hamas [in:] *Participation, Socialization and Revolution in the Middle East*, ed. Łukasz Fyderek, UNUM, Krakow 2012.



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B I O

Artur Skorek – assistant professor at the Institute of the Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University in Krakow (UJ), executive secretary of the European Association of Israel Studies, a political scientist specializing in Israel and international relations. He holds PhD in international relations and M.A. in international relations and religion studies from UJ. His research spans the areas of the political system in Israel, religion in international relations and foreign policies, and security in the Middle East.

He is the author of two books on the Israeli political system (in Polish: ‘Jewish Religious Parties’, Nomos 2015; co-authored ‘Israeli Democracy’, PWN 2018) and over 20 academic papers. He was a member of the School of Administration in Bielsko-Biala’s Senate and an editor of the academic journal “Gentes & Nationes”.