

Dr François Guesnet: Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal details

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2. Academic Training

| Date | Degree | Institution |
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| 1996 | Dr.phil. in Geschichte der Neuzeit | Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany |
| 1990 | 1. Staatsexamen in Geschichte und Französisch | Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany |

3. Academic Positions

| Dates | Detail of position held | Institution |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 09/1996-08/2000 | Research Fellow | Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Leipzig |
| 09/2000-02/2002 | Senior Research Fellow | Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Leipzig |
| 09/2004-07/2007 | Visiting Professorship (C4) Historical Sociology | Fakultät für Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Universität Potsdam |
| 09/2007-08/2008 | Research Fellow und Lecturer in Russian-Jewish History | Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford |
| 09/2008-09/2011 | Sidney and Elizabeth Corob Lecturer in Modern Jewish History | Dpt. of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, UCL |
| 10/2011-heute | Sidney and Elizabeth Corob Reader (= Associate Professor) in Modern Jewish History | Dpt. of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, UCL |

4. Research Fellowships

1998-1999: Postdoc Fellowship, Yad Hanadiv - Beracha Foundation Programme of Visiting Fellowships in Jewish Studies in cooperation with the Hebrew University Jerusalem

2002-2004: Associate Fellow, Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Leipzig (Germany)

2002-2003: Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

2014: Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

5. Current editorial Roles

Co-editor, *IJS Studies in Judaica* (Brill Academic Publishers)

Editorial board, *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry* (Littman Library for Jewish Civilization)

Editorial board, *Eastern European Jewish Affairs*

Advisory Board, *Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History* (online journal)

Advisory board, *Scripta Judaica Cracoviensia*

6. Current involvement in research associations

Honorary Secretary, European Association for Jewish Studies

Executive Committee, British Association for Jewish Studies

International Consortium for Research on Antisemitism and Racism (London)

7. Current research projects

The Montefiore Testimonials: Digitisation, Transcription, Analysis (through support from The Montefiore Endowment, London)

2009-2016: The History of Jewish Self-Government in Poland, research grant from Gerda Henkel Foundation, Düsseldorf/Germany.

8. Recent research projects

2008-13: Antisemitism in Transition - The Case of Post-Communist East-Central Europe, Grant from Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe.

2011-15: Negotiating Religion. Accomodating Religious Diversity in Past and Present (in cooperation with colleagues across University College, London, through grants from the UCL Grand Challenge of Intercultural Interaction)

9. Supervision of PhD and M.A. theses

| Date | Details |
|------------|---|
| Since 2015 | PhD, Hannah Iles: Jewish and Polish Women in Anti-Jewish Violence in Postwar Poland. A Study in Intersectionality. First supervisor. |
| Since 2014 | PhD, Zuzanna Krzemien: Salomon Dubno ("Salomon Dubno (1738-1813) - Eastern European Jewish Learning and German Jewish Haskalah". First Supervisor. |
| Since 2013 | PhD, Jamie Sisson: Charity and Insularity: A Critical Analysis of the Foundations and Leverage of American Philanthropy for the Welfare of Modern Polish-Jewish Life. First supervisor. |
| Since 2012 | PhD, Natalia Romik: Post-Jewish Architecture in Former Eastern European Shtetls. Co-Supervisor |
| Since 2010 | PhD, Noemie Duhaut: The Europeanisation of Western European Jews English and French Jewish perceptions of Jews in South-Eastern Europe, 1840 to 1900. First supervisor. PhD, Marie Luise Schmidt (University of Potsdam, Germany): Per aspera ad astra. Die jiddische Literatur im Spannungsfeld von Politik und Kunst. Eine Feldanalyse des jiddisch-literarischen Feldes in der Zwischenkriegszeit. Second supervisor. |
| 2009 | MSt in Jewish Christian Relations, Agnieszka Cahn (Cambridge Centre for Jewish Christian Relations, University of Cambridge): Adam Doboszynski's March on Myslenice 1936. Supervisor. |
| 2009/10 | MSt in Jewish Christian Relations, Aleksandra Ancukiewicz (Cambridge Centre for Jewish Christian Relations, University of Cambridge): Hasidic Pilgrimages to Lezajsk. Supervisor. |
| 2008 | PhD, Agnieszka Oleszak (UCL): Sarah Schenirer and the Foundation of Bet Ya'akov (1917-1939). Gender and Religious Identity Construction in Orthodox Judaism. First supervisor. (Interrupted) |
| 2007/08 | MA History, James Appell (St Antony's College, Oxford): The Jews of |

- Kovno: A Study in Modernity. First Supervisor.
- 2008 MSt in Jewish Studies, Mihaly Kalman (Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford): Jewish Self-Defence in Eastern Europe. Supervisor.
- 2008 MA in History, Stefanie Neumeister (University of Potsdam): Russian-Jewish Students' Associations in Berlin around 1900. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA Jewish Studies, Eik Dödtmann (University of Potsdam): Polish-Jewish Immigration to Israel 1967/68. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA Jewish Studies, Marie-Luise Schmidt (University of Potsdam): The Canonization of Yiddish Literature in Eastern Europe. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA History, Stefanie Neumeister (University of Potsdam): „Nationaljüdische Studentenverbindungen in Berlin am Ende des 19. Jahrhunderts“. Second supervisor.
- 2007 MA Jewish Studies, Anna Flume (University of Potsdam): International Reactions to Napoleon's Great Sanhedrin of 1807. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA Jewish Studies, Christoph Kühn (University of Potsdam): Jüdische Delinquenten in der Frühen Neuzeit. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA Sociology, Michael Schlecker (University of Potsdam): Zivilreligion in Israel – Das Rabin Attentat als Ikone des Scheiterns der Zivilreligion. Second supervisor.
- 2007 MA Political Sciences, Bettina Sommer (University of Potsdam): Holocaust-Erinnerung und arabisch-israelischer Konflikt. Wechselwirkungen in der israelischen Öffentlichkeit 2000-2006. First supervisor.
- 2007 MA Jewish Studies, Alina Gromova (University of Potsdam): Sowjetische Kulturpolitik in der späten Stalinzeit am Beispiel des jiddischsprachigen Theaters. First supervisor.

10. Publications

Books

François Guesnet, Cécile Laborde, Lois Lee (eds.) (forthcoming Fall/Winter 2015). *Negotiating Religion: Cross-disciplinary perspectives*. Farnham: Ashgate

Glenn Dynner, François Guesnet (eds.) (2015). *Warsaw. The Jewish Metropolis. Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of Professor Antony Polonsky*. Leiden, Bosten, Mass.: Brill Academic Publishers.

François Guesnet, Gwenyth Jones (eds.) (2014). *Antisemitism in an Era of Transition. Genealogies and Impact in Post-Communist Poland and Hungary*. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag.

Lars Fischer, François Guesnet, Helen Mingay Klier (eds.), Klier, J. D. (April 2011). *Russians, Jews, and the Pogroms of 1881–1882*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

François Guesnet (ed.), Meyer, L. (2010). *Hinterlassene deutsche Schriften eines polnischen Juden*. Hildesheim Zürich New York: Olms Verlag. 246 p.

François Guesnet (ed.) (2009), *Der Fremde als Nachbar. Polnische Positionen zur jüdischen Präsenz. Texte seit 1800*. Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp Verlag. 681 p. [Publisher URL](#)

François Guesnet (ed.) (2009), *Zwischen Graetz und Dubnow: Jüdische Historiographie in Ostmitteleuropa Im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert*. Leipzig: Akademische Verlagsanstalt. 297 p. [Publisher URL](#)

Stefi Jersch-Wenzel, François Guesnet, Andreas Reinke, Desanka Schwara (eds.) (2000), *Juden und Armut in Mittel- und Osteuropa*. Köln Weimar Wien: Böhlau Verlag. 476 p.

François Guesnet (1998), *Polnische Juden im 19. Jahrhundert. Lebensbedingungen, Rechtsnormen und Organisation im Wandel*. Köln Weimar Wien: Böhlau Verlag. 494 p.

François Guesnet (1997), *Lodz'er Juden im 19. Jahrhundert. Ihr Ort in einer multikulturellen Stadtgesellschaft*. Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag 1997. 40 p.

Book Chapters

François Guesnet (forthcoming Fall/Winter 2015): "Negotiating Religion: Historical Trajectories," in idem, Cécile Laborde, Lois Lee (eds.). *Negotiating Religion. Cross-disciplinary perspectives*. Farnham: Ashgate.

François Guesnet (forthcoming Fall/Winter 2015): "Negotiating Under Duress: The Expulsion of Salzburg Protestants (1732) and the Jews of Prague (1744)," in idem, Cécile Laborde, Lois Lee (eds.). *Negotiating Religion. Cross-disciplinary perspectives*.

Glenn Dynner, François Guesnet (2015): "Introduction," in Glenn Dynner, François Guesnet (eds.). *Warsaw. The Jewish Metropolis. Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of Professor Antony Polonsky*. Leiden, Bosten, Mass.: Brill Academic Publishers, 1-16

François Guesnet (2015): "From Community to Metropolis: The Jews of Warsaw, 1850-1880," in Glenn Dynner, François Guesnet (eds.) (2015). *Warsaw. The Jewish Metropolis. Essays in Honor of the 75th Birthday of Professor Antony Polonsky*. Leiden, Bosten, Mass.: Brill Academic Publishers, 128-153.

François Guesnet, Gwenyth Jones (2014): "Antisemitism in Poland and Hungary after 1989: Determinants of social impact," in François Guesnet, Gwenyth Jones (eds.):

Antisemitism in an Era of Transition. Genealogies and Impact in Post-Communist Poland and Hungary. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag, 4-34.

François Guesnet (2013), 'Revolutionary Hinterland: Transformations of Jewish Associational Life in the Kingdom of Poland, 1904-06.' In: Franziska Schedewie et al. (eds.), *The Russian Revolution of 1905 in Transcultural Perspective: Identities, Peripheries, and the Flow of Ideas*. Bloomington, Indiana: Slavica Publishers, 105-120.

François Guesnet (2013), 'Der angestupste Sohn des Vorstehers, oder: Jüdische Lebenswelt, Recht und Geschlecht in einer jiddischen Komödie des 19. Jahrhunderts.' In Ruth Leiserowitz et al. (eds.), *Lesestunde/Lekcja czytania* (pp 139-154). Warsaw: Neriton.

François Guesnet (2013), 'Litwaken'. In: Dan Diner (ed.), *Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur*, vol. 3 (pp 548-552). Stuttgart, Germany: J.B.Metzler.

François Guesnet, Darius Staliunas (2012), 'No Simple Stories. Die litauisch-jüdischen Beziehungen im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert.' In Stefanie Schüler-Springorum (ed.), *Jahrbuch für Antisemitismusforschung* (pp 17-25). Berlin: Metropol Verlag.

François Guesnet (2010), 'Zur Einführung: Ein jüdisches Leben in der polnischen Provinz.' In Guesnet, F. (ed.), *Hinterlassene deutsche Schriften eines polnischen Juden* (pp.9-42). Hildesheim Zürich New York: Olms Verlag.

François Guesnet (2009), Geschichte fürs jüdische Volk. Ein vorläufiges Porträt des Historikers Ezriel Natan Frenk. In Guesnet, F. (ed.), *Zwischen Graetz und Dubnow: Jüdische Historiographie in Ostmitteleuropa im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert* (pp.119-145). Leipzig: Akademische Verlagsanstalt.

François Guesnet (2007), "These Are German Houses": Polish Memory Confronting Jedwabne. In Diner, D., Wunberg, G. (eds.), *Restitution and memory* (pp.141-160). New York Oxford: Berghahn Books.

François Guesnet (2006), Moses Mendelssohns Tätigkeit als Fürsprecher im Kontext jüdischer politischer Kultur der frühen Neuzeit. In *Menora. Jahrbuch für deutsch-jüdische Geschichte* 16 (2006), pp.115-136. Hamburg: Philo.

François Guesnet (2005), Politik der 'Fürsprache' - Vormoderne jüdische Interessensvertretung. In Diner, D. (ed.). *Synchrone Welten* (pp.67-92). Hamburg: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

François Guesnet, Baumann, U. (2005), Images of Life and Destruction. In *Materials on the Memorials to the Murdered Jews of Europe* (pp.94-121). Berlin: Nicolaische Verlagsbuchhandlung.

François Guesnet (2004), Chanukah and its Function in the Invention of a Jewish-Heroic Tradition in Early Zionism, 1880-1900. In Berkowitz, M. (ed.), *Nationalism, Zionism and ethnic mobilization of the Jews in 1900 and beyond* (pp.227-245). Leiden: Brill Academic Pub.

François Guesnet (2003), Geschichte im Kontext. Entwicklungsbedingungen der jüdischen Historiographie im polnischen Sprachraum im 19. Jahrhundert. In Wyrwa, U. (ed.). *Judentum und Historismus* (pp.131-146). Frankfurt am Main: Campus Verlag.

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François Guesnet (2001), Juden aus dem östlichen Europa in Mittel- und Westeuropa. In Kotowski, E. (ed.). *Handbuch zur Geschichte der Juden in Europa: Religion, Kultur, Alltag* (pp.69-78). Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft.

François Guesnet (2001), Khevres and Akhdes: the Change in Jewish Self-Organization in the Kingdom of Poland before 1900 and the Bund. In Jacobs, J. (ed.). *Jewish politics in Eastern Europe: The Bund at 100* (pp.3-13). Basingstoke: Palgrave.

François Guesnet (2000), Chasydzki klal-tuer wobec metropolii i nowoczesności. Joel Wegmeister z Warszawy (1837-1919). In *Zydzi Warszawy. Materiały konferencji w 100. rocznicę urodzin Emanuela Ringelbluma (21 listopada 1900-7 marca 1944)* (pp.41-57). Warszawa: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny.

François Guesnet (2000), Jüdische Armut und ihre Bekämpfung im Königreich Polen: Grundzüge und Entwicklungen im 19. Jahrhundert. In Jersch-Wenzel, S., Guesnet, F., (eds.). *Juden und Armut in Mittel- und Osteuropa* (pp.185-208). Köln Weimar Wien: Böhlau Verlag.

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François Guesnet (1999), 'Wir müssen Warschau unbedingt russisch machen'. Die Mythologisierung der russisch-jüdischen Zuwanderung ins Königreich Polen zu Beginn unseres Jahrhunderts am Beispiel eines polnischen Trivialromans. In Behring, E. (ed.). *Geschichtliche Mythen in den Literaturen Ostmittel- und Südosteuropas* (pp.99-116). Stuttgart München: Franz Steiner Verlag GmbH. [Publisher URL](#)

François Guesnet (1997), The First Interview. The First International Zionist Congress as the Turning Point in the Jewish Reform Movement of Congress Poland. In Haumann, H., Haber, P. (eds.). *The First Zionist Congress in 1897 - Causes, Significance, Topicality* (pp.155-160). Basel: Karger.

François Guesnet (1997), Żydowskie i niemieckie organizacje w Łodzi XIX wieku: typy i stosunki. In Samus, P. (Ed.). *Polacy - Niemcy - Żydzi w Łodzi w XIX-XX w. Sąsiedzi dalecy i bliscy* (pp.162-191). Warszawa: Ibidem.

Journal Articles

François Guesnet: "'Languishing from a Distance.' Louis Meyer and the Demise of the German-Jewish Ideal," in Glenn Dynner, Antony Polonsky, and Marcin Wodzinski (eds.): *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry*, vol. 27 (2014) *Jews in the Kingdom of Poland, 1815-1918* (Oxford, Portland, Oregon: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization 2014), 117-151.

François Guesnet, "Between Permeability and Isolation: Ezriel Natan Frenk as Historian of the Jews of Poland," Israel Bartal, Antony Polonsky, and Scott Ury (eds.): *Polin. Studies*

in Polish Jewry, vol. 24: *Jews and their Neighbours in Eastern Europe since 1750*. Oxford, Portland, Oregon: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2012, 111-131.

François Guesnet, "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Joel Wegmeister and Modern Hasidic Politics in Warsaw," *Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History. Journal of Fondazione CDEC* 2 (October 2011)

URL: www.quest-cdecjournal.it/focus.php?id=222

François Guesnet, "Agreements between neighbours. The 'ugody' as a source on Jewish-Christian relations in early modern Poland," *Jewish History* 24 (2010), 3-4, 257-270
[doi:10.1007/s10835-010-9118-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10835-010-9118-7).

Guesnet, F., Staliunas, D., Verbickiene, J. "Introduction: Jewish politics in eastern Europe: mobilisation and agenda-setting in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries," *East European Jewish Affairs* 39 (2009) 2, 149-151 [doi:10.1080/13501670903016159](https://doi.org/10.1080/13501670903016159).

François Guesnet, "Political Culture of Polish Jewry: A Tour d'Horizon," *Report of the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies* 2007-2008, 61-76.

Bechtel, D., Brenner, M., Golczewski, F., Guesnet, F., Heuberger, R., Kugelman, C., Lipphardt, A., "Remembrance as Balancing Act. Public and Scholarly Handling of East European Jewish Heritage," *Osteuropa* 58 (2008) 8-10, 53-66.

François Guesnet, "Sensitive travelers: Jewish and non-Jewish visitors from Eastern Europe to Palestine between the two world wars," *Journal of Israeli History, Politics, Society, Culture* 27 (2008) 2, 171-189 [doi:10.1080/13531040802284056](https://doi.org/10.1080/13531040802284056).

François Guesnet, "The Turkish Cavalry in Swarzedz, or: Jewish Political Culture at the Borderlines of Modern History," *Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook* 6 (2007), 227-248.

François Guesnet, "Textures of Intercession - Rescue Efforts for the Jews of Prague, 1744/1748," *Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook* 4 (2005), 355-375.

François Guesnet, "A Tuml in the Shtetl: Khayim Betsalel Grinberg's Di khevre-kedishe sude," *Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry* 16 (2003), 93-106.

François Guesnet, "Politik der Vormoderne - Shtadlanut am Vorabend der polnischen Teilungen," *Jahrbuch des Simon Dubnow Instituts* 1 (2002), 235-255.

François Guesnet, Migration and stereotype: The case of Russian Jews in the Polish Kingdom at the end of the nineteenth century. *Cahiers du Monde Russe* 41,4 (2000) 505-518.

Others

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Orgelbrand family, Mathias Rosen, Isaak Rülff, Abraham Stern, Szereszewski family, Joel Wegmeister.

11. Modules taught in recent years

HEBR1004: Survey of Jewish History and Culture 1800-present (BA students)

HEBR1007: Religion, State and Society in Europe, 1500-present (BA and MA students)

HEBR7721: Modern Jewish Politics (BA and MA students)

HEBR7737: European Jewries between Emancipation and Reaction (BA and MA students)

HEBR7740: History of the Jews in Poland (BA and MA students)

HEBR7751: The Transformation of Jewish Culture in Early Modern Europe (MA)

HEBR7752: Metropolitan Life: Jews and the City (BA and MA students)

HEBR5000: Methods, Sources, and Skills in Jewish Studies (BA students)