

# Seminar

## Jewish Thought, European Thought in the Italy of the Long Renaissance

What does the study of previously untapped sources with a new series of questions reveal about the capacity for political action and the formulation of political thought among Jewish men and women in Long Renaissance Italy (thirteenth to seventeenth centuries)? The minority situation and the resulting constant need for negotiation led to specific processes of political participation that can be traced in important documentary sources. However, this participation and documentation have thus far been neglected by historiography. This seminar will examine this “Jewish politics” in order to prove the existence of political agency and to describe it in terms of its specific characteristics (pragmatism, pursuit of group interests, recourse to mediation and alliances, its own institutional and documentary structuring) and its interactions with European politics. One fundamental aspect of the relationship between Jews and politics is the philosophical reflection that some Jewish intellectuals reserved for the political tradition. During the seminar, the participants will discuss important texts from the history of Jewish and Christian political thought (fourteenth and eighteenth centuries).

### Convenors

- Guido Bartolucci (Università di Bologna)
- Serena Di Nepi (La Sapienza Università di Roma)
- Pierre Savy (Université Gustave Eiffel, Paris)
- Giuseppe Veltri (Universität Hamburg)

### Participants

- Flavia Buzzetta (CNRS, Paris)
- Ian Campbell (Queen's University, Belfast)
- Cedric Cohen-Skalli (University of Haifa)
- Hanna Gentili (British Library, London)
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