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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **LEONARDO COHEN**

Work: Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

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### **EDUCATION**

B.A. 1994 Hebrew University of Jerusalem History of Africa/General Studies in Humanities.

M.A. 1999 Hebrew University of Jerusalem Comparative Religion.

Thesis Advisor: Prof. Steven Kaplan.

Thesis: The Christian as Other and the Christian as a Brother. The Portuguese in Ethiopia and the Struggle over the Limits of Religion (in Hebrew).

Ph. D. 2007 University of Haifa History.

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Amos Megged and Prof. Steven Kaplan.

Thesis: The Jesuits in Ethiopia: Missionary Methods and Local Responses to Catholicism (1555-1632).

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2016-2017 Lecturer at Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
2010-2016 Visiting lecturer at Ben Gurion University of the Negev.  
2010-2016 Visiting lecturer at the Open University of Israel.  
2008-2009 Visiting lecturer at Sapir College.

- 2003-2009 Teacher at the Institute for Jewish Leaders from Abroad, the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem.
- 1998 Academic assistant and lecturer at the Jewish-Arab Center for Peace, Givat Haviva.
- 1995-1996 Teacher at Universidad Hebraica de México
- 2001 Prof. Steven Kaplan's research assistant (African History and Comparative Religion, The Hebrew University).
- 1993-1994 Dr. David Satran's research assistant (Comparative Religion, The Hebrew University).

## **PROFESIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

- 2016 Article Review, *Mediterranean Historical Review* (Taylor and Francis).
- 2015 Article Review, *Journal of African History, Politics and Society* (Center of African Studies, University of West Bohemia).
- 2013 Article Review, *Journal of Religion in Africa* (Leiden: Brill).

## **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### Courses Taught

B.A.

#### Department of Middle East Studies and the Program of African Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

- Social and Religious History of Ethiopia.
- Political and Religious History of Ethiopia.
- Sources for the History of Ethiopia.
- Christianity and Islam in Ethiopia (Academic fieldtrip to Ethiopia).
- Missionary Movements in Africa: Historical and Comparative Perspectives.
- Ethiopia: Religion and Culture (undergraduate course at Ben Gurion.
- Afro-Marxism and Afro-Communism (together with Dr. Gai Roufe).
- Christianity and Christians in the Middle East and Africa
- Missionary Movements in Africa and the Middle East: Historical and Comparative Perspectives.
- Monastic Movements in the Oriental Churches
- Jesuit Sources on the Middle East and the Horn of Africa
- Christianity, Islam and Judaism in Ethiopia: Religion, Literature and History
- Ethiopia and Europe

#### Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs

- Early-modern Missionaries in Africa and the Middle East

Department of History, The Open University of Israel.

-Christianity, Islam and Judaism in Ethiopia.

- Supervision of undergraduate seminar papers on Ethiopian history.

Sapir College in conjunction with Hashomer Hatzair World Movement.

-Judaism and Jewish Thought.

Department of Religious Sciences, Universidad Iberoamericana, México City.

-Introduction to Eastern Christianity.

Universidad Hebraica de México.

-Introduction to Jewish History.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2018: ISF. Project: Polemic Catholic Literature in Ethiopia (17<sup>th</sup> century)

2013-2016: Award to visiting lecturers granted by the Tamar Golan Africa Center.

2013 Jacobo Goldberg Prize for Research on Mexican Jewry for the film *Days of Youth*.

2013 Honorable mention, the Jacobo Goldberg Prize for Research on Mexican Jewry on the article. "Reading and Identity: The Marxist Theory of Ber Borochov in the Context of Latin American Jewry (1951-1979)," *Cuadernos Judaicos* 29 (2012): 1-36 [Spanish].

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

2015-2016 Research grant from the Center for the Study of Religious Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters. The Open University.

2011-2015 Research grant from the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia de Portugal (Catholic University of Portugal, CEHR).

2010-2011 The Lady Davis Fellowship, Department of Romance and Latin American Studies, The Hebrew University.

2010 The Skirball Fellowship, Cardinal Bea Center for Judaic Studies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

2004 Academic Exchange with the University of Warsaw (through the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

2004 Research grant from Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.

2000-2002 Fellowship for Ph.D. studies, University of Haifa.

## **SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS**

- a) Total number of citations of all articles and books = 33 (according to GS).
- b) Total number of citations without self-citations = 24 (according to GS).

#### Authored Books

**Leonardo Cohen**, *The Missionary Strategies of the Jesuits in Ethiopia (1555-1632)*, (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2009), GS= 30

#### **Reviewed in**

*The Catholic Historical Review* 101/2 (2015): 373-374.

*The Heythrop Journal* 54 (2013): 511-512.

*Northeast African Studies* 12/1 (2012, New Series): 319-324.

*Solidarité - Orient* 261 (janvier-février-mars 2012): 34.

*Oriens Christianus* 95 (2011): 280-282.

*Aethiopica* 13 (2010): 263-266.

*Renaissance Quarterly* 63/1 (2010): 226-228.

#### Edited Books

**1. Leonardo Cohen (ed.)** *Narratives of Suffering, Failure, and Martyrdom: Early Modern Catholicism confronting the Adversities of History*, Series: Estudos de História Religiosa, Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidad Católica Portuguesa (Accepted)

Refereed chapters in collective volumes, Conference proceedings, Festschrifts, etc. (running numbers).

**1. Leonardo Cohen**, “Placing the Dead: The Role of Bones and Relics in the Demarcation of Catholic Sacred Space in Ethiopia (1624-1636),” in Andreu Martínez d’Alòs Moner (ed.), *Architectures of Power in the Horn of Africa and the Upper Nile Basin: From Ancient Times to the Present* (accepted).

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, “Introduction” in **Leonardo Cohen (ed.)** *Narratives of Suffering, Failure, and Martyrdom: Early Modern Catholicism confronting the Adversities of History*, Series: Estudos de História Religiosa, Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidad Católica Portuguesa (Accepted)

**3. Leonardo Cohen**, "Shaking the Dust from the Feet': Ritual and Testimony among Jesuits and Ethiopian Catholics (17th Century)" in **Leonardo Cohen (ed.)** *Narratives of Suffering, Failure, and Martyrdom: Early Modern Catholicism confronting the Adversities of History*, Series: Estudos de História Religiosa, Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidad Católica Portuguesa (Accepted)

**4. Leonardo Cohen**, "Borochovism in the Service of the Eritrean Cause," *Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Warsaw, August 2015*. (Accepted)

**5. Leonardo Cohen**, "A Postmortem of the Jesuits' Banishment from Ethiopia," in Wim François and Violet Soen (eds.), *The Council of Trent: Reform and Controversy in Europe and Beyond (1545-1700). Between Artists and Adventurers*, vol. 3, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018, pp. 257-276.

**6. Leonardo Cohen**, "António Fernandes and his Book on the Virgin Mary: A Contribution to the Ethiopian-Jesuit Debate over Asceticism and Matrimony," in Antje Flüchter and Rouven Wirbser (eds.), *Translating Catechisms, Translating Cultures. The Expansion of Catholicism in Early Modern World*, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2017, pp. 197-222.

**7. Leonardo Cohen**, "Introduction," in Wendy L. Belcher (ed.), *Latin Letters on Ethiopia (1609-1641)*, trans. Jessica Wright and Leon Grek, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2017, pp. 1-30.

**8. Andreu Martínez d'Alòs Moner and Leonardo Cohen**, "On the Roots of Ethiopian Philology and a 'Trilingual' Letter from the Jesuit Mission Period," in Alessandro Bausi, Alessandro Gori, and Denis Nossitsin (eds.), *Essays in Ethiopian Manuscript Studies. Proceedings of the International Conference "Manuscripts and Texts, Languages and Contexts: The Transmission of Knowledge in the Horn of Africa"*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015 (Aethiopica Supplement no. 4), pp. 181-196.

**9. Leonardo Cohen**, "Hashomer Hatzair in Mexico: Between Youth Radicalism and Political Compromise (1940-1945)," in Shulamit Goldsmit and Natalia Okon (eds.), *On Mexican Jewry. Diverse Expressions of Communal Activism*, Mexico City: Universidad Iberoamericana, 2009, pp. 61-93 [Spanish]. GS=1

**10. Leonardo Cohen**, "Jesuit Missionaries in Ethiopia: Their Role as Exorcists, Healers and Miracle-Makers (1603-1632)," in Witold Witakowsky and Laura Łykowska (eds.), *Wälättä Yohanna. Ethiopian Studies in Honour of Joanna Mantel-Niečko on the Occasion of the 50th Year of Her Work at the Institute of Oriental Studies, Warsaw University*, Warsaw, 2006, pp. 79-91. GS=2

**11. Leonardo Cohen**, "Ethiopian Christianity as Heresy: The Development of the Concept in the Portuguese and Jesuit Sources," in Siegbert Uhlig (ed.), *Proceedings of the XVth International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Hamburg, 2003*, Wiesbaden, 2006, pp. 649-655.

**12. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Jesuit Missionary as Translator (1603-1632),” in Verena Böll et al. (eds.), *Ethiopia and the Missions. Historical and Anthropological Insights*, Hamburg: LIT Verlag Münster, 2005, pp. 11-30. GS=3

**13. Leonardo Cohen**, “Who are the ‘Sons of God?’ A Jesuit-Ethiopian Controversy on Genesis 6:2,” in Denis Nosnitsin et al. (eds.), *Varia Aethiopica. In Memoriam Sevir Chernetsov (1943-2005)*, St. Petersburg, 2005, pp. 35-42. GS=2

**14. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Jesuits in Ethiopia and the Polemics over the Sacrament of the Eucharist,” in Myriam Yardeni and Ilana Zinguer (eds.), *The Two Christian Reforms: Propagation and Diffusion*, Leiden: Brill, 2004, pp. 138-150. GS=1

**15. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Portuguese Context of the *Confessio Fidei* of King Claudius,” in Baye Yimam et al. (eds.), *Ethiopian Studies at the End of the Second Millennium, Proceedings of the XIVth International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa, November 6-11, 2000*, vol. 1, Addis Ababa: Institute of Ethiopian Studies, 2002, pp. 152-168. GS=2.

#### Refereed articles in scientific journals, running numbers

**1. Leonardo Cohen**, "Patience, Suffering and Tolerance: The Experience of Defeat and Exile among the Jesuits of Ethiopia (1632–1659)," *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, (in review)

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, “‘Imprudencia Maxima’: Friar Manuel de Asunción and His Criticism of the Jesuits’ Behavior in Ethiopia,” *Lusitania Sacra*, 32 (2015), 81-104 [Spanish].

**3. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Catholic Kingdom of Ethiopia: Father Manuel de Almeida’s Account of the Imperial Conversion Ceremony,” *Lusitania Sacra*, vol. 29 (2014): 143-179. Religious Studies Q4

**4. Leonardo Cohen**, “How to Fill the Myth Gaps in the Scriptures: Pedro Paez’s Critique of Ethiopian Commentary,” *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu*, vol. 164 (2013): 397-419 [Spanish].

**5. Leonardo Cohen**, “Reading and Identity: The Marxist Theory of Ber Borochov in the Context of Latin American Jewry (1951-1979),” *Cuadernos Judaicos*, vol. 29 (2012): 1-36 [Spanish]. GS=1.

**6. Leonardo Cohen**, “The First Jesuits amongst the Indian Ascetics (1549-1570): Descriptions and Ambivalence,” *Lusitania Sacra*, vol. 25 (2012): 83-100 [Spanish]. Religious Studies Q4.

**7. Leonardo Cohen**, “An Ethiopian Interpretation of the Story of the Leviathan and Its Connection to Rabbinic Exegesis,” *Pe'amim*, vol. 120 (2009): 93-116 [Hebrew].

**8. Leonardo Cohen** “Visions and Dreams: An Avenue for Ethiopians’ Conversion to Catholicism at the Beginning of the Seventeenth Century,” *Journal of Religion in Africa*, vol. 39 (2009): 4-29. GS=3 History Q1, Religious Studies Q1

**9. Leonardo Cohen** and Andreu Martínez d’Alòs Moner, “The Jesuit Mission in Ethiopia (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries): An Analytical Bibliography,” *Aethiopica. International Journal of Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies*, vol. 9 (2006): 190-212. GS=6

**10. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Spread of Catholicism in Ethiopia during the Seventeenth Century. History of Manners Approach,” *Studies of the Department of African Languages and Cultures (Warsaw University)*, vol. 35 (2004): 7-25. GS=1

**11. Leonardo Cohen** and Steven Kaplan, “A New Source about a Jew from Vienna at the Court of the King of Ethiopia,” *Pe'amim*, vol. 94-95 (2003): 211-216 [Hebrew]. GS=2

**12. Leonardo Cohen**, “The Portuguese in Ethiopia and the Problem of the ‘Judaic Rites,’” *Historia y Grafía*, vol. 17 (2001): 209-240 [Spanish]. GS=3

**13. Leonardo Cohen**, “Ecclesiastical History and Oriental Christianity,” *Aná Mnesis. Revista de Teología*, vol. 6 (1996): 23-50 [Spanish].

#### Entries in Encyclopedias

**Leonardo Cohen**, entries published in Siegbert Uhlig (ed.), *Encyclopaedia Aethiopica*, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2003-2014 (running numbers)

1. “Albuquerque, Afonso de,” vol. I, pp. 93-94.
2. “Almeida, Apolinar de,” vol. I, p. 207.
3. “Azevedo, Luiz de,” vol. I, p. 418.
4. “Cardeira, Luís,” vol. I, p. 686.
5. “Carvalho, Francisco,” vol. I, p. 692.
6. “Castanhoso, Miguel de,” vol. I, pp. 694-695.
7. “Gama, Estevão da,” vol. II, pp. 664-665.
8. In collaboration with Andreu Martínez d’Alòs Moner, “Jesuits,” vol. III, pp. 277- 281.
9. “Ignatius of Loyola,” vol. III, p. 120.
10. “João III,” vol. III, p. 288.
11. “Mäqíäftä hassätat,” vol. III, p. 771.

12. "Marqos II," vol. III, p. 790.
13. "Mateus," vol. III, pp. 866-867.
14. "Mendes, Afonso," vol. III, pp. 920-921.
15. "Rodrigues, Gonzalo," vol. IV, p. 407.
16. "SəŸälä Krəstos," vol. IV, pp. 591-592.
17. "Susənyos, Emperor," vol. IV, pp. 770-772.
18. "Wälättä Petros," vol. IV, pp. 1086-1088.
19. "YaŸqob, Emperor," vol. V, pp. 6-7.
20. "Zä Dəngəl, Emperor," vol. V, pp. 103-104.

**Leonardo Cohen**, published articles at the volume edited by David Thomas and John Chesworth, *Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History (1500-1900)*, vol. 11. South and East Asia, Africa and Americas (1600-1700), (Leiden: Brill, 2016) (running numbers).

1. "Zä Dəngəl, Emperor of Ethiopia," pp. 488-491
2. "Pedro Páez", pp. 508-516.
3. "Täklä Śəllase," pp. 538-541.
4. "Manoel de Almeida," pp. 568-572.
5. "Afonso Mendes," pp. 584-591.
6. "Balthazar Tellez," pp. 592-600.

### Book Reviews

**1. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *Envoys of a Human God. The Jesuit Mission to Christian Ethiopia (1557-1632)*, *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu*, (Accepted). Book details: Andreu Martd' Alòs-Moner, Leiden-Boston: Brill, 2015.

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *The Life and Struggles of Our Mother Walatta Petros*," *Early Modern Women. An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 11 (2016) 2011-213. Book details: trans., and eds. Wendy Laura Belcher and Michael Klainer, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015.

**3. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *The Ethics of Zär'a Ya əqob*," *Orientalistische Litteratur-Zeitung* 109/6 (2014): 503-506. Book details: Dawit Worku Kidane, *The*



*Ethics of Zär'a Ya əqob. A Reply to the Historical and Religious Violence in the Seventeenth Century Ethiopia*, Rome: Editrice Pontificia, Università Gregoriana, 2012.

**4. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *Paradise pour une reine*," *Aethiopica. International Journal of Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies* 17 (2014): 273-276. Book details: Anaïs Wion, *Paradis pour une reine. Le monastère de Qoma Fasilädäs, Éthiopie, XVIIe siècle*, Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne, 2012.

**5. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *A Mission for Everyone*," *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 1/4 (2014): 627-629. Book details: Festo Mkenda, *A Mission for Everyone. A Story of the Jesuits in Eastern Africa (1555-2012)*, Nairobi: Paulines Publications Africa, 2013.

**6. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *A Jesuit in Ethiopia. Pedro Páez's History of Ethiopia*," *Journal of African History* 53 (2012): 416-418. Book details: *Pedro Páez's History of Ethiopia*, 2 vols., eds. Isabel Boavida, Hervé Pennec, and Manuel João Ramos, trans. Christopher J. Tribe, Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2011.

**7. Leonardo Cohen**, "Review of *História da Etiópia* by Pedro Páez," *Lusitania Sacra* 23 (2011): 318-320. Book details: Pedro Páez, *História da Etiópia*, eds. Isabel Boavida, Hervé Pennec, and Manuel João Ramos, Lisbon: Assírio & Alvim, 2008 [Portuguese].

### Translations

**1. Leonardo Cohen**, trans. from English to Spanish: Amos Megged, *Cambio y persistencia: la religión indígena en Chiapas 1521-1680*, México D.F.: Centro de Investigación y Estudios Superiores de Antropología Social, 2008.

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, trans. and ed. from Hebrew to Spanish: Yeshayahu Leibowitz, *La crisis como esencia de la experiencia religiosa*, México D.F.: Taurus, 2000.

### **NON-ACCADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (running numbers).**

**1. Leonardo Cohen**, "A 20 años de operación Salomón: algunas reflexiones. . . ," *Nueva Sión* 962 (December 2011): 17.

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, "Being a 'Leftist' in Mexico and Israel: Reflections on the Recent Conflict between Israel and Gaza," in Manuel Ferez (ed.), *The Conflict in Israel and Gaza. 2008-2009*, México D.F.: Comisión de Biblioteca y Asuntos Editoriales, Senado de la República, LXI Legislatura, 2009, pp. 271-282 [Spanish].

**2. Leonardo Cohen**, "Being a 'Leftist' in Mexico and Israel: Reflections on the Recent Conflict between Israel and Gaza," in May Samra Achar (ed.), *Sixty Mexican Voices for Israel*, México D.F.: Keren Kayemet Leisrael, 2009, pp. 161-166 [Spanish].

**3. Leonardo Cohen**, “Never Again Me! Anti-Racist Anti-Semitism in Europe,” *Context XXI* 8 (2004): 33 (trans. from Spanish to German by Mary Kreutzer).

**4. Leonardo Cohen**, occasional articles for *Enlace Judío*, and *Diario Judío*, the electronic magazines of the Mexican Jewish Community ([www.enlacejudio.com](http://www.enlacejudio.com)):

-Carta Abierta a los dirigentes de la comunidad judía de México (A propósito de la visita de Biniamin Netanyahu) Sept. 9, 2017.

- "En torno a los derechos humanos de un terrorista y demás asuntos polémicos. Última respuesta a Irving Gatell." April 15, 2016.

- "Yo también soy un israelí que ha perdido todo contacto con la realidad y todo referente moral. Respuesta a Irving Gatell." April 7, 2016

- "Carta a los activistas de Hasbará," January 17, 2016.

- "Los judíos de Etiopía y el problema de la discriminación en Israel. Anotaciones sobre los últimos sucesos," May 18, 2015.

- "Las palabras de Netanyahu en el día del Holocausto. Una reflexión," May 5, 2014.

- "Víctor Shem Tov, 1915-2014," March 11, 2014.

- "¿Es vergonzoso el trato a los eritreos en Israel? La carta de Leo Cohen y la respuesta de Danny Ayalon," January 23, 2014.

- "La quiebra moral del liderazgo político israelí," May 25, 2012.

- "Israel pierde el espíritu del mundo libre," December 14, 2011.

- "Los enemigos de la nación," July 25, 2011.

- "Dejar de defender a Israel," June 18, 2011.

**5. Leonardo Cohen**, occasional articles for the World Zionist Organization's Hagshama Department ([www.hagshama.org.il/es](http://www.hagshama.org.il/es)):

- "Partidos Políticos: Izquierda Israelí," February 27, 2009.

- "La marcha del orgullo gay que no fue: En contra de la homofobia, en defensa de la Jerusalén terrenal," December 17, 2006.

- "A un año del plan de 'desconexión:' El discurso como arena de la lucha política: Entre la desconexión y la evacuación," July 1, 2006.

- "Antisemitismo último modelo: En el nombre del Otro," May 15, 2005.

- "El utilitarismo del Holocausto: Un atentado contra la memoria," February 21, 2005.
- "¿Acaso es reversible el deterioro del estado de bienestar social? Entrevista con Víctor Shem Tov," December 26, 2004.
- "La Hagadá de Pésaj durante el siglo XX: Entre la oralidad y la escritura," March 29, 2004.
- "Interpretar y festejar: de la política a la religión y viceversa," December 3, 2003.
- "Pensamiento judío contemporáneo: Reconstruccionismo: Revalorando a Mordejai Kaplan," September 29, 2003.
- "La hoja de ruta: Yeshayahu Leibowitz frente a la ocupación: perspectivas para hoy," July 28, 2003.

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS AT INVITED MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES:**

### Presentation of papers at conferences/meetings

**2000:** "Jesuitas en Etiopía (Siglos XVI y XVII), Problemática cultural y religiosa," presented at Universidad Iberoamericana, México D.F.

**2000:** "The Portuguese Context of the *Confessio Fidei* of King Claudius," presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa.

**2001:** "The Jesuit Mission in Ethiopia. Propagation and Theological Polemics," Presented at the conference: La Réforme Catholique: Formes de Diffusion, University of Haifa.

**2002:** "Jesuit Missionaries in Ethiopia: Their Role as Exorcists, Healers and Miracle-Makers (1603-1632)," presented at the First International Littmann Conference on the Archeology and History of the Horn of Africa, Munich.

**2003:** "Ethiopian Christianity as Heresy: The Development of the Concept in the Portuguese and Jesuit Sources," presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Hamburg.

**2003:** "The Role of the Jesuit Missionary as a Translator (1603-1632)," presented at the Workshop on Historical and Anthropological Insights into the Missionary Activities in Ethiopia: Conversions, Resistances and Compromises, University of Hamburg.

**2004:** With Steven Kaplan, “A New Source about a Jew from Vienna at the Court of the King of Ethiopia,” Presented at the colloquium: Jacques Faitlovitch and the Jews of Ethiopia, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

**2004:** “The Spread of Catholicism in Ethiopia during the Seventeenth Century. History of Manners Approach,” conference presented at the Department of African Languages and Cultures, University of Warsaw.

**2007:** “An Ethiopian Commentary on Psalm 104:26 according to a Jesuit Source,” presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, University of Trondheim, Norway.

**2007:** “Cristianismo y judaísmo en Etiopía. Dicotomía o simbiosis,” Presented at the 8th Coloquio Internacional. Humanismo en el pensamiento judío, Universidad Iberoamericana, México D.F.

**2009:** “Historia da Etiopia: The Chronicling of Ethiopian History on the Part of Jesuit and Portuguese Authors (17<sup>th</sup> Century),” presented at the Conference: Empire Revisited: Portugal and its World, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**2010:** “First Jesuit Approaches to Eastern Asceticism: The Cases of Ethiopia and India,” presented at the conference: Mission, Acculturation and Global History: Generating Globality since 1500, University of Luxembourg.

**2012:** “Placing the Dead: The Role of Bones and Relics in the Demarcation of Catholic Sacred Space in Ethiopia (1624-1636),” presented at the International Workshop: Architectures of Power in the Horn of Africa and the Upper Nile Basin: From Ancient Times to the Present, University of Hamburg, Asien-Afrika-Institut.

**2013:** “The Relevance of Portuguese Archives and Libraries for the Writing of Ethiopian History,” Presented at the conference Field Work in Africa: New Trends and Challenges, The Africa Center, Ben Gurion University.

**2013:** “The Jesuit Manuel de Almeida and His Reports on Ethiopian Jewry,” presented at the conference: Ethiopian Jews after 35 Years in Israel: The 2013 Perspective, Tel Aviv University.

**2013:** “The Last Years of the Jesuit Mission in Ethiopia: Explaining and Comprehending the Defeat,” Public Conference at the Center for the Study of the History of Religions, Catholic University of Portugal.

**2013:** “The Last Years of the Jesuit Mission in Ethiopia: Explaining and Comprehending the Defeat,” Presented at The Council of Trent: Reform and Controversy in Europe and Beyond (1545-1700), Leuven, Belgium.

**2014:** “Hashomer Hatzair en México: entre el radicalismo juvenil y el compromiso político, 1940-1945,” presented at the Symposium: Zionist Youth in Argentina, Uruguay and Mexico during a Period of Political and Social Instability, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**2014:** “Marian Catechism as Apologetic Literature: The Jesuits and the Devotion of the Virgin Mary in Ethiopia,” presented at the conference: Comparing Catechism –

Entangling Christian History, Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo.

**2014: With Andreu Martínez d'Alòs Moner,** "A 1609 Letter in Ge'ez by Ras Se'elä Krestos: Insights into the Language's Status in Early Seventeenth Century Ethiopia," presented at the conference: Manuscripts and Texts, Languages and Contexts: The Transmission of Knowledge in the Horn of Africa, Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies, University of Hamburg.

**2015:** "Shaking the Dust from the Feet: Ritual and Testimony among Jesuits and Ethiopian Catholics (17<sup>th</sup> Century)," presented at the conference: Narratives of Suffering, Persecution and Disappointment in the Early Modern Period: Giving Birth to New Martyrs, Catholic University of Portugal, CEHR.

**2015:** "The Catholic Community in Ethiopia during the Gondärine Period: A Socio-Historical and Intellectual Profile (1632-1668)," presented at the conference: Crossing Borders: Transregional Reformations, Leuven University.

**2015:** "The Jesuit Attitude to Ascetic Modes of Life in India and Ethiopia: Guidelines for the Development of a Research," presented at the International Symposium on Jesuit Studies: Exploring Jesuit Distinctiveness, Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, Boston College.

**2015:** "The Eritrean People's Liberation Front Discovers Ber Borochoy, Madrid 1979," presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies: Ethiopia – Diversity and Interconnections through Space and Time, University of Warsaw.

**2015:** "The Literary Work of Portuguese Jesuits in Ethiopia during the Early Seventeenth Century," presented at the conference: Portugal and Its Culture in the Age of Colonial Expansion, University of Tel Aviv.

**2016:** "The Catholic Community in Ethiopia during the Gondärine Period: A Socio-Historical and Intellectual Profile (1632-1668)," presented at the Conference: Conversation, The Center for the Study of Religious Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>th</sup> June)

**2016:** "The Jesuits in Ethiopia: their Experience of Defeat and Exile (1632-1634)," presented at the conference: Emotions, Movement, Cultural Contact and Exchange, 1100 – 1800, Freie Universität Berlin (30<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>th</sup> July).

**2017:** "The End of the Ignatian Dream; to Ethiopia a Long Farewell: Ritual and Ceremonial Life under the Shadow of Exile," presented at the conference: Controlled Spaces in Early Modern Europe, University of Oxford (10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> March).

**2017:** "Jesuit Efforts for Converting Ascetic Figures in Ethiopia and India during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," presented at the conference Agents of Conversion. The Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters, Fifth Annual Conference, Ben Gurion University of the Negev (May 22-25).

**2017:** "Jesuit Perceptions of Islam and Ethiopian Christianity," presented at the 41 Conference of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (June 19) [In Hebrew].

**2017:** "The Epistolary Exchange between the Catholic Patriarch of Ethiopia and the Emperor Fasiladas: images of defeat, exile and disappointment (1634)," presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society of Cultural History. Senses, Emotions and the Affective Turn: Recent Perspectives and New Challenges in Cultural History. University of Umea, Sweden (26-29 June).

**2018:** "Patriarch Mendes's Futile Struggle for the Return of the Portuguese Army to the Red Sea," presented at The Red Sea as Space for Religious, Cultural, and Economic Exchange, The Annual International Workshop of the Department of Middle East Studies in Cooperation with the Tamar Golan Africa Centre, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, 2-3 January.

2018: "The Jesuit-Ethiopian Debate concerning the Virgin Mary," presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions: Multiple Religious Identities, University of Bern, 17-21 of June.

2018: "Un tratado en portugués sobre la Virgen María, dirigido a los etíopes: Reivindicando nuevos patrones de masculinidad," presented at the conference: Jornadas de Estudo "Religião e Masculinidade. Modelos, práticas e transgressões", Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidade Católica de Portugal, Lisboa, 11-13 of October.

### **Research in progress**

#### Book in preparation

*When a Mission Fails: The Story of the Expulsion of the Society of Jesus from Ethiopia*

#### Edited volumes in production

*Jesuit Letters from Ethiopia. Edition of Unpublished Manuscripts from the Municipal Library of Braga*, co-editor with Andreu Martínez d'Alòs Moner (accepted for publication, Catholic University of Portugal).

#### Articles for referred journals in preparation

"The Jesuit-Ethiopian debate concerning the Virgin Mary"

"Muslims and Ethiopians: The Jesuit perception of an Interreligious Alliance"

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### Conferences organized

2015 "Narratives of Suffering, Persecution and Disappointment in the Early Modern Period: Giving Birth to New Martyrs." International Conference held at the Catholic University of Portugal, CEHR, April 9-10.

2018 "The Red Sea as Space for Religious, Cultural, and Economic Exchange", The Annual International Workshop of the Department of Middle East Studies in Cooperation with the Tamar Golan Africa Centre, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, 2-3 January.

### Exhibitions

2013 Curator of the exhibition (along with Ms. Esther Shabot) "Hebrew Texts at the Palafoxiana Library of Mexico," at the Guadalajara International Book Fair.

### Films

2010 Director and scriptwriter (along with Pascal Roy) of the documentary film *Days of Youth*. The film was screened at the Jerusalem Jewish Film Festival, December 2010; the International Jewish Film Festival, Mexico City, November 2011; and Punta del Este Jewish Film Festival, Uruguay, February 2012.

### Expert Witness

2016: Expert witness concerning Eritrean and Ethiopian cultural background at the trial of the Eritrean woman Altay Admahon (November 22).

### Activities with the Community

2016: **Leonardo Cohen** is co-founder of the movement J AMLAT (Progressive Latino-American Jews for Peace), active in Israel, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina. In the context of such activities, Cohen gives informal presentations at Jewish communities and High Schools