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**Call for Applications:  
Winter School on Modern Talmudic Hermeneutics**

December 16-18, 2025

Katholische Akademie Berlin  
in cooperation with the University of Lille and Södertörn University

**with Oded Schechter, Leora Batnitzky, Daniel Boyarin, Libera Pisano,  
Avinoam Stillman and Elad Lapidot**

**Submission Date: 15.7.2025**

The Berlin Center for Intellectual Diaspora invites graduate students and early-career scholars to submit applications to participate in a master class on modern talmudic hermeneutics, which will take place on December 16-18, 2025, at the Catholic Academy in Berlin. The organizers will take care of accommodation and will partly reimburse travel costs upon request.

The winter school will be led by different instructors through guided readings in primary sources. The faculty includes Oded Schechter (Makhloykes Berlin), Leora Batnitzky (Princeton University), Daniel Boyarin (UC Berkeley, emer.), Libera Pisano (Nova University Lisbon), Avinoam Stillman (FU Berlin) and Elad Lapidot (University of Lille).

Activities will include classes on rabbinic hermeneutics, literature and modern thought, small group study sessions, open discussion and presentations of participants' research projects.

Discussions will be held in English, basic reading proficiency in Hebrew will be an advantage, but is not required. The program is explicitly open to researchers also in fields beyond rabbinics, and scholars in other areas of Jewish thought, philosophy, hermeneutics, literature, religion, history or culture are encouraged to apply.

Applications should include a short cover letter (max. 1 page) and a short CV (max. 2 pages) and be sent **as one PDF** by **July 15, 2025**, to Elad Lapidot at [elad.lapidot@univ-lille.fr](mailto:elad.lapidot@univ-lille.fr)

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