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CONFERENCE

# SIMONE LUZZATTO'S SCEPTICISM IN THE CONTEXT OF EARLY MODERN THOUGHT

SEPTEMBER 23–25, 2019

## Convenors

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Luca Andreoni | Istituto Comprensivo "Caio Giulio Cesare"

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## VENUE

Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies

Seminar Room 5060

Schlueterstrasse 51

20146 Hamburg

This conference aims to call attention to the sceptical thought of Rabbi Simone Luzzatto (ca. 1583–1663) and its value within seventeenth-century philosophy and political thought. The discussion of Luzzatto will provide the chance to investigate the role of scepticism within an era marked by paradoxes and contrasts between religious devotion and scientific rationalism, as well as between rabbinical-biblical Jewish tradition and the open tendency towards engagement with non-Jewish philosophical, literary, scientific, and theological cultures. The conference programme will include a round table on Rabbi Simone Luzzatto's newly published works, *Discourse on the State of the Jews* (1638) and *Socrates, Or On Human Knowledge* (1651) to be discussed with the authors and translators.

**EVENING SESSION**  
SEPTEMBER 23, 17:00

### Musical Interlude

Sacred and Profane Polyphony  
by Salomone Rossi and Luca Marenzio  
*Ensemble Accademia dei Carpi*

### Keynote Lecture

The Image of King Solomon  
in Simone Luzzatto's Writings  
Zev Harvey  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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The event is open to the public, with advance registration via e-mail: [maimonides-centre@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:maimonides-centre@uni-hamburg.de)