

## Special Issue

# Medieval Judaism and Jewish Diaspora: With an Emphasis on Crypto-Judaism

### Message from the Guest Editors

The medieval and early modern periods witnessed significant developments in Jewish history, culture, and religious practices. Throughout this time, Jewish communities faced both periods of prosperity and times of persecution, which led many Jews to live in diaspora, scattered across various regions. In particular, Crypto-Judaism emerged as a unique phenomenon during this era, as individuals struggled to maintain their Jewish identity under the threat of forced conversion, expulsion, and other unique circumstances.

The issue seeks to delve into these historical contexts, bringing forth research that explores the resilience, challenges, and contributions of Jewish communities during the period that extends from the 7th to approximately the first half of the 19th century when the Tribunals of the Inquisition were eliminated in the Western World.

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches, including historical analysis, literary studies, art history, religious studies, and cultural perspectives, to provide a comprehensive understanding of Medieval and Early Modern Judaism and the Jewish diaspora, with a particular emphasis on the hidden world of Crypto-Judaism.

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