**“Unhealed Breach” or a Good Divorce?**

**The Hungarian Jewish Congress (1868–69) and**

**the “Schism” in Historical Perspective**

**5 february, Tuesday**

Location: Eötvös University, 1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt. 4/A. Meeting Hall (039.)

13.00 Greetings

**First panel** (13.30–15.00) **Context**

Chair: Mary Gluck (Brown University)

*The Pursuit of the Sanhedrin: The Hungarian Jewish Congress in the Tradition of Nineteenth-Century Synods* – Carsten Wilke (Central European University)

*Confessional Autonomy in Hungary: József Eötvös's Point of View* – Gábor Gángó (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt)

*Truth and/or Peace: The Political Toolbox of the Jewish Congress* – Tamás Turán (Institute for Minority Studies, HAS; Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

**Excursu**s (15:30-17:30)

Documents Related to the Jewish Congress, Preserved in the Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives – Exhibit and guided tour, by Zsuzsanna Toronyi, Director

**Keynote** (18:00-18:45)

Chair: Géza Komoróczy (prof. emeritus, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

*The Inevitable Breach? The Congress of 1868-69 and the Fissures within Hungarian Jewry* –

Michael K. Silber (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

19:30 Reception and dinner (for participants)

**6 february, Wednesday**

Location: MTA HTK, 1097, Budapest, Tóth Kálmán u. 4. K 011.

9.00 Greetings

**Second panel** (9.00-10.30) **Struggles**

Chair: Tamás Biró (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

*Defending the Old from the New: The Preservative Aims of the Hungarian Jewish Congress* – Howard Lupovitch (Wayne State University)

*The Progresssive Political Role of Rabbi Mihály Morgenstern during the Congress of 1868–69* – Mihály Huszár (Museum of Marcali)

*The Divide of the Jewish Community from Nagyvárad after the Hungarian Jewish Congress (1868–1869). The Creation of the Community Status-quo ante from Nagyvárad* – Edith-Emese Bodo (University of Oradea)

**Third panel** (11.00-12.30) **Echoes**

Chair: Michael L. Miller (Central European University)

*Cisleithanian Lesson from the Schism* – Daniel Baránek (Jewish Museum in Prague)

*The Echoes of The Hungarian Jewish Congress (1868–69) Among the Jewish Communities in Croatia* – Ljiljana Dobrovšak (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb)

*From the Other Side of the World: American Jews look to Budapest* – Elena Hoffenberg (University of Haifa)

**Fourth panel** (14.00-15.30) **After-effects**

Chair: László Csorba (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

*Unfinished Emancipation: the "Schism" in Context of Religious Equality of the Jews* – Anikó Prepuk (University of Debrecen)

*Why did the Neolog Establishment Strive for the Reunification of Hungarian Jewry?* – Miklós Konrád (Institute of History, HAS)

*Reunification Efforts and Metalanguages in Hungarian Jewish Press* – Norbert Glässer (University of Szeged) and András Zima (Jewish Theological Seminary – University of Jewish Studies, Budapest)

**Fifth panel** (16.00-17.00) **Orthodox Implications**

Chair: Michael K. Silber (The Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

*What Was it All About? Two Orthodox Retrospectives on the 1869 Schism* – Yoav Sorek (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)

*The Geography of Post-Schism Responsa in the Hungarian Hinterlands: The Case of Bychkiv* – Elli Fischer (Tel Aviv University)