

# RETURNS

## Rethinking Sephardi Modernities, Pasts and Futures

International Workshop

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This international workshop brings together scholars working on contemporary Sephardi histories, cultures, migrations, and intellectual production. Through the concept of return, the workshop explores how Sephardi pasts are remembered, reimagined and mobilized in relation to different cultural conditions, political and intellectual projects, and social changes

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