



Università Ca'Foscari Venezia

PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: Sephardi and Mizrahi heritage in Europe and Israel: migration and the making of new Jewish diasporas (1950s to today)

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HOST DEPARTMENT/CENTRE: DSAAM- Department of Asian and North African Studies

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ABSTRACT:

The project focuses on how Middle Eastern and North African Jews that moved to France, UK, Italy and Israel in the 1950s and 1960s – following the birth of the State of Israel and the beginning of the process of decolonisation – narrated their lives and identity after the migration and how their descendants nowadays continue to express and preserve their familial heritage. By adopting a novel interdisciplinary and comparative approach, the project argues that the migration led to the birth of new Mediterranean Jewish diasporas at the crossroads of Europe, the Arab-Muslim world and Israel in which memories of the past blend with today's Mediterranean world and dynamics. Through an analysis of the literary production of the migrants, as well as of the work of heritage associations and museums, online activities on websites and social networks and finally through oral interviews, the research provides us with a new analysis of Middle Eastern and North African Jews, contributing to Jewish Studies and to debates on the integration of migrants in contemporary European societies and in Israel.

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