The Open Jerusalem project (full title: Opening Jerusalem Archives: For a connected history of citadinéité in the Holy City, 1840–1940) is funded by the European Research Council (Starting Grant) from 2014 to 2019 and based at the Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée University in France. The project is directed by Vincent Lemire and run jointly with the researchers of the core team: Stephane Ancel, Yasemin Avcı, Louise Corvasier, Leyla Dakhli, Angelos Dalachanis, Abdul-Hameed al-Kayyali, Falestin Naili, Yann Potin, Maria Chiara Riolì and Katerina Stathi. Additionally, so far more than forty scholars from Europe, the Middle East, the United States and Canada have been involved in the project.

The Open Jerusalem project aims to unlock and connect different archives and sources in order to investigate the ordinary, enangled history of a global city through the lens of the concept of urban citizenship (citadinéité). Citadinéité is for a city what nationality is for a country and materializes itself in institutions, actors and practices. The project provides a bottom-up history of Jerusalem, a perspective that has been neglected by historians of the city, who have been generally preoccupied with ideological and geostrategic issues. This history is also a connected one because, within a complex documentary archipelago, the researchers seek points of contact revealing the exchanges, interactions, conflicts and, at times, hybridizations between different populations and traditions.

Open Jerusalem has been disseminating the research carried out by its researchers in different forms, such as books, journal articles, academic blog posts, and interviews. In this respect, and in collaboration with Brill, the project has launched the “Open Jerusalem” series, edited by Vincent Lemire and Angelos Dalachanis. The first volume in the Open Jerusalem series is Ordinary Jerusalem, 1840-1940: Opening New Archives, Revisiting a Global City, edited by Angelos Dalachanis and Vincent Lemire (2018).

The project’s international workshop, entitled “Opening Open Jerusalem: Tracing Historical Paths through the Jerusalem Archives Digital Platform,” takes place at the Ca’ Foscari University of Venice on 8–9 October 2018. It aims to serve as a forum for presenting the new Open Jerusalem platform (www.openjerusalem.org), deepening discussions and initiating scientific debates, with contributions from members of the Open Jerusalem team, scholars specializing in related topics, urban historians and specialists of the region. The catalogue contains summary descriptions, transcripts or digitised documents of thousand of records from numerous archives related to the history of late Ottoman and Mandate Jerusalem.

Despite the results already achieved, other archives remain to be identified. Open Jerusalem’s work goes on, ready to discover new traces of Jerusalem’s past, present and future.

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8–9 October 2018

Ca’ Foscari University of Venice - Aula Mario Baratto

www.openjerusalem.org
Monday 8 October

9:30-9:45am
Welcoming Address
Tiziana Lippiello, Vice Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice

9:45-10:15am
One City, Many Entries
Discussant: Roberto Mazza, University of Limerick
Amy Singer, All Souls College, Oxford / Tel Aviv University
On the Haseki Sultan Imaret: A 460-Year-Old Public Kitchen
Abigail Jacobson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Public Space in “Downtown Jerusalem”: The Jaffa Gate and the Municipal Garden through the Open Jerusalem Database and Beyond
Marcella Simoni, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
Between St. George’s and Governor’s House: British Networks in Jerusalem during the Mandate

11:30am-12pm
Reconceptualising Jerusalem’s Citadinité
Discussant: Falestin Naiil, Institut français du Proche-Orient, Amman
Beshara Doumani, Princeton University / Brown University
The ahbāl of Jerusalem
Michelle Campos, University of Florida
New Horizons in the Social History of Ottoman Jerusalem
Angelos Dalachanis, French School at Athens
Opening Greek Orthodoxy Jerusalem: An Overview of the New Archives and Some Research Perspectives
Stéphane Ancel, French National Centre for Scientific Research, CESOR/EHESS
The Ethiopian Case in the Jerusalemite Archives (1880–1917): Understanding Urban Citizenship in Jerusalem through the Study of a “Marginal” Community

1:30-2pm
LUNCH

Tuesday 9 October

9:30-10am
Forthcoming: Publications and Proposals for the Open Jerusalem Book Series
Discussant: Michelle Campos, University of Florida
Roberto Mazza, University of Limerick
Zooming in on Jerusalem: A Series of Micro-Histories
Salim Tamari, Institute for Palestine Studies
Photographic Albums as An Ethnographic Source for Jerusalem’s History
Vincent Lemire, University of Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée
In and Out of the Catalogue: Sources for a History of the Maghrebi Neighbourhood
Maria Chiara Riol, University of Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée
Connecting the Archives: First Proposals for the Brill Book Series

11am-12pm
Coordinators: Leyla Dakhli, French National Centre for Scientific Research, Marc Bloch Centre, Berlin
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