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Representation is one of the pillars of the debate in the Convivencia project and is broadly understood here as the objectification of the contact between people in everyday life experiences via language, objects, knowledge, and other modes of interaction. We are faced with processes based on the recognition of difference (whether religious, economic, or other), a difference that allows for the redistribution of what Bourdieu has called social capital. In other words, representation entails the substitution of the subject and the constitution of new realities through dynamic processes of interaction.

We would like to emphasize the term ‘process.’ The case studies presented here have a broad geographical and temporal scope that ranges from the Middle Ages to present times, and from Spain to Syria and the American continent. We are interested in taking an interdisciplinary approach to Convivencia and to representation, and in identifying common ground about representation, which is in short the sum of acts that constitute and contest identity and community boundaries. How does representation help to legitimize such processes and how, in turn, is legitimization bound to context?

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**People and Their Representations
in the Iberian World and Beyond**



Sculpture of the small stellated dodecahedron as in Escher's 1952 work *Gravitation*
University of Twente (Photo: Bertheun Damman, via Wikimedia Commons)

International Workshop

9–10 March 2017

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

9 March

13:30–14:15

Welcome

Mònica Colominas Aparicio, MPIWG

1st Session

The Iberian Medieval Context

14:15–14:40

Alex Novikoff, Fordham University

Concordia Discors:

From Harmony to Disputation, and Back Again

14:45–15:10

Yossef Schwartz, Tel Aviv University

The Dual Path of Iberian-Jewish Intellectual

Culture and the Basic Identity-Units of Iberian

Convivencia

15:10–15:45

Discussion

Chair: Pietro Omodeo, MPIWG

15:45–16:30

Coffee Break

9 March

2nd Session

Convivencia Today

16:30–16:55

Alfons Aragoneses, MPIeR/

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Convivencia in Spanish Legal Culture:

19th –21st Centuries

17:00–17:25

Brian Campbell, MPISA

“Having Faith in Ceuta”:

Representations of Convivencia in a

Multicultural Spanish Enclave in Morocco

17:30–17:55

Mark Sweha, MPISA

Collective Identifications of Refugees

from the Syrian Civil War

17:55–18:45

Discussion

Chair: Eduardo Manzano, CSIC

20:00

Dinner

10 March

3rd Session

The Colonial Context

10:00–10:25

Helge Wendt, MPIWG

“Ya sabe vm.d la fuerza q.e puede tener lo q.e se resuelve en un parlamento” – the Mapuche

Parliaments, the Jesuits and “Spaces of Speech” in Intercultural Situations (mid 18th c.)

10:30–10:55

Elena Paulino Montero, KHI

Constructing an American society:

Architecture and Urbanism of the City of Santo

Domingo (1502–1540)

11:00–11:30

Discussion

Chair: Brian Campbell, MPISA

11:30–12:00

Lunch

12:00–13:30

Round Table

Discussants: Yossef Schwartz,
Eduardo Manzano, Alex Novikoff