International Conference

MOSES HESS BETWEEN SOCIALISM AND ZIONISM

200th Anniversary of his Birth (1812)

150th Anniversary of his Book "Rome and Jerusalem" (1862)

(Jerusalem, Sunday-Tuesday, March 18-20, 2012)

Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem * Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Israel Office * Martin Buber Chair for Jewish Thought and Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main * Centre for German-Jewish Studies, University of Sussex

Opening Event
Sunday, March 18, 2012
Venue: The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, 20 Radak Street

18:30 Gathering

Greetings
Anja Siegemund, Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem
Peter Prügel, Minister and Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Federal Republic of Germany
Christian Wiese, Martin Buber Chair for Jewish Thought and Philosophy, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
Angelika Timm, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Israel Office

Keynote Lecture
Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
Moses Hess – Revolutionary, Communist, Zionist: A Re-Assessment.

Chair: Shulamit Volkov (Tel Aviv)

Reading of Hess's texts by Illi Gorlitzky (in Hebrew)

Monday, March 19, 2012
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai Street

9:30-11:00 The Spinozist Hess
Willi Goetschel (Toronto / Göttingen)
Hess and the Philosophical Moment of Radical Spinozism
Tracie Matysik (Austin)
Politics of Spinozist Friendship: Moses Hess and Berthold Auerbach
Chair: Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
11:20-12:30 Hess and Marx
David McLellan (Kent)
Moses Hess, Karl Marx, and 'True Socialism': Similarities and Differences
Michael Kuur Sorensen (Odense)
The Concept of 'Verkehr': A Source of Conflict between Karl Marx and Moses Hess
Chair: Mario Kessler (Potsdam)

13:50-15:00 Hess in Paris
Silvia Richter (Heidelberg)
Moses Hess and Paris: The Influence of France and French Thinkers on his Work, with a View on Heine and Marx
Mark Gelber (Beer Sheva)
German-Speaking Jews in Paris and the Turn to Jewish Nationalism in the 19th Century: Heine, Hess, Herzl
Chair: Natalie Goldberg (Ramat Gan)

15:20-16:30 Money – Hess's Criticism of Judaism
Adam Sutcliffe (London)
Moses Hess, Jewish Autocritique, and the Politics of Money
Sharon Gordon (Jerusalem)
Gold is the Language of God: Symbol and Metaphor in Hess's "Über das Geldwesen"
Chair: Gideon Reuveni (Brighton)

16:50-18:00 The Universal Mission of the Jews
Ofri Ilani (Tel Aviv)
Hess's "Die heilige Geschichte der Menschheit" and the Place of Jews in Universal History
Ron Margolin (Tel Aviv)
The Historic Mission of Jewish Humanism and its Maskilic Origins
Chair: Willi Goetschel (Toronto / Göttingen)

Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Venue: Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, 33 Bustenai Street

9:30-10:50 Rome and Jerusalem (1)
Iveta Leitane (Riga)
'Socialism' in 'Nationalism' and Vice Versa: The Narratives of Jewish Tradition and Religion in Moses Hess
Lorenzo Santoro (Cosenza)
"Rom und Jerusalem": Giuseppe Mazzini and Moses Hess: Revolution, Nationalism, and the New Politics within the Boundaries of Religious Discourse
Chair: Gideon Freudenthal (Tel Aviv)
11:10-12:20 Rome and Jerusalem (2)
Kenneth Koltun-Fromm (Haverford)
Visual Authenticity in Moses Hess's Rome and Jerusalem
Michael K. Silber (Jerusalem)
Languages of Nationalism: The Collective Representation of Jews in Moses Hess’s "Rom und Jerusalem"
Chair: Anja Siegemund (Jerusalem)

13:30-15:10 Jewish Messianism
George Y. Kohler (Beer Sheva)
The Dispute between Moses Hess and Leopold Löw: A Renewed Messianic Thought in Nineteenth-Century Germany
Christian Wiese (Frankfurt am Main)
Moses Hess and Samuel Hirsch on Judaism and Christianity
Mirjam Thulin (Frankfurt am Main)
Moses Hess and Heinrich Graetz: Science, History, and Concepts of the Jewish Nation
Chair: Paul Mendes-Flohr (Jerusalem)

15:30-16:40 The Dialectics of Socialism and Nationalism
Moshe Zuckermann (Tel Aviv)
Georg Lukács on Moses Hess: a Materialist Critique of Idealism
Mario Kessler (Potsdam)
Moses Hess and the Marxist Discourse since 1945
Chair: Angelika Timm (Tel Aviv)

17:00-18:30 Round Table Twin Revolutions: Socialism and Zionism
Shlomo Avineri (Jerusalem)
David McLellan (Kent)
Anita Shapira (Tel Aviv)
Moshe Zuckermann (Tel Aviv)
Chair: Christian Wiese (Frankfurt am Main)

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