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Special Events for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Sustainable Architecture Exhibit

Envisioning the Israel of Tomorrow: Technion Presents Student Projects in Sustainable Architecture and Design
Join us for a fascinating exhibition of cutting-edge projects on sustainable architecture by students at Technion!

Itai Peleg, Exhibit Advisor
Camille Bedard, Exhibit Curator

The official opening of this exhibit will take place on Monday, June 1 at 10:30 am (during the first coffee break).

Discussion with Nora Gold
“Fiction-Activism: Why I Wrote a Novel about Anti-Israelism on Campus (rather than a Non-fiction Book)”

Dr. Nora Gold is a writer, activist, and the creator and editor of the prestigious online literary journal, JewishFiction.net. Her first book, Marrow and Other Stories, won a Canadian Jewish Book Award and was praised by Alice Munro. Her more recent book, Fields of Exile, is the first novel about anti-Israelism on campus, and it has received enthusiastic praise from Cynthia Ozick, Ruth Wisse, Irwin Cotler, Phyllis Chesler, Steve Stern, Thane Rosenbaum, Nava Semel, Naim Kattan, and Alice Shalvi. Dr. Gold, for ten years a tenured professor, is now the Writer-in-Residence and an Associate Scholar at the Centre for Women’s Studies in Education (CWSE) at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto, where she also coordinates the Wonderful Women Writers Series. In addition, Gold has co-founded three Canadian Zionist organizations and she holds both Canadian and Israeli citizenship. For more details, visit noragold.com.

This event will take place on Monday, June 1 at 11:00 am
"Israel Archive Network: Primary Sources at Your Fingertips"
Dr. Hezi Amiur, Israel Collection Curator, The National Library of Israel.

The National Library of Israel in cooperation with the Prime Minister’s office is currently developing a new and revolutionary project: an open-access central portal for Israeli archives. Cultural, political, social life and other aspects of Zionism, the pre-State Yishuv and the State of Israel are accessible at your fingertips.

Millions of digital objects and metadata from hundreds of archives around Israel are available, while a state-of-the-art search engine allows you to perform smart searches across collections. The future is here!

This event will take place on Tuesday, June 2 at 11:00 am

Movies

**Body Language** (Written and directed by Doïna Harap in collaboration with Iolande Cadrin Rossignol)

Produced by Doïna Harap, a Montreal documentary maker, this film deals with the subject of visually "reading" the body language of the terrorist. It is the first documentary to date which incorporates neuroscientists, autism specialists and psychoanalytic thinking concerning the developmental problem that terrorists bond through violence and are not developing empathy early in their lives. The documentary specifically portrays airport security at Ben Gurion International Airport. The detection of terrorists attempting to penetrate airport security is crucial for tourism sustainability.

This film will be screened on Tuesday, June 2 at 9:15 am and will be followed by a discussion with Ms. Harap and Dr. Nancy Hartevelt Kobrin, Psychoanalyst, Arabist and Counter Terrorist Expert as well as Fellow at The American Center for Democracy.

**Children of the Sun** *(Directed by: Ran Tal)*

Born into the utopian dream of the early kibbutz movement, the “children of the sun” were destined to fulfill the hope for a new way of life.

This film will be screened on Sunday, May 31 at 11:00 am and on Tuesday, June 2 at 3:30 pm.
**Iraq’n Roll** (Written and Directed by: Gili Gaon)

In an attempt to bridge time, space and culture, Israeli rock musician Dudu Tassa takes on the original music of his grandfather who was one of the leading musicians in the early 20th century in Iraq. A grandson and the weight of history – a story about the power of music and its ability to heal a family’s pain.

This film will be screened on **Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 pm**

**Sustainable Israel: A View from the Sky with Duby Tal**

The presentation features new cinematic and photographic work by Duby Tal, Israel’s celebrated aerial photographer, about the Israeli environment, the new energy project and plans for the rehabilitation of the south of the Jordan river. The presentation is followed by a discussion with Mr. Tal.

This event will take place on **Monday, June 1 at 11:00 am**

**The Human Turbine** (Written & Directed by: Danny Verete)

The attempts to harness wind and solar energy for the benefit of the residents of the Palestinian village of Susia. Working through action, rather than through protest, a group of determined individuals demonstrates how they are figuratively and literally lighting up lives.

This film will be screened on **Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 pm** and on **Monday, June 1 at 2:00 pm**.

**Shattered Rhymes: the Life and Poetry of Erez Bitton** (Written & Directed by Sami Shalom Chetrit)

The film is a cinematic portrait of Jewish-Moroccan Israeli-based renowned poet Erez Bitton, and of his acclaimed poetry. A successor of the legacies of North-African poetizing and a pioneering predecessor of Mizrahi poetry in Israel, Bitton travels through the important landmarks of his, his family’s, and his generation’s, lived histories, shares from his experiences as a blind person, and reads from his musical, critical, multifaceted poetry.

This film will be screened on **Monday, June 1 at 9:30 am** and **at 3:45 pm**. Following the second viewing of the film, a discussion will take place with Sami Shalom Chetrit, Dr. Amor and Dr. Freiwald.
**Zero Motivation** (Directed by Talya Lavie)

A unit of female Israeli soldiers at a remote desert base bide their time as they count down the minutes until they can return to civilian life. The presentation is made possible by the Israel Film Center at JCC Manhattan, Zeitgeist Films and Films We Like.

This film will be screened on **Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30 pm.**
Sunday, May 31st, 2015

10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Registration is open to all delegates
H-705

10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Special Events
H-763

10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Graduate Student Workshop
H-767

1:00 – 6:00 pm
AIS Board of Directors’ Meeting
H-769

2:00 – 4:00 pm
Program Committee Meeting
H-760
Monday, June 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2015

\textbf{Registration 8:00 – 17:00}

Special Events will take place all day.

\textbf{Session A

9:00 – 10:30 am}

\textbf{MA1} \textit{Israeli Literature in Search for Lost Landscapes}

\textbf{Chair:} Adia Mendelson-Maoz The Open University of Israel

Mimi Haskin, Kibbutzim College of Education

\textit{“Are you a Jew or an Arab?” The Jewish-Arab Stance in Hebrew Literature}

Tamar Merin, The Open University of Israel

\textit{The Purloined Poem: Lea Goldberg in Dialogue with U.N Gnessin in: Letters from an Imaginary Journey}

Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

\textit{The Nomadic World of Alex Epstein}

\textbf{MA2} \textit{The Arabs in Israel: Changing Identities in Times of Crisis}

\textbf{Chair:} Itamar Radai, University of Haifa

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\textit{Current Arab Socio-Political Trends in Israel}

Nohad Ali, Western Galilee Academic College and University of Haifa

\textit{The Maelstrom of Identities among the Palestinian Arabs in Israel}

Ronni Shaked, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

\textit{The Arabs in Israel - Political Radicalisation Since 1993}

Yusri Hazran, The Open University of Israel

\textit{Arab Uprisings and Arab Minority in Israel: The Christians as a Case Study}
MA3  Building Backroads to Coexistence: Promoting Arab–Jewish Cooperation Through Indirect Approaches to Peace Education

Chair: Asaf Zohar, Trent University

Stuart Schoenfeld, Trent University
Challenges of Cultivating Peace through Environmental Education in the Eastern Mediterranean

Amal Elsana-Alhjooj, ICAN, McGill University
Advancing Coexistence, Civil Society and Social Justice in the Middle East: The 20 year ICAN Experience

Asaf Zohar, Trent University
Building Backroads to Coexistence: The Case for Indirect or Anti-conflict-resolution Approaches

Shawna Novak and Arnold Noyek, Canada International Scientific Exchange Program, CISEPO
University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and York University
A Bi-Level Model of Global Cooperation: Strengthening Arab and Israeli Health Care Systems through Knowledge Transfer Networks

MA4  Palestinian Human Rights

Chair: Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Discussant: Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading

Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull
Israeli Democracy and the Rights of Its Palestinian Citizens

Omri Grinberg, University of Toronto
Moving Rights and Subjectivities: Palestinian Fieldworkers in Israeli Human Rights NGOs

Anat Leibler, Bar-Ilan University
**MA5**  
*Germany and Israel: What Kind of Relationship?*

**Chair and Discussant:** Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University

Danielle Eshel, Tel Aviv University  
*Science in Immorality - Scientific Institutions in Israel in the First and Second Decade of the Foundation of Israel*

Jenny Hestermann, Fritz Bauer Institut, Frankfurt  
*Overcoming the Past? The 1973 Visit of Willy Brandt as a Turning Point in the German-Israeli "Special Relationship"*

Ekaterina Usova, Institute for Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences  
*1965: Establishment of Israel-West Germany Diplomatic Relations Within the Context of the Cold War*

**MA6**  
*Educational Issues: Israel Studies and the BDS movement*

**Chair:** Laura Cutler, American University

**Discussant:** Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University

Elan Ezrachi, The Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education (Melitz)  
*The Changing Trends of Educational Travel to Israel: From an Ideological Narrative Based Experience to a Post-modern Exploration of a Complex Reality*

Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Israeli Identity Crisis and the Field of Israel Studies*

Mohammed Wattad, University of California at Irvine  
*When Freedom of Expression Says “No”: Against the Boycott on Israeli Academic Institutions*
MA7  Foreign Economic Policy: Issues and Cases

Chair: Lorne Switzer, Concordia University
Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University
The Test of Maritime Sovereignty: The Establishment of the Zim National Shipping Company and the Purchase of the Kedmah, 1945–1952
Na'ama Sheffi, Sapir College
Anat First, Netanya Academic College
Borders and Banknotes: The National Perspective
Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Political Economy of Israel's International Aviation Agreements
Yiyi Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Knowledge Transfer Model between a Sustainable Israel and China that Benefits other Middle East Countries

MA8  Roundtable: New Directions in Research on Israeli Settlements in the post-1967 period

Chair: Joel Migdal, University of Washington
Oded Haklai, Queen's University
Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa
Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg
Shaiel Ben-Ephraim, University of Calgary

10:30 – 10:50 am - Coffee Break – Sponsored by CIJA
Official opening of the Architectural Exhibit

(See Special Events pages for full details)

Session B
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

MB1  Teaching Contemporary Israel: Methods and Approaches

Chair and Discussant: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

Barry Berger, University of Haifa and College of Emek Yezreel

Teaching "Contemporary Israel" Using Internet Dialogues: A Case Study and Template for Further Application

Rachel Fish, Brandeis University

Teaching Contemporary Israel: Professional Development for Israel Educators

Anette Koren, Brandeis University

Teaching Contemporary Israel: An Analysis of Syllabi

MB2  The Status of Jerusalem, US Constitutional Law and Identity

Chair and Discussant: Joel Migdal, University of Washington

Pnina Lahav, Boston University Law School

Who Decides the Status of Jerusalem? Zivotofsky v. Kerry

Michael Zank, Boston University

Zionism as Status-Quo Rectification: The Case of Jerusalem as the Eternally Undivided Capital of Israel

Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The American Diaspora in Israel: Intersecting Identity, Ideology and Politics
**MB3  Israeli Immigrants in Germany**

**Chair:** Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University

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*Israeli Immigration to Germany 1949 to the Present*

Karine Lamarche, Université de Toulouse  
*From Kreuzberg to Belleville. Comparing Israeli Emigration Dynamics in Paris and Berlin*

Hadas Cohen, WZB, Social Science Research Center, Berlin  
*Israelis in Berlin – New Reconciliation or a Disavowal of the Past?*

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**MB4  Political Theology of Religious Zionism and Settlers’ Rabbis**

**Chair:** Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Isaac Hershkowitz and Moshe Hellinger, Bar-Ilan University  
*Rabbi Z.Y. Kook and his Disciples: Models of a "Jewish Democracy"*

Ilan Fuchs, University of Michigan  
*Political Education in a Religious Setting: the Development of the Emunah Curriculum*

Amir Mashiach, Orot Israel College and Ariel University  
*The Concept of Labor as an Ideology and a Theology within Religious Zionist Thought*

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**MB5  Rethinking Home and Space through Arts and Literature**

**Chair:** Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

**Discussant:** Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Amit Assis, McGill University  
*Grasping Land and its Other in S. Yizhar: Poetics and Politics*

Bina Freiwald, Concordia University  
*Seeking a Sustainable Diaspora-Israel Relation: Jonathan Garfinkel’s Ambivalence: Crossing the Israel/Palestine Divide and Erna Paris’s The Garden and the Gun*

Dvir Tzur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Place, Border Crossing, Identity and Mysticism: The Case of Two Contemporary Israeli novels*

Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University  
*Performance, Disability, and Zionism in the Work of Tamar Borer*
MB6  Issues in Contemporary Israeli Politics

Chair: Itamar Radai, University of Haifa

Discussant: Massoud Egbarieh, Beit Berl Academic College

Liora Norwich, Brandeis University
Fault Lines: The Dynamics of Arab Ethno-nationalism in the Jewish Nation-state

Rami Zeedan, New York University
Pre-election Poll Reliability: Complexity of Predicting the Vote in Tribal Local Elections - The Case of Arab Local Authorities in Israel

Baris Kesgin, Susquehanna University
‘Forward’ Israel to New Roles: Ariel Sharon and the Making of Kadima

MB7  The Evolution of Israeli Military Strategy

Chair: Rebecca Kook, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jamie Levin, University of Toronto
The Most Moral Army in the World: The Shifting Israeli Discourse Surrounding the Use of Force from 1947-Present

Ami Pedahzur, University of Texas at Austin
Military Entrepreneurs and the Evolution of Israel’s Special Operations Forces

Oz Frankel, New School for Social Research
‘Buy a Part of the Phantom!’ The Air Force and the Americanization of Israeli Society

Yael Teff-Seker, Technion Israel Institute of Technology
Marine Planning in Israel: Characteristics and Dilemmas

MB8  Ben-Gurion’s Vision of the New State

Chair: Norrin Ripsman, Concordia University

Discussant: Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

Rafi Mann, Ariel University
Inferior Entertainment or a Nation Building Tool: David Ben-Gurion and the Cinema

Avi Shilon, Ben-Gurion Research Institute
Ben-Gurion’s Late Perspective about Israel’s Future

Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Bar-Ilan University
Nation and Natural Environment in Zionist Socialism and in Ben-Gurion’s Mamlachtiyut
**MB9  Roundtable:** *What Can Indigenous Knowledge Teach us about Peacebuilding and Reconciliation?*

**Chair:** Karl S. Hele, Concordia University
David Newhouse, Trent University
Jennifer Dockstator, Trent University
Mark Dockstator, First Nations University of Canada
Asaf Zohar, Trent University

**12:30 – 1:55 pm  Lunch**

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**Session C**
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**MC1  Boycotting Higher Education in Israel: Is the Revival of Academic Discourse still Possible?**

**Chair:** Asaf Zohar, Trent University
Howard Adelman, Trent University

*An Ethical Analysis of the BDS Movement Targeting Academia*

Cary R. Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Can We Boycott Institutions, Rather Than Individuals?*

Asaf Zohar, Trent University
*The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, BDS campaign in Canada: Critical Reflections on BDS Initiatives in Faculty and Student Associations*

Gabriel N. Brahm, Northern Michigan University
*The Thought of Boycotts; Or, The Israel Fetish*
MC2  

The Zionist Project

Chair: Hillel Gruenberg, Jewish Theological Seminary

Discussant: Derek Penslar, University of Toronto/Oxford

Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel
The Uganda Debate as a Watershed in the History of Zionism

Rotem Rozental, Binghamton University
The Sustainable Photographic Archive: The Jewish National Fund and the Shaping of a National Body

Rona Yona, Tel Aviv University

MC3  

Israel in South Lebanon’s Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part I

Chair: Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College

Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa
Israel in South-Lebanon 1985-2000: Theoretical Perspectives

Sagi Torgan, IDF Command and Staff College
Understanding the Gap Between Military Achievements and Strategic Decisions: Decision-making Process in the Creation of the Security Zone in South Lebanon

MC4  

Mizrahi and Arab Identity and the Politics of Being in Contemporary Israel

Chair and Discussant: Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University

Meir Amor, Concordia University
Against Reification: Politization of Mizrahi Existence in Israeli Society

Sami Shalom Chetrit, Queens College (CUNY)
Zaguri Imperia and the Mizrahi Renaissance

Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University
On Arab Labor and Jewish Identities
**MC5**  *The Ethics of Sustainability in Israeli Art and Architecture*

**Chair:** Loren Lerner, Concordia University

Loren Lerner, Concordia University
*Knafo Klimor Architects*’ *"The Fields of Tomorrow"* Israel Pavilion at Milano Expo, 2015: *The Challenges of Embodying Agricultural Sustainability in an Architectural Concept*

Itai Peleg-Pilozoff, Independent Scholar
*Tensions, Challenges and Regulation in the Israeli Sustainable Design Process. Design Strategies for a Changing Society, Demonstrated from the Urban Scale to Light-Weight Agricultural Structures*

Carol Zemel, York University
*Peripheral Vision: Re-Si(gh)ting Israel in the Art of Y.J.Dadoune*

Shelley Hornstein, York University
*Overfed and Undernourished: Cultural Cartographies of Memory after Dani Karavan*

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**MC6**  *Cinematic Explorations of Identity in Israel*

**Chair:** Louise Hecht, Palacky University

Anat Gilboa, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
*Ran Tal’s Documentary Film ‘Children of the Sun’: The Persistence of the Individual in a Collectivist Culture***

Eric Goldman, Yeshiva University
*Late Summer Blues, Blooz L’Hofesh Hagadol, 1988: A Motion Picture Study*

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*The Egyptians Are Coming: Cinematic and Literary Incursions from Israel’s Southern Neighbor*

Rachel S. Harris, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Women Waving Guns: Does Feminism Meet the IDF on the Israeli Screen?***

This movie will be screened in our movie room. Please see page 10 for further information.
MC7  New Directions in Holocaust Research

Chair: Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest

Discussant: Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford

Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania
Fatal Attraction: Four Constructions of the Holocaust in Israeli Politics

Ami Pedahzur, University of Texas at Austin
Kristallnacht - A New Database and Research Approach

Meng Yang, Freie Universität Berlin
Holocaust Education in China

MC8  Writing from Israel: Literature and Poetry

Chair: Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University

Discussant: Bina Freiwald, Concordia University

Omri Ben-Yehuda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Three Traumas; Three Prospects: Mizrahi Poetry and Politics

Amir Locker-Biletzki, Independent Scholar
On Two Heroes: Mark Milman and Aron (Jimmy) Shemi

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute
Mordecai Shalev’s Method of Literary Criticism

Aviv Ben-Or, Brandeis University
Shaping Hebrew Culture in Arabic: Sammy Michael’s Arabic Fiction of the 1950s

MC9  Women, Political Struggles and Gender Equality

Chair: Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

Discussant: Galia Golan-Gild, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Rebecca Kook, Fany Yuval, and Ayelet Harel-Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Local Government and Gender Inequality; Comparative Strategies and Policies

Ayelet Harel-Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
(Go-author Shir Daphna-Tekoah, Ashkelon Academic College)
Gendering Conflict Analysis – Israeli Female Combatants in Conflict Zones
MD1  Elementary Particles in David Ben-Gurion’s Leadership – Public, Politics and Concepts

Chair: Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Ofer Shiff, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
David Ben-Gurion and the Zionist-Israeli “Ghetto Discourse”
Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Republicanism and Messianism in Ben-Gurion’s Political Thought
Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Leadership at Eye Level: David Ben-Gurion and the Israeli Public

MD2  Israel in South Lebanon’s Security Zone 1985-2000: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives. Part II

Chair and Discussant: Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College

Panelists:
Yagil Henkin, IDF Command and Staff College
The Evolution of the IDF Doctrine in Lebanon’s "Security Zone"

Nimrod Hagiladi, IDF Command and Staff College

Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College
Between Civil and Military Law: IDF Inquiry Committees on Northern Front Cases
### MD3 Dreams, Challenges and Solutions for Israel’s Sustainable Development

**Chair:** Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest  
Irina Nastasa-Matei, University of Bucharest  
*Romanian Zionist Views on Israel’s Sustainable Development*  
Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest  
*The Israeli Cultural Identity and its Bearing on Israel’s Sustainable Development*  
Alexandra Ionescu, University of Bucharest  
*Strategies of Development and Policies of Citizenship in Israel*  

### MD4 Religious Society in Israel – Influences and Challenges

**Chair:** Reuven Gafni, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi  
**Discussant:** Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University  
Sara Levinger, University of Haifa  
*Women as Religious Arbiters*  
Asaf Yedidya, Efrata College of Education  
*The Movement for Torah’s Judaism, 1966-1975 – An Attempt to Establish a Midstream Religious Movement in Israel*  
Hagar Lahav, Sapir College  
*‘It’s complicated’ : Secular-believer Jews in Israel*  
Zeev Herzog, Tel Aviv University  
*The Cult Reform in the Kingdom of Judah: Archaeology Challenges the Interpretation of Biblical Stories*
MD5  Cultural Reconstructions of the Shoah

Chair: Omri Ben-Yehuda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Uri Dorchin, Zefat Academic College
*Idol in the Ark? Popular Music, "Shoah Songs" and the Israeli Media*

Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford
“It will not be said that our youth marched like sheep to the slaughter”: Writing about Resistance in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust

Amy Weiss, Adelphi University
*A Forever Green, "Evergreen" Afforestation Project: American Protestant Holocaust Memorial in Ein Hashofet*

MD6  Perspectives on the Two-State Solution

Chair: Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies

Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull
*Breaking the Israeli-Palestinian Deadlock – Parameters for Two State Solution*

Guy Ziv, American University
*Generals vs. Politicians: Conflicting Israeli Messages Regarding a Two-State Solution*

Jacob Abadi, U.S. Air Force Academy
*Jordan’s King Hussein’s Initiative and the Peace Treaty with Israel: Overcoming Domestic Pressures*

Galia Golan-Gild, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya
*Spoiling and Coping with Spoilers in Israeli Peace Negotiations*

MD7  The Israeli Kibbutz, a Sustainable Institution for the Future?

Chair: Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa

Arnon Ben Israel, Kaye Academic College
*Toward Sustainable Agriculture: Attitudes and Perceptions regarding Agriculture among Rural Communities in Northern Negev*

Tal Elmaliach, University of Haifa
*The Kibbutz as a Sustainable Society: The First Hundred Years, the Next Hundred Years*

Ranen Omer-Sherman, University of Louisville
*The Sustainable Kibbutz: Beyond Privatization*
**MD8  Issues of Gender in Education and Israel studies**

**Chair:** Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University

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*Israel Studies at Ohio State*

Pnina Abir-Am, Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center

*Women Scientists in the First Decade of the State and Today: Sustainability of 3 Work-Family Models*

Tali Tadmor-Shimony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*From a National Mission to a Gendered Profession: The Status and Image of Zionist Education, 1880s-1960s*

**MD9  Roundtable: David Ben-Gurion: A New Biography by Anita Shapira**

**Chair:** Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

**Discussant:** Anita Shapira, Tel Aviv University

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

Jonathan Gribetz, Princeton University & Stanford University

Michael Stanislawski, Columbia University

Derek Penslar, University of Toronto/Oxford

**5:20 – 5:40 pm - Coffee Break**
Welcome and Keynote Address

5:45 – 7:00 pm

Conference Welcome

Greetings
Menachem Hofnung, President, Association for Israel Studies
Csaba Nikolenyi, Program Chair, Concordia University
His Excellency Ambassador Rafael Barak, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Canada

Keynote Address: “Israel, Human Rights, Global Anti-Semitism”
Dr. Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, MP

Dr. Irwin Cotler is a Member of the Canadian Parliament, Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada, and an international human rights lawyer.

7:10 pm    Buses leaving for banquet dinner in front of the Henry F. Hall Building’s main entrance

7:30 – 9:30 pm
Banquet dinner and Award Ceremonies
(By paid tickets only)
Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue
425 Metcalfe, Westmount

Awards Presented:
AIS-Israel Institute Lifetime Achievement Award
AIS-Israel Institute Young Scholar Award
Yonathan Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies
Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies
Baruch Kimmerling Prize for Best Graduate Paper

Music by Jason Rosenblatt Quartet
Tuesday, June 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2015

**Registration 8:00 – 17:00**

Special Events will take place all day.

### Session A

**9:00 – 10:30 am**

**TA1**  
*The Road to the 1947 Palestine Partition Plan*

**Chair and Discussant:** Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gerhard Wolf, University of Sussex  
*The M-Project, US post-war Demographic Planning, and the Plan to Partition Palestine in 1947*

Dan Bitan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Impact of the Cold War on the Plan to Partition Palestine in 1947*

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel  
*The Conflicting Impact of the Holocaust on the 1947 Partition Plan*

**TA2**  
*50th Anniversary of the Founding of Gahal Party: New Perspectives on Menachem Begin’s Leadership*

**Chair:** Amir Goldstein, Tel Hai Academic College

Arye Naor, Hadassah Academic College and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Menachem Begin’s Version of Liberal Nationalism*

Maya Mark, Tel Aviv University  
*The Long Lost Battle: Menachem Begin and the Emergency Legislation*

Amir Goldstein, Tel Hai Academic College  
*Haaretz Newspaper, Menachem Begin and the Ruling Alternative*
**TA3  The Female Standpoint on Politics: An Ethno-National and Generational Perspective**

**Chair and Discussant:** Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

Pnina Lahav, Boston University Law School  
*Golda and the Youth Movement of the 1960s*

Ebtesam Barakat, Bar-Ilan University  
"I cannot behave according to the rule of the sheikhs"

Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University  
*An Invitation to Sociology of Generational Units: Perspectives on Feminisms in Israel*

Moria Ran Ben-Hai, Bar-Ilan University  
*Israel Women’s Network as a Case Study of the Impact of Women’s Organizations in Israel on the Promotion of Social Justice as part of Social Sustainability*


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**TA4  Blurring the Green Line: Political, Economic and Social Consequences**

**Chair:** Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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*The Invisible Settlement: Integrating Palestinian Informers in Israel*

Alon Burstein, Concordia University  
*One Nation, Under God: Exploring Differences in Religious and Secular Violent Palestinian Activity*

Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute  
*The Rise and Fall of the Zionist Ultimate Place: Moral Geography in Israel*
**TA5  Israel and the European Union: Social and Political Issues**

**Chair:** Asaf Shamis, Columbia University

**Discussant:** Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dov Maimon, The Jewish People Policy Institute  
*The Emerging Flow of Aliyah from Europe: How the New Olim Adapt to and How They Are Changing Israel*

Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London  
*The Zionist Right and European Fascism*

Gerald Steinberg, Bar-Ilan University  

Alan Craig, University of Leeds  
*The Hard Edge of EU Soft Power: EU-Israel Trade Relations in the Aftermath of the Failed 2014 Israel-Palestine Negotiations*

**TA6  Political Leaders and the Media in the Digital Age**

**Chair:** Yakub Halabi, Concordia University

Rivka Markus, Knesset  
*The Members of the Knesset As Consumers of Information*

Guy Freedman, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya  
*Political Messages on Twitter: The 113th Congress during Operation Protective Edge*

Zipi Israeli, Tel Aviv University and The Institute for National Security (INSS)  
*Media and Crises in Democratic Societies: The Case of Operation “Protective Edge”*
**TA7**  Pre-state Zionist Attitudes and Ideals

**Chair:** Menachem Rotstein, Concordia University

**Discussant:** Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Tamir Goren, Bar-Ilan University  
*The Jews of Jaffa and the Annexation Claim 1936-1939*

Nimrod Lin, University of Toronto  
*Zionist Attitudes Towards the Legislative Council, 1922-1936*

Louise Hecht, Palacky University  
*Jewish Colonialism in the Middle East: Ludwig August Frankl’s Journey of 1856*

Liora Halperin, University of Colorado at Boulder  
*Widows and Witnesses: Women and Violence During the 1st Aliyah Period*

**TA8**  Visions of Israeli Education

**Chair:** Moshe Gershovich, University of Nebraska at Omaha

**Discussant:** Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute  
*East and West in Ben Zion Dinur’s Historiographical and Educational Thought and Practice*

Elad Neemani, Tel Aviv University  
*The Public Discussion regarding the IDF Efforts to Establish Military Majors in High Schools in the Early Fifties*

**TA9**  Roundtable: The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: American Attitudes towards Israel and their Implications for the Peace Process

**Chair:** Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Theodore Sasson, Middlebury College and Brandeis University

Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya

Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington

Ilan Troen, Brandeis University
TA10  Israel Studies in the Arab World

Chair: Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

Menna Z. Abu Khadra, Cairo University
Israel Studies at Egyptian Universities. Cairo University as a Test Case

Maziad Marwa, University of Washington
Israel-Watchers in the Arab Media. The Case of Egypt

Johannes Becke, Centre for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg
The Institute for Palestine Studies: From Enemy Studies to Post-Enemy Studies?

Jonathan Gribetz, Princeton University and Stanford University
The PLO Research Center

10:30 – 10:50 am - Coffee Break

Session B
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

TB1  Israeli and Hebrew Culture

Chair: Yuval Jobani, Tel Aviv University

Daniel Marom, Mandel Leadership Institute
Rereading Bialik’s "Giluy Ve’Kisuy ba’Lashon" as a Vision of Hebrew Education

Hemi Sheinblat, Tel Aviv University
"White Noise of Stars and Stripes": The Americanization of Israeli Acoustic Space 1960-1967

Doron Timor, Tel Aviv University
Student Culture in Israel 1948-1967

Ofer Berenstein, University of Calgary
Against Most Odds – Sustaining Israeli Comic-Book Culture by Persistence and Patience
**TB2 Roundtable: The Origins of Israel Mythology: Neither Canaanites Nor Crusaders, by David Ohana**

**Chair:** Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

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David Ohana, Ben-Gurion Research Institute
Yael Halevi-Wise, McGill University
Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

**TB3 U.S.-Israel Relations**

**Chair:** Aviva Halamish, Open University of Israel

Shaile Ben-Ephraim, University of Calgary
_Kids Turn into Goats: Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Territories and the Johnson Administration_

Ziv Rubinovitz, Emory University
_Trust and Distrust in the US-Israel Relations and Middle East Peacemaking since 1967_

Mitchell Bard, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE)
_Is U.S. Support for Israel a Prerequisite for Israel's Sustainability?_

**TB4 American Jewry and Israel**

**Chair:** Calvin Goldscheider, Brown University

**Discussant:** Amy Weiss, Adelphi University

Avidan Milevsky, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
_Factors Impacting Successful Transition for American Adolescent Immigrants to Israel_

Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College
_America, Religion, and Israel: Jews, Evangelicals, and Others_

Theodore Sasson, Middlebury College and Brandeis University
_Impact of Demographic Change on the Relationship of American Jewry and Israel_
TB5  Reflections on the Israeli Legal System and Its Judiciary

Chair: Lior Eisenfeld, Independent Scholar

Discussant: Aviad Hacohen, Shaarey Mishpat Academic Center

Liat Fridgoot-Netzer, Sapir College and The Open University of Israel
*Ethos in a Changing Society through the Mirror of the Law: From Eichmann to Yigal Amir*

Gadi Hitman, Beit Berl Academic College

Harel Dror, Bar-Ilan University
*Hate Crimes - Methodological, Theoretical & Empirical Difficulties; a Pragmatic & Legal Overview*

TB6  Integration and Sustainability in Israeli Society

Chair: Liora Norwich, Brandeis University

Jamila Elnashef, Tel Aviv University
*"Passing" Between Two Spaces: Muslim-Arab Female Teachers in Jewish Schools*

Giovanni Matteo Quer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
*The Common Challenges of Israel and Europe: A Sustainable Model for Coping with Radical Diversity?*

Michal Tamir, Shaarei Mishpat College of Law
*Bedouin Dispersion in Israel: Between Sustainable Development and Social(non) Recognition*

TB7  Roundtable: “Are the Actions of the Promoters of Academic BDS Ultimately Also Attacking Israel Studies?”

Chair: Asaf Romirowsky, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

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Ilan Troen, Brandeis University

Rachel Fish, Brandeis University

Cary R. Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
TB8  **Roundtable: The Israeli Elections of March 2015: Assessing the Consequences**

**Chair:** Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University


TB9  **Israel’s Emerging Security Challenges**

**Chair and Discussant:** Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Joseph Constance, Saint Anselm College

*Sustaining Israel’s Security: Forging a New Grand Strategy Amidst Regional Collapse and Changing International Attitudes 2010-2015*

Yang Yang, Shanghai International University

*Israel and the Hot Issues in the Middle East*

Ari Ofengenden, Brandeis University

*Biosecurity, Dystopia and Flourishing in the Age of Globality*

12:30 – 1:55 pm  **Lunch**

12:45 – 1:45 pm  **AIS General Assembly, open to all members (including light lunch)**

2:00 – 3:00 pm  **Mini-Plenaries**
Mini-Plenary I

**Sustainability in Israel**

Moderator: André Roy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University

Valerie Brachya on Sustainability Outlook for Israel 2030, Center of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and is a lecturer at the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University and the Herzliya Interdisciplinary College.

Tamar Gavrielli on Urban Sustainability, Director of the Sustainability Research Center of the Jerusalem Institute and a consultant to the Israel Ministry of Interior Planning Administration.

Yael Marom on Servicing, Head of International projects unit at the Jerusalem Institute and the Coordinator of the international project on servicizing funded by the European Commission.

Mini-Plenary II

A plenary discussion with Dr. Richard Deckelbaum on The Trilogy of Abraham: Using Health and Science as Win-Win Modalities Towards Brotherhood

Dr. Richard Deckelbaum, Director, Institute of Human Nutrition at Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University

3:00 – 3:20 pm - Coffee Break
TC1  Israeli Foreign & Security Policy

Chair: Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College
*Victimhood and Israeli Politics: The Emergence of an Hegemonic Discourse*

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
*The War of Media Narratives: Deterring Deterrence?*

Ilan Danjoux, Independent Scholar
*What Does Terror Look Like? Using Political Cartoon to Define Terrorism*

Irit Keynan, Or Yehuda College of Academic Studies
*Trauma and Israel’s Response to Crisis*

TC2  Between Politics and Religion – The Case of Israel’s Religious Right and Settlement Supporters

Chair: Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke and

Motti Inbari, University of North Carolina at Pembroke and
*Messianic Religious Zionism Confronts Israeli Territorial Compromises*

Eric Fleisch, Brandeis University
*The Role of NGOs in the Battle over Silwan/City of David.*

Ilana Shpaizman, University of Texas at Austin
*Against All Odds: Policy Entrepreneurs in East Jerusalem*

Yoel Wachtel, Georgetown University
*From the National to the Personal - Rav Kook 80 Years After His Death: New Perspectives and Recent Trends in Research and Followers' Interests*
TC3  Israel’s Mythology

Chair: Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel

Discussant: Amit Assis, McGill University

Yuval Benattia, The Open University of Israel
"The Ruined House" – The Myth of the Home in Modern Israeli Literature: Reading the Novel
"The Ruined House" by Reuven Namdar

David Ohana, Ben-Gurion Research Institute
The Mythical Order of Zionist Modernity: the Case of Gershom Scholem

Assaf Turgeman, University of Haifa
Myth, History and Mythistory: The Mythologization of Israel and the Discourse about New Anti-Semitism

TC4  Gender in Israeli Art, Society and Politics

Chair: Norma Joseph, Concordia University

Tami Jacoby, University of Manitoba
Eco-feminist Narratives in Israeli Women’s Organizing

Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar-Ilan University
From Feminist Activity to Conscious Feminism? An Examination of the Religious Zionist Woman

Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana University at Bloomington
Themes of Innocence and Sophistication in the Life Narratives of Polish and Iraqi Jewish Women

Lea Fima, McGill University
Masculine Identity in the Israeli Army as Represented in Uri Barbash’s Film One of Us, 1989
TC5  Geopolitical Issues Facing Jerusalem

Chair: Meir Kraus, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Yitzhak Reiter, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Challenging the Status Quo at the Temple Mount/Al-Haram al-Sharif

Lior Lehrs, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Peace Talks on Jerusalem: A Review of the Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations Concerning Jerusalem

Amnon Ramon, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
How Did Jerusalem’s Arabs Become "Residents" and Not "Citizens"?

Marik Shtern, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Spaces of Encounter in the Contested City: Palestinians and Israelis in West Jerusalem’s Shopping Malls

TC6  Foreign Policy

Chair: Norrin Ripsman, Concordia University

Discussant: Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

Guangmeng Chen, Center for Israel Studies, Chongqing, China
Israeli Think Tanks and their Role in Israel’s Foreign Policy

Marat Grebennikov, Concordia University
Skating on Thin Ice: Critical Aspects of Israel-Azerbaijan Strategic Partnership in the South Caucasus

Rob Pinfold, King’s College London
Between East and West: Israel’s Response to the Ukraine, Chechnya and Georgia Crises

Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Diplomats and Lobbyists: Advocating for Israel, 1948–1976 – A Reassessment
TC7  Society & Economy in Mandatory Palestine

**Chair:** Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University

**Discussant:** Nimrod Lin, University of Toronto

Nimrod Hagiladi, IDF Command and Staff College  
*Emergency Economy in Palestine during the Second World War*

Ephraim Kleiman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Harry Dexter White and the Establishment of Israeli Currency*

Susanna Klosko, Brandeis University  
*Wandering Jews: The American Consulate and Naturalized American Jews in Late Ottoman Palestine*

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TC8  Anglo-Israeli Cooperation

**Chair:** Etta Bick, Ariel University

Reuven Gafni, Yad Itzhak Ben-Zvi  
*Loyalty or Independence? National Prayers in Honor of Non-Jewish Personalities in Eretz Israel during the British Mandate Period*

Arnon Golan, University of Haifa  
*The Use by Israelis of Former British Military Bases during and following the 1948 Wartime Emergency*

Steven Wagner, University of Oxford and McGill University  
*Anglo-Zionist Intelligence Cooperation and Competition from 1915 to 1947 and the Road to Statehood*
**TC9**  *Roundtable: Israeli Society in the Twenty-First Century: Immigration, Inequality, and Religious Conflict by Calvin Goldscheider*

**Chair:** Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University
Rebecca Golbert, UC Berkeley School of Law
Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University
Bruce Phillips, Hebrew Union College
Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest

**TC10**  *A New Look on Israeli Politics in the 1950s*

**Chair:** Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University  
*The Interaction between the Academic Leadership and the Political Leadership during Israel’s First Decade*

Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University  
*Anger, Revenge and the Art of Government: Re-evaluating Reprisal Raids in the 1950s*

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University  
*The Road from “UN, Who Cares?” to “What the Jews Will Do,” and Its Significance*
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015

Registration: 8:00 – 10:00 am

Session A
9:00 – 10:30 am

**WA1 Urbanisation and Development Policies in Israel**

**Chair:** Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Oren Kalman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*The Development Policy of the Israeli Governments and their Approach toward Private Industry in the State's First Years – the Paper Plant in Hadera as a Case Study*

Oren Shlomo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and The Open University of Israel  
*Urban Systems and Services as Political Arenas in post Oslo East Jerusalem*

Josef Van Wijk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Construction of Urgency Discourse around Mega-projects*

Amelia Weinreb, University of Texas at Austin  
*Image, Narrative and Landscape of Israel’s Development Towns*

**WA2 Immigration**

**Chair:** Barry Berger, University of Haifa

**Discussant:** Keren LG Snider, University of Haifa

Olena Bagno Moldavsky, University of Toronto and The Institute for National Security (INSS)  
*Mobilizing for Protest: Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities Compared*

Robin Harper, York College (CUNY)  
*A Question of Time for Temporary Labor Migrants in Israel*

Yuri Keum, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Labour Migration and "Illegal" Workers: The Case of Israel*
WA3  **Roundtable: Scholarship, Identity, and Advocacy: Diasporic Jewish Scholars and Israel**

**Chair:** Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington  
Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington  
Oded Haklai, Queen's University  
Mira Sucharov, Carleton University  
Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

WA4  **Towards a Green Culture in Israel? Sustainable Development & Environmentalism in Israel**

**Chair:** Arnon Ben Israel, Kaye Academic College  
Rafi Grosglik, Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Tanhum Yoreh, University of Cambridge  
Halakhah and Environmental Protection in Israel*  
Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa  
*A Forgotten Practice of Nation Building: Bracha Avigad and the Development of “Authentic” Israeli Botany*  
Benny Furst, Ministry of Environmental Protection  
*Environmental Campaigns in Israel and their Spatial Impacts*

WA5  **Contemporary Israeli Politics**

**Chair:** Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Ilan Danjoux, Independent Scholar  
*Measuring the Success of Israeli Political Cartoons*  
Asaf Shamis, Columbia University  
*The Rise of Israeli Conservatism*  
Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Stories of Israel*  
Efraim Inbar, Bar-Ilan University  
*The New Strategic Equation in the Eastern Mediterranean*
**WA6  The Conflict: Discourse and Perceptions**

**Chair:** Yiyi Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

**Discussant:** Dana Gold, University of Western Ontario

Rocco Giansante, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Temporal and Topological: Two Ways of Living Israel/Palestine*

Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary  
*A Most Pliable Shylock: Reiterations of The Merchant of Venice in the Discourse of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*

Paul Scham, University of Maryland  
*The Redivergence of the Narratives: How Israelis and Palestinians are Farther than Ever from Understanding Each Other*


**WA7  Public Diplomacy: What Role for Israeli Hasbara?**

**Chair:** Lorna Roth, Concordia University

Gal Hadari, University of Haifa  
*Public Diplomacy in Army Boots: The Crisis of Israeli Hasbara*

Ron Schleifer, Ariel University  
*Propagandizing Hasbara*

Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies  
*The Israeli E-Audience Between the “New” and the “Old Media”*


**WA8  Life in Pre-state Palestine**

**Chair:** Arnon Golan, University of Haifa

**Discussant:** Liora Halperin, University of Colorado at Boulder

Ira Robinson, Concordia University  
*A Mandate Life: Shmuel Asher Kaufman, 1927-1947*

Laura Wiseman, York University  
*Qelipat Tapuah Zahav - Agnon's 'Orange Peel'*

Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Do'ar ha-Yom and the Arab Question*

Moshe Naor, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)  
*The Ethnic Problem and the Arab Question in Mandatory Palestine*
WB1  Approaches to the Study of the Conflict

Chair: Tami Jacoby, University of Manitoba

Discussant: Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Dana Gold, University of Western Ontario
*The Link Between Institutions and the Mind: An Application to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

Yakub Halabi, Concordia University
*Potential Israel-Hamas-PA Cooperation in the Gaza Strip*

Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington
*Alchemists at Work: Explanation and Endorsement in the Arab-Israeli Conflict*

Hillel Nossek, College of Management Academic Studies
*Community Media’s Potential for Enhancing Democratic Processes and Conflict Resolution: Community TV Organizations in Israel as a Case Study*

WB2  Seeking Asylum in Israel

Chair: Robin Harper, York College (CUNY)

Keren LG Snider, University of Haifa
*Threatened by Asylum Seekers: Longitudinal and Transverse Analysis among Residents of Tel Aviv, Israel and Perth, Australia*

Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading
*A Political Voice in a (Hostile) Polity - Conceptualising the Case of Asylum Seekers in Israel*

Shai Tagner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
*Struggling between Jewish and Democratic: The Foundations of Asylum Regime in Israel*
WB3  The Question of Jewish Nationalism and Sustainability

Chair: Lorenzo DiTommaso, Concordia University

Discussant: Hagar Lahav, Sapir College

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar-Ilan University

How to Sustain Jewish Culture in the Age of Nationalism?

Aviad Hacohen, Shaarey Mishpat Academic Center

Jewish Sustainability in the Jewish State – Is it Real or Was it a Dream?

Yuval Jobani, Tel Aviv University

The Lure of Heresy: A Philosophical Typology of Hebrew Secularism in the First Half of the Twentieth-Century

Anne Perez, University of California, Davis

Apostasy of a Prince: Hans Herzl and the Boundaries of Jewish Nationalism

WB4  Arabs and Jews in Israel: Coexistence, Cooperation and Challenges

Chair: Rami Zeedan, New York University

Massoud Eghbarieh, Beit Berl Academic College

Arabs in Israel: Challenges on the Rise

Hillel Gruenberg, Jewish Theological Seminary

Yesh 1972-The Jewish-Arab Student Left's Rise to Power in Haifa and how the GSS Helped Make it a Reality

Mtanes Shihadeh, Mada al-Carmel-Arab Center for Applied Social Research

The Israeli Policy towards the "Arab economy"
**WB5  Zionism, Challenges & Alternatives**

**Chair:** Naftali Cohn, Concordia University

**Discussant:** Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rina Cohen Muller, INALCO, Paris
*The Yordim - Those who Choose to Leave the Promised Land*

Anri Oiwane, Doshisha University, Japan
*Aspiring to “Co-existence” by following the Zionist Idea and Judaism as Moral Code: The case of Judah L. Magnes and Henrietta Szold*

Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest
*Sustainable Zionism in Europe in the 21st century*

**WB6  Civil-Military Relations**

**Chair:** Ira Robinson, Concordia University

Etta Bick, Ariel University
*Israel’s National Civic Service Policy, 1996-2014: Did “Layering” Achieve Institutional Change?*

Michael Kobi, Ariel University and Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
*Coping with Terror: A Learning Challenge of the Civil and Military Echelons in a Democratic State*

Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University
*The Cook’s Mutiny Court Martial: Religion and State in the Establishment of the Israel Defense Forces*

Randall Geller, University of Toronto
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