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Session A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

MA1  State Mechanisms of Constructing Identities – Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Russell Stone, American University (rstone@american.edu)

Dana Kachtan, The Open University of Israel
The Construction of Ethnic Identity among Israeli Combat Soldiers

Michal Kravel-Tovi, University of Michigan
National Mission: The State-run Conversion Project in Contemporary Israel

Erica Weiss, Princeton University
Pacifist? Prove It!: The Adjudication of Conscience by the Israeli Military

MA2  The Peace Process, Past and Future – Room 244

Chair: Myron Aronoff, Rutgers University/University of Michigan (mjaronoff@sbcglobal.net)
Discussant: David B. Dewitt, York University (ddewitt@yorku.ca)

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, University of Hull
The Failed Peace Process in the Middle East 1993-2009

Naomi Weinberger, Columbia University
Israeli Ambivalence toward Transitional Security Mechanisms in the West Bank and Gaza

Joseph Agassi, Tel Aviv University/York University
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MA3  Alternative Imagined Communities – Room 255

Chair: Itamar Radai, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (itamar.radai@mail.huji.ac.il)
Discussant: Arnon Golan, Haifa University (agolan@geo.haifa.ac.il)

Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Beyond Territorial Nationalism: Anthropological Reflections on Religious “Radicals” and the Potential for Peace in Israel/Palestine

Israel Pupko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jewish Transnational Commuters to Israel

Tomer Zeigerman, New School for Social Research
Regional Dreams to Parochial Reality: Holocaust Discourse and the End of the Israeli Left
MA4  Statehood in Zionist Thought and Practice – Room 144

Chair and Discussant: Cliff Orwin, University of Toronto (clifford.orwin@utoronto.ca)

Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel
Did Zionism Aspire for a State?
Merom Kalie, University of Toronto
Universalism and Particularism in the Thought of Martin Buber
Moshe Naor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The 1956 Pioneering Movement

MA5  Israel’s Foreign Policy at the Crossroad of 1967 – Room 152

Chair: Zach Levey, University of Colorado at Boulder (Zach.Levey@Colorado.edu)
Discussant: Sonja Wentling, Concordia College (wentling@cord.edu)

David Tal, University of Calgary
Territories for Peace or for Non-Belligerency? Israel and the United States in the Aftermath of the Six-Day War
Noa Schonmann, Oxford University
The Swan Song: Israeli-Turkish Relations in the 1960s
Zach Levey, University of Colorado at Boulder
Israel, Nigeria and the Biafra War: 1967-1970: Realpolitik, Arms and Humanitarian Assistance

MA6  State-Minority Relations – Room 161

Chair: Oded Haklai, Queen’s University (oded.haklai@queensu.ca)
Discussant: Zvi Bar’el, Sapir College (pike@netvision.net.il)

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College
Assessing Israel’s "Other Palestinian Problem": Enhancing Democratic Pluralism in the Jewish Republic
Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University
The Disillusionment of Citizenship? Majority-Minority Relations in Israel and its Discontents
Dov Waxman, Baruch College, CUNY
A Looming Confrontation: The Deterioration of Jewish-Palestinian Relations in Israel Since 2000

MA7  Roundtable: Hebrew in a New Accent – Room 248

Chair: Harry Fox, University of Toronto (harryfox@chass.utoronto.ca)

Miryam Segal, Queen’s College, CUNY
Dina Roginsky, University of Toronto
Elaine Gold, University of Toronto
Elan Dresher, University of Toronto
Anna Shternshis, University of Toronto
Session B
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

MB1 Immigration and Emigration – A Socio-Historical Perspective – Room 144

Chair: Russell Stone, American University (rstone@american.edu)
Discussant: Dina Roginsky, University of Toronto (dina.roginsky@utoronto.ca)

Ian S. Lustick, University of Pennsylvania
Emigration from Israel: How Come? How Much? How Important?
Larissa Remennick, Bar Ilan University
20 Years to the Great Russian Aliyah: The Gains and the Losses
Matt Evans, Pennsylvania State University
Israel's Population Dispersal Policy and the USSR Immigration Wave

MB2 Trauma and Memory: The Conflict and the Politics of Remembrance in Israel
Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Tzachi Slonim, CUNY Graduate Center (tslonim@gc.cuny.edu)

Elik Elhanan, Columbia University
Memory Discourse as Political Action
Naama Gershy, Long Island University
Trauma under Fire: Treating PTSD in Sderot
Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford
Reparation or Repatriation? The Holocaust, the International Community and the Creation of the State of Israel

MB3 Russia and Israel: Aspects of Public Diplomacy – Room 152

Chair and Discussant: Howard Adelman, York University (howardadelman@rogers.com)

Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins University
Russia and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
Vladimir (Ze'ev) Khanin, Bar Ilan University
Myth and Realities of 'Russian Lobby' in Israel
Sam Kliger, American Jewish Committee and RINA
Russian-Jewish Americans, Israel and Russian Interests in the Jewish World

MB4 Education and Technology in the Yishuv and Israel – Room 255

Chair: Howard Wachtel, American University (wachtel@american.edu)
Discussant: Barry Berger, Haifa University (barry.berger@gmail.com)

Tamar Novick, University of Pennsylvania
The Recreation of ‘The Land of Milk and Honey’: The Making of Holy Technologies, 1880-1927
Assaf Meshulam, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Alternative Education in Israel: Local and Global Forces and Influences
Nicole Dehan, University of Haifa
Social Work Education in Israel: Universal or Particular?
MB5  Women, Leadership and Resistance – Room 244

Chair and Discussant: Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar Ilan University (rolilach@netvision.net.il)

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University
Ein Harod's Women's Struggle to Join the Kibbutz Guard
Anat Granit-Hacohen, Bar Ilan University
Between Yishuv and British Elites: Hadassah Samuel -- A Forgotten Female Leader
Ilan Ben-Ami, The Open University of Israel
Studying Gender: Methodological Difficulties and Challenges in the Study of Israel's 'First Ladies'
Mira Yungman, The Open University of Israel
The Impact of America on Medical, Paramedical, Social Work and Vocational Education of Women in Israel

MB6  Literary and Artistic Depictions of Encounters of Identities – Room 248

Chair and Discussant: Na’ama Sheffi, Sapir College (naamash@sapir.ac.il)

Dalia Manor, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design
Immigrants and Veterans: Art in 1930s Jewish Palestine
Alexander Mishory, Rice University
The 1948 Venice Biennale: A Meeting Point of “Natives” and “Others”
Liat Fridgoot-Netzer, The Open University of Israel
Multicultural Junction: East and West Meet Through the Israeli-Palestinian Dispute
Yitzhak Lewis, Columbia University, MEALAC
Israel in the World of Jorge Luis Borges

MB7  Washington-Based Think Tanks: How They View Israel – Room 161

Chair: Yoram Peri, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)
Discussant: Shira Herzog, CEO Kahanoff Foundation (shergog@kanesco.com)

Martin Kramer, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
Myths, Confusion and Prejudice: Examining the World of Think Tanks
Paul Scham, University of Maryland
Tanks? No Tanks: Washington Think Tanks and Israel Over 60 Years
Yoram Peri, University of Maryland and Guy Ziv, American University
The Impact of Think Tanks on American Policy: Four Case Studies


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Room 161

Brown Bag Screening

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Entangled in Memory: Six Variations on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2007)

Writer/Director: Amir Har-Gil
MC1  Human Rights, the Politics of Advocacy and Israel’s Security – Room 161

Chair: Ed Morgan, University of Toronto (ed.morgan@utoronto.ca)
Discussant: Gad Barzilai, University of Washington (gbarzil@u.washington.edu)

Janice Stein, University of Toronto
The Fractured International Legal Order and Asymmetric War
Howard Adelman, York University
Amichai Cohen, Ono Academic College and Stuart Cohen, Bar Ilan University
Israel and International Human Rights Law
Gerald Steinberg, Bar Ilan University
The Politics of NGOs, Human Rights and the Arab-Israel Conflict

MC2  Consumption, Citizenship and Identities in Transition from Yishuv to Statehood – Room 144

Chair: Derek Penslar, University of Toronto (Derek.penslar@utoronto.ca)
Discussant: Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel (mosheb@openu.ac.il)

Hizky Shoham, Yale University
Totzeret Ha’aretz: Consumerism and Identity Construction in Interwar Palestine
Anat Stern, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Shortages and Civil Conduct: IDF Response to Civilian Criminality in 1948
Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University
Austerity Tel Aviv: Consumption, Compliance, Citizenship and Respectability

MC3  Religion and State – Room 152

Chair: Jason Olson, Brigham Young University (jama2003@yahoo.com)
Discussant: Joel Migdal, University of Washington (migdal@u.washington.edu)

Yitzchak Avi Roness, Bar Ilan University
Extradition from the State of Israel - Ideological Components of the Halakhic (Jewish Law) Debate
Adina B. Newberg, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
Transitioning from Religious vs. Secular to Multiple Identities in Israeli Jewish Consciousness
Aviad Y. Hollander, Bar Ilan University
International Pressure on the State of Israel in the View of a Zionist Decisor
MC4  Israel-Diaspora Relations – Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Caryn Aviv, University of Denver (caviv@du.edu)

Linda Maizels, Portland State University
Charter Members of the Fourth World: Jewish Students, Israel and the “New Antisemitism” on American Campuses, 1967-1994
Shirah Hecht, Independent Scholar
Israel and Its Generations: A Qualitative Approach to Diaspora-Israel Attachment
Ori Yehudai, University of Chicago
Stranded Between Israel and America: Jewish Transmigrants in Europe, 1949-1954

MC5  Cinematic Projections of Israel: History and Memory – Room 244

Chair: Miri Talmon-Bohm, University of Wisconsin-Madison (talmonbohm@wisc.edu)
Discussant: Yaron Shemer, UNC-Chapel Hill (yshemer@email.unc.edu)

Yael Munk, The Open University of Israel
Cinematic Reflexivity and Spectatorship Ethics: The Three Receptions of Recent Israeli Films on the Lebanon War
Sandra Meiri, The Open University of Israel
Creative Memory: Trauma and Ethics in Contemporary Israeli Cinema
Na’ama Sheffi, Sapir College and Amir Har-Gil, Netanya Academic College
Entangled in Memory: Six Variations on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

MC6  Issues in Israel's Economy – Room 255

Chair and Discussant: Roby Nathanson, The Macro Center for Political Economics (roby@macro.org.il)

Nahshon Perez, University of California Los Angeles
The Sabbath, the Bacon and the Market: How Neo-Liberal Economy is Changing the Jewishness of Israel
Nadav Halevi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Aid, Trade and Economic Dependence: Evolution of Israel's Foreign Economic Relations
Talia Pfefferman, Tel Aviv University
Breaking Through: Women's Economic Entrepreneurship in Israeli Society

MC7  Israeli Literature – Room 248

Chair and Discussant: Miryam Segal, Queen's College, CUNY (miryam.segal@qc.cuny.edu)

Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison
An Impossible Rebirth: Zionism and the Holocaust in Shulamith Hareven's Fiction
Doli Benhabib, The Open University of Israel
Mizrahi Mothers and Daughters: A Female Encounter of Mizrahi Generations in Rabinyan's Our Weddings
Philip Hollander, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Beyond the Margins in Taub's Allenby
SESSION D
4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

MD1  Nostalgia, Memory and Belongings – Room 256

Chair: Motti Golani, University of Haifa/ NYU (mgolani1@univ.haifa.ac.il)
Discussant: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University (troen@brandeis.edu)

Cathrine Furberg Moe, London School of Economics
Transnational Longings and Belongings among Mizrahim in a Border Town
Esther Meir-Glitzenstein, Ben-Gurion University
The ‘Farhud’: Jewish History, Zionist Memory
Shelly Shenhav Keller, Beit Berl College
Ethnicity, Identity and Collective Memory in Two Ethnic Heritage Centers in Israel

MD2  The Role of Territorial Conceptions in Israeli Thinking and Policy
Room 152

Chair and Discussant: Nir Cohen, Ben-Gurion University (nircohen@bgu.ac.il)

Tova Norlen, SAIS Johns Hopkins University
Enduring Territorial Conceptions: The Historical Key for Understanding Israel's Prospects for Moving Ahead
Joel Peters, Virginia Tech
On Leaving Territory -- Understanding Israel's Strategic Motives
Noga Gilad, Tel Aviv University
From Maps of Appropriation to Stories of Alienation

MD3  Zion and Diaspora – Room 255

Chair: Robert Weiner, Lafayette College (weinerr@lafayette.edu)
Discussant: Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University (nahumk@bgu.ac.il)

Rona Yona, Tel Aviv University
Hechalutz in Poland between Negation of the Diaspora and Socialist Solidarity
Gur Alroey, University of Haifa
The Territorialism Ideology, the 'Freeland League' and the State of Israel, 1934-1956
Joseph Glass, Centennial College, Toronto
Early Canada-Holy Land Connections: The Foundations of Longstanding Relationship

MD4  Perspectives on the Two-State Solution – Room 144

Chair: Eyal Chowers, Tel Aviv University (echowers@gmail.com)
Discussant: Lilach Gilady, University of Toronto (lilach.gilady@utoronto.ca)

Renan Levine, University of Toronto
What the World Wants to Do to Us and Support for the Two-State Solution
Brent E. Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington and Guy Ziv, Arlington and American University
Learning a Palestinian State: Changing Ideas among Israeli Prime Ministers
**Timea Spitka**, Ben-Gurion University
Partisan versus Neutral External Intervention and Impact on Israeli Policies and Behavior towards Palestinians

**Ilana Kaufman**, The Open University of Israel
Where is the Border? The Two-State Solution as a Foreign/Domestic Political Issue

**MD5 The Cultural and Media Production of Israeliness and its Projection into the World** – Room 244

Chair: **Alexander Mishory**, Rice University (amishory@yahoo.com)
Discussant: **Yael Munk**, The Open University of Israel (munkyael@gmail.com)

**Nirit Ben-Ari**, Graduate Center, CUNY
From the South Bronx to Israel: Israeli Rappers in Global Hip Hop Culture

**Yael Nativ**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
What is Israeli in Israeli Theatrical Modern Dance? Signs of Localization and Globalization

**Danny Ben-Moshe**, Victoria University, Melbourne
The Nature and Extent of Israeli Films in Diaspora Jewish Film Festivals

**MD6 Roundtable: Israel’s Future: The Time Factor** – Room 161

Chair: **Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College (pelegi@lafayette.edu)

**Ian S. Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania
**Efraim Inbar**, Bar Ilan University
**Pnina Lahav**, Boston University
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President of the Association for Israel Studies

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  ➢ Kimmerling Prize for Best Graduate Paper

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Keynote Speaker:
Michael Walzer

THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE NEGATION OF THE EXILE

Michael Walzer is Professor Emeritus of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. As a professor, author, editor, and lecturer, Michael Walzer has addressed a wide variety of topics in political theory and moral philosophy: political obligation, just and unjust war, nationalism and ethnicity, economic justice and the welfare state. His books (among them Just and Unjust Wars, Spheres of Justice, The Company of Critics, Thick and Thin: Moral Argument at Home and Abroad, and On Toleration) and essays have played a part in the revival of practical, issue-focused ethics and in the development of a pluralist approach to political and moral life. Professor Walzer is a Contributing Editor for The New Republic, and co-editor of Dissent, now in its 56th year. His articles and interviews frequently appear in the world’s foremost newspapers and journals. He is currently working on the toleration and accommodation of “difference” in all its forms, and also on the third volume of The Jewish Political Tradition, a comprehensive collaborative project focused on the history of Jewish political thought.

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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration Desk Open

SESSION A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

TA1 Israeli Culture between Hybridity and Multiculturalism – Room 248

Chair: Elie Friedman, Netanya Academic College/Bar Ilan University (eliefri@netvision.net.il)
Discussant: Alexander Mishory, Rice University (amishory@yahoo.com)

Liora R. Halperin, UCLA/Harvard
Languages of Leisure: Multilingual Culture in the Yishuv
Dafna Hirsch, The Open University of Israel and Ofra Tene*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Most Israelis Will Agree that the Best Hummus is Made by Arabs: On Hummus and National Identity in Israel
Carmit Romano-Hvid, Copenhagen University
Zionism & Bilingualism: The Bilingual School Movement in Israel and Its Representation in Documentary Films

TA2 Israel Confronts Asymmetrical Warfare – Room 144

Chair: Amira Schiff, Bar Ilan University/York University (a_schiff@netvision.net.il)
Discussant: Ilana Kaufman, The Open University of Israel (Ilanako@openu.ac.il)

Yoav Duman, University of Washington
A Normative War? Explaining Divergent Israeli Responses to Hezbollah Attacks in 2000 and 2006
Zaki Shalom, Ben-Gurion University
Defining the Enemy in an Asymmetrical Confrontation: The Case of the Second Lebanon War
Alon Burstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Similar Causes, Different Aspirations? Religious and Political Terrorism Through Case Studies of Hamas and the PLO

TA3 Israeli Leaders and the Conflict – Room 152

Chair and Discussant: Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College (pelegi@lafayette.edu)

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
Benjamin Netanyahu: Battling the World
Massoud Eghbarieh, Beit Berl College
Rhetoric and Practice toward Peace in the Holy Land: The Case of Binyamin Netanyahu
Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Bar Ilan University
Israel and the Nations: The Perspective of Religious Zionism's Leader, Chaim Moshe Shapira
TA4  Minority Politics – Room 255

Chair: Raphael Cohen-Almagor, University of Hull (R.Cohen-Almagor@hull.ac.uk)
Discussant: Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University (ajamal@post.tau.ac.il)

Jamie Levin, University of Toronto
The Bedouin Threat to Israel: Ontological or Material?
Nir Cohen, Ben-Gurion University
Internal Migration among Ethnic Minorities: The Case of Palestinian Arabs in Israel
Liora Norwich, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Opposing Effects of Repression and Mobilization on Minority Movements: The Arab Minority in Israel and the Quebecois

TA5  Jewish and Democratic State? – Room 161

Chair: Ayelet Shachar, University of Toronto (ayelet.shachar@utoronto.ca)
Discussant: Cliff Orwin, University of Toronto (Clifford.orwin@utoronto.ca)

Adam D. Danel, Sapir College/Ben-Gurion University
Justifying Zionism in a Democratic World
Ruth Gavison, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Law of Return: Ideology, History, Justification
Meital Pinto, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Who is Afraid of Language Rights in Israel?

TA6  Issues in Israel’s Economy and Society – Room 256

Chair: Nadav Halevi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (mshalevi@huji.ac.il)
Discussant: Ephraim Kleiman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (msefraim@huji.ac.il)

Ed Morgan, University of Toronto
Traffic Circles: The Legal Logic of Drug Extraditions
Robert Liebman, Portland State University
Segel Bachir on Strike: Linking Solidarity, Strategy and the Shalter to Success
Eti Sarig, The Open University of Israel
Business Partnership in Local Government

TA7  Israel and the Media – Room 244

Chair and Discussant: Yoram Peri, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)

Chanan Naveh, Sapir College
Elina Bardach-Yalov, Bar Ilan University
In the Focus of Searchlights: International Media Coverage of the Second Lebanon War
Ilan Danjoux, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The World through Israeli Eyes: The International Community in Israeli Political Cartoons
Boaz M. Ben-David, University of Toronto and Adi Folkman, Bar Ilan University
Readers’ Comments on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Canadian News-Websites: The Lighting-Rod and the Ban
SESSION B
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

TB1  Chaim Weizmann: Conduit Between Israel and the West? – Room 244

Chair: James Renton, Edge Hill University (James.Renton@edgehill.ac.uk)
Discussant: Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel (avivaha@openu.ac.il)

Motti Golani, University of Haifa/NYU
Between Biography and History: Chaim Weizmann and the Idea of Partition in the 1930s

Arie M. Dubnov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Tale of Two Statesmen and One Philosopher: Isaiah Berlin between Chaim Weizmann and Winston Churchill

James Renton, Edge Hill University
A Bond with the British Empire? Chaim Weizmann and the Western Face of Zion

TB2  Reciprocal Relations: Israelis in the Diaspora and the Diaspora in Israel
Room 161

Chair and Discussant: Mira Sucharov, Carleton University (sucharov@hotmail.com)

Alvise Vianello, Barcelona Centre for International Studies (CIDOB)
Shaping the Boundaries of Civil Society in a Post-Diasporic State: The Case of Israel

Udi Sommer, University at Albany, State University of New York
Israelis in the United States: Who are They? Who are We?

Dina Roginsky, University of Toronto
Israeli Immigrants in Toronto: De-stigmatization in the Process of Mobilization

TB3  Strategies of Peacebuilding Part A – Room 256

Chair: Stuart Schoenfeld, Glendon College/York University (schoenfe@yorku.ca)
Discussant: Nava Lowenheim, Hebrew University of Jerusalem/University of Toronto (mslnava@mscc.huji.ac.il)

Ilan Allesson and Jamie Levin, University of Toronto
Peace and Pollution: An examination of Palestinian Israeli Trans-boundary Hazardous Waste-Management Fifteen Years after the Oslo Peace Accords

Grace Feuerverger, University of Toronto
Building Bridges to Social Justice: An Ethnographic Journey in a Jewish-Palestinian Village in Israel

Assaf Zohar, Trent University, Ian Allesson, University of Toronto, Osam Suleiman*, York University
Environmental Peacebuilding: A Qualitative Analysis of Jordanian Environmental Student Experiences in Israel

Stuart Schoenfeld, Glendon College/York University
Contrasting Regional Environmentalisms in the Eastern Mediterranean
TB4  Issues of Legitimacy – Room 144

Chair: Stuart Cohen, Bar Ilan University (cohenst@mail.biu.ac.il)
Discussant: Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University (aronoffy@msu.edu)

Neil Caplan, Concordia University
Oom Shmoom Revisited: Sharett and Ben-Gurion
Zvi Bar'el, Sapir College
Changing Positions: The New Good Guys
Natalia Simanovsky, Canadian International Council
Coordinated Unilateralism: Push and Pull Factors for Israel and Fayad’s Plan

TB5  Dimensions of Jewish Philanthropy – Room 255

Chair and Discussant: Jay Yair Brodbar, New Israel Fund of Canada (jay@nifcan.org)

Elizabeth Levi, Milano the New School for Management and Urban Policy
Philanthropy: Leading Change or Projecting Institutional Logics?
Itay Greenspan, University of Pennsylvania
The Winners and Losers of Jewish Philanthropy to Israeli Environmental Organizations: The Case of the Matching Grants Initiative for the Environment in Israel

TB6  Israel beyond the Mainstream – Room 248

Chair and Discussant: Naomi Weinberger, Columbia University (naomiw@mindspring.com)

Jason Olson, Brigham Young University
The Red Heifer in Jewish and Islamic Fundamentalism
Dubi Kanengisser, University of Toronto
Binationalism: Desirable? Inevitable? Unbearable?
Hadas Cohen, The New School for Social Research
Tali Fahima: An Israeli Case of Ideological Dissent

TB7  Roundtable: Development of Israeli Studies Outside of the United States and Israel – Room 152

Chair: Howard Wachtel, American University (wachtel@american.edu)

Emanuel Adler, University of Toronto
Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London
Ilan Troen, Brandeis University
Yiyi Chen, Peking University

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
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GRADUATE STUDENTS WORKSHOP
Prof. Derek Penslar
University of Toronto
Session C  
2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

TC1  Curriculum and Social Re/construction of Israel  – Room 248

Chair: Nirit Ben Ari, Graduate Center, CUNY (niritb@gmail.com)  
Discussant: Shelly Shenhav-Keller, Beit Berl College (shellysk@bezeqint.net)  

Idit Gil, The Open University of Israel  
Teaching the Jewish Reactions During the Holocaust (1948-2008)  
Barry Berger, Haifa University  
Teaching Contemporary Israel Via Internet Dialogues

TC2  Israel Advocacy and Search for Support Abroad  – Room 152

Chair: Robert Weiner, Lafayette College (weinerr@lafayette.edu)  
Discussant: Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University (aridan@bgu.ac.il)  

Mordechai Schenhav, University of Strasbourg  
Israel's Search for Support and its Limitations: The Case of the Sinai Campaign and the Socialist International  
Mira Sucharov, Carleton University  
Values, Identity and Israel Advocacy  
Sara Hirschhorn, University of Chicago  

TC3  Territory, Imagination and Security  – Room 255

Chair: Nahshon Perez, UCLA (nahshonp@ucla.edu)  
Discussant: Gillad Rosen, University of Toronto/Hebrew University of Jerusalem (gillad.rosen@mail.huji.ac.il)  

Osnat Rosen-Kremer, Technion-Haifa  
Appearing/Disappearing: The Perceived Region of “Ba’ada Haifa”  
Arnon Golan, Haifa University  
Metropolis and War: Tel Aviv within Israel's Cultural and Political Geographies

TC4  Zionist History as International History  – Room 256

Chair: Roni Stauber, Tel Aviv University (stauber@post.tau.ac.il)  
Discussant: Adam D. Danel, Sapir College/Ben-Gurion University (machiav@netvision.net.il)  

Oz Frankel, New School for Social Research  
American Gangster in the Promised Land: Meyer Lansky Flees to Israel, 1970  
Marcos Silber, University of Haifa  
Our People or Foreigners? Israel, Poland, and Polish Jewry (1948-1967)
TC5  US-Israel Relations – Room 144

Chair: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins University (rofreedman@comcast.net)
Discussant: Kenneth Stein, Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (kstein@emory.edu)

Michael J. Cohen, Bar Ilan University
1967: The 6-Days War - Anglo-American Relations under Trial
Amnon Cavari, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Determinants of American Public Support for Israel
Sam Edelman, Chico, California State University
The Special Relationship between the United States and Israel

TC6  Israeli Television and Film in the World: Crossing Cultural Boundaries
Room 244

Chair: Miri Talmon-Bohm, University of Wisconsin-Madison (talmonbohm@wisc.edu)
Discussant: Chanan Naveh, Sapir College (chanan.naveh@gmail.com)

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Foreign Subjects; Local Narratives: The Persistence of the Rescue Mission in Contemporary Israeli Cinema
Miri Talmon-Bohm, University of Wisconsin-Madison
An Israeli Psyche on an American Couch: The Translation of an Israeli TV Series to the American Screen and Its Cultural Lessons
Nava Dushi, Tel Aviv University
Israeli Cinema in a Global Context: Narrative Networks, Global Cities, and Local Crossings of Paths

TC7  Roundtable: The Origins of the Arab-Israel Conflict – Room 161

Chair: Alan Dowty, University of Notre Dame (alan@dowty.org)

Donna Robinson Divine, Smith College
Yosef Gorny, Tel Aviv University
Arieh Saposnik, University of California, Los Angeles
Jonathan Gribetz, University of Pennsylvania

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Chair: Emanuel Adler

Zvi Bar’el - Four States, Two people, One Solution: Can Israel Maintain its Identity?
Michael Barnett - Zionist Agonistes
Naomi Chazan - Israel and The World: Democracy, Human Rights And The Conflict
Michael Melchior – Is it Possible to Bring Religion to the Front Line of Peace?
Janice Stein – Israel: The Shard in a Fragmenting Legal Order

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Session A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

WA1  Israeli Related Advocacy and the Debate over Dissent – Room 161

Chair: Mordechai Schenhav, University of Strasbourg (mottischenhav@yahoo.fr)
Discussant: Gerald Steinberg, Bar Ilan University (steing@mail.biu.ac.il)

Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University
Israel and Its Advocates: Converging and Diverging Paths from AZPAC to J Street
Amalia Fried Honick, Goucher College
American Jewish Public Opinion, Israel, and the J Street Factor
Mitchell Bard, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise
The Other Lobby: How the Arab Lobby Attempts to Influence U.S. Middle East Policy
Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London
Anti-Zionism and the British Left: From Solidarity to Delegitimisation

WA2  Peacemaking: Rituals and Institutions – Room 152

Chair: Alberto Spektorowski, Tel Aviv University (albertos@post.tau.ac.il)
Discussant: Alan Dowty, University of Notre Dame (alan@dowty.org)

Alberto Spektorowski, Tel Aviv University
Confederative Citizenship, Palestinians, Israeliites, and the Mediterranean Region
Nava Lowenheim, University of Toronto and Zohar Kampf*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rituals of Apology in the International Arena: The Israeli Case
Amira Schiff, Bar Ilan University/York University
The Critical Role of Prenegotiations in Ethno-National Conflicts: An Analysis of the 'Annapolis Process' and the Cyprus Conflict

WA3  Topics in Zionist Thought – Room 144

Chair and Discussant: Eyal Chowers, Tel Aviv University (echowers@gmail.com)

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar Ilan University
Between Nationalism and Universalism in the Zionist Vision
Rachel Fish, Brandeis University
Intellectual Heterodox: Michael Warschawski and the Zionist Idea
WA4  Critical Perspectives: Israel’s Foreign Policy and the UN’s Peacekeeping Role – Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Dov Waxman, Baruch College, CUNY (dov.waxman@baruch.cuny.edu)

Avi Raz, University of Oxford
Deception: Israel’s Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of the June 1967 War
Alexander Bligh, University of Notre Dame/ Ariel University Center of Samaria
UNEF, 1956-1967, as a Test Case
Christopher L. Schilling, University of Hamburg, Germany
The Masada Complex - Jewish Identity Constructions and Israeli Foreign Policy

WA5  Ethnic Minorities, Land, and Israeli Politics – Room 248

Chair: Massoud Eghbarieh, Beit Berl College (me9@georgetown.edu)
Discussant: Daphne Tsimhoni, Northeastern University (d.tsimhoni@neu.edu)

Amit Avigur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Losing Ground? Ethnic Minority, Majority Relations and Nonliberal Land Reform
Abigail Sone, University of Toronto
Return to the Wadi: The Changing Place of Palestinians in Israel
Dan Tsahor, New York University
The Postwar Evacuation of Majdal (Ashkelon): An Examination of the Ideological and Material Approaches to the Nakba

WA6  Between the Legal and the Political – Room 244

Chair and Discussant: Ran Hirschl, University of Toronto (ran.hirschl@utoronto.ca)

Ruth Amir, The Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel
Historical Redress in Israel: The Clash of Paradigms
Gad Barzilai, University of Washington
Are Lawyers Changing Politics and How: Economic Liberalism, Silence and Dissent
Keren Weinshall Margel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Michal Shamir*, Tel Aviv University
Political versus Judicial Decision Making - On the Right to be Elected to the Knesset
Assaf Meydani, The Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo
The Design of Land Policy in Israel: Between Law and Political Culture

WA7  Zionist Women in Geographical, National and Gendered Crossroads: The Story of Lillian Friedman, Ada Sereni and Zefira Katinsky-Ogen – Room 255

Chair: Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar Ilan University (rolilach@netvision.net.il)
Discussant: Ilan Ben-Ami, The Open University of Israel (ilanbe@openu.ac.il)

Esther Carmel Hakim, University of Haifa and The Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel
Lillian Freidman: A National Historic Person
Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar Ilan University
Feminine Leadership in National and Conceptual Crossroads: Ada Sereni, The Head of the Mosad Le-Aliyah Bet in Italy (1945-1948) as a Case Study
Yael Katzir, Beit Berl College
Zefira -- A Model of an Urban Pioneer and Agent of Zionism
Session B  
11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

**WB1 The Military, State, Society and the Conflict** – Room 144

Chair: Joel Migdal, University of Washington  
(migdal@u.washington.edu)
Discussant: Stuart Cohen, Bar Ilan University  
(cohenst@mail.biu.ac.il)

Nir Gazit, University of Toronto  
State-Sponsored Vigilantism: The Case of Israeli Settlers and Israeli Soldiers in the Palestinian Occupied Territories  
Zipi Israeli, Shenkar College of Engineering and Design/Tel Aviv University and Elisheva Rosman, Ashkelon Academic College/Bar Ilan University  
IDF Soldiers in the Media: From Rambo to “Sitting Ducks” and Back Again  
Oded Na’aman, Harvard University  
The Checkpoint

**WB2 Creating, Maintaining and Changing Israel’s Borders in Comparative Perspective** – Room 161

Chair: Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
(shelef@wisc.edu)
Discussant: Ian S. Lustick, University of Pennsylvania  
(ilustick@sas.upenn.edu)

Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Border Creation in Comparative Perspective: Using Israel to Understand Variation in the Outcome of Territorial Partitions  
Ron Hassner, University of California-Berkeley  
Maintaining Borders: Explaining Border Control through Fortified Boundaries  
Ehud Eiran, Brandeis University/Harvard University  
Reshaping Borders: A Comparative Discussion of “Time and Space” in Settlement Projects

**WB3 Topics in the Social History of the Yishuv** – Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford  
(patt@hartford.edu)

Danny Jacoby, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
The Development of General Humanities at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1928-1970)  
Rebecca Cutler, University of Pennsylvania  
Medical Diplomacy and American Jewish Activism Surrounding the Establishment of the State of Israel  
Matan Boord, Haifa University  
Planting Hedges: The Halutzim’s Attitude to the Old Yishuv in Tiberias, Tu Bishvat 1920  
Ruth Kark, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Joseph Glass, Centennial College, Toronto  
Family Biographies in the Exploration of Israel’s Historical Geography
WB4  Europe and Israel – Room 152

Chair and Discussant: Joel Peters, Virginia Tech (peters25@vt.edu)

Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Who Converges to Whom? The Odd Case of Europe and Israel
Roby Nathanson, The Macro Center for Political Economics
A New Phase of EU Israel Relations? Assessing the EU Statement of June 2008
Radka Havlova, University of Economics Prague
The Role of The European Union in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process since the Second Intifada
Roni Stauber, Tel Aviv University
The Impact of the Cold War on Israeli-German Relations in the 1950s

WB5  Identity and Value Politics in Israel – Room 255

Chair and Discussant: Renan Levine, University of Toronto (renan.levine@utoronto.ca)

Shlomo Egoz, Bar Ilan University
Israeli Value System and the Strength of Liberal Democracy
Daphne Tsimhoni, Northeastern University
Minorities and the Making of Israeli Identity
Gayil Talshir, University of Arizona
Identity Politics in Israel

WB6  Childhood and Media in Israel: Between the Global and the Local
Room 248

Chair and Discussant: Tammy Razi, Sapir College (tammyrazi@bezeqint.net)

Benny Ben-David, Beit Berl College/Ariel University Center of Samaria
Children and Others in Israeli Cinema
Yuval Gozansky, Sapir College/Bar Ilan University
The Transformation of the Concept of Childhood in Israeli Television for Children
Gabriela Jonas Aharoni, Sapir College/Tel Aviv University
The Concept of Youth in Teen Israeli Serials

WB7  Roundtable: Netanyahu’s Foreign Policy Challenges – Room 244

Chair: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins University (rofreedman@comcast.net)

Robert Freedman, Johns Hopkins University
Netanyahu and Obama
George Gruen, Columbia University
Netanyahu and Turkey
Stephen Blank, US Army War College
Netanyahu and Russia

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Room 163
Business Meeting
Session C
3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

WC1  Something to be Missed: Israel's Policy Towards Peace Plans – Room 161

Chair: Alexander Bligh, University of Notre Dame/Ariel University Center of Samaria (abligh@nd.edu)
Discussant: Myron Aronoff, Rutgers University/University of Michigan (mjaronoff@sbcglobal.net)

Elie Podeh, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel and the Arab Peace Plan-A -- Missed Opportunity?
Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg*, Carnegie Mellon University and Neil Caplan, Concordia University
Missed Opportunities in the Syrian-Israeli Negotiations?
Kenneth Stein Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel
Leaders, Bureaucracies, and Mindsets: Missed Opportunities in Arab-Israeli Negotiations

WC2  Strategies of Peace-building Part B – Room 255

Chair: Stuart Schoenfeld, Glendon College/York University (schoenfe@yorku.ca)
Discussant: Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin-Madison (shelf@wisc.edu)

David Brooks, Fresh Water for Friends of the Earth, Canada and Julie Trottiert*, CNRS at Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier, France
Confronting Water in an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreement
Eric Abitbol, University of Bradford
Separation, the Transboundary Imaginaire and Israel-Palestinian Peacemaking
Itay Greenspan, University of Pennsylvania and Stuart Schoenfeld, Glendon College/York University
Cooperation, Confrontation and Disregard: Building Environmental Relationships between Israel and Palestine?

WC3  Arabs and Jews in the Yishuv and Early Israeli State – Room 256

Chair and Discussant: Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University (orit.rozin@gmail.com)

Itamar Radai, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Tale of Two Cities: The Palestinians in Jerusalem and Jaffa, 1947-1948
Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University
Urban Modes of National (Co) Existence in pre-1948 Palestine
Orit Manor, University of Haifa
Competing Narratives of National Groups in Palestine- Living in a Dual Society

WC4  Roundtable -- Existential Anxieties: Baruch Kimmerling’s Contribution to the Political Sociology of Zionism  – Room 144

Chair: Keren Or Schlesinger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (keror@017.net.il)

Keren Or Schlesinger, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Existential Anxiety: Baruch Kimmerling’s Contribution to the Political Sociology of Zionism
Joel Migdal, University of Washington
Distributive and Redemptive Politics: Politics of the Head and of the Heart
Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute, Ben-Gurion University
Whose Place is it Anyway? On the Changing Legitimacy of Space in Israel
Esmail Nashif, Ben-Gurion University
The Poetics of Line, the Labor of the Border: Towards an Alternative Reading of Zionism

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University
Mizrahi Jewish Journalists and the Manufacturing 'Quite Arabs' since the 1950s

WC5  Israel and Iran – Room 152

Chair and Discussant: Ron Hassner, University of California-Berkeley (hassner@berkeley.edu)

Helit Barel, University of Maryland
The Stability Instability Paradox: Israel and Iran

Brent Talbot, US Air Force Academy
Israel and the Iranian Nuclear Infrastructure

WC6  To Shoot or to Cry: Cultural Perspectives of Israel's Military Legacy
Room 244

Chair: Derek Penslar, University of Toronto (Derek.penslar@utoronto.ca)
Discussant: Yoram Peri, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)

Derek Penslar, University of Toronto
1948 as a Jewish World War

Yaron Peleg, George Washington University
A Decline of Israeli Militarism?

Eran Kaplan, Princeton University
From Hero to Victim: The Soldier on the Israeli Screen

WC7  Communication and Miscommunication in the Middle East Conflict
Room 248

Chair and Discussant: Shlomo Egoz, Bar Ilan University (egozsh@gmail.com)

Elie Friedman, Netanya Academic College/Bar Ilan University
Talking Back in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Rational Dialogue and Reconciliation or Emotional Shouting Match?

Donald G. Ellis, University of Hartford
Argument and Ethnopolitical Conflict

Itzchak (Zack) Hayat, University of Toronto
Israel in English vs. Israel in Hebrew: the Wikipedia Case Study

Muli Peleg, Tel Hai College
Mobilizing Masses: How to Construct a Favourable Public Discourse

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PUBLIC LECTURE

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ISRAEL AMONG NATIONS: BETWEEN NORMALCY AND EXCEPTIONALISM

by

Ruth Gavison

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Prof. Gavison teaches Legal Theory and Human Rights in the Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She has taught as a visiting Professor at Yale Law School (1978-1980) and USC Law Center (1990-1992). In 1998-1999 she was Laurence Rockefeller fellow at the Center for Human Values in Princeton University, where she worked on equality and segregation. A founding member of the Israeli Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) since 1974, Prof. Gavison served for many years as its Chairperson, and was its President in the years 1996-1999. She is currently a member of the International Commission of Jurists. Her research interests include the relationships between law and politics, processes of constitution-making, privacy and the private-public distinction, Israeli society, and the role of laws and courts in divided democracies. Professor Gavison is a frequent contributor to the media in Israel and a regular participant in public debates.

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