34th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL STUDIES
ISRAEL AT SEVENTY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
BERKELEY INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LAW AND ISRAEL STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW, BERKELEY, CA
JUNE 25-27, 2018

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018: Pre-Conference Events

13:00 – 18:00 Lunch Buffet and AIS Board Meeting

14:00 – 17:00 Graduate Student Workshop. Light Refreshments Served.

Ari Roth, Israel Institute
Ron Hassner, University of California, Berkeley
Keren Friedman-Peleg, University of California, Berkeley, College of Management–Academic Studies
Shir Gal Kochavi, The Magnes Collection (TBD)

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

08:00 – 16:00 Registration / Information / Book Exhibition

SESSION A
09:00-10:30 (MA1) The Making and Unmaking of Ethnic Boundaries

Chair: Michael Shalev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of California, Berkeley

"Lehava" and the Policing of the Boundaries of Jewishness
Gershon Shafir, University of California, San Diego

The Integrationist Element in the Labor Zionist Movement
Arnon Degani, University of California, Los Angeles

Citizen-Enemies: The Constitution of Multiple Israeli Security Jurisdictions
Smadar Ben-Natan, Tel Aviv University, University of California, Berkeley

09:00-10:30 (MA2) Roundtable: Political Horizons for Configurations of Israel and Palestine – One State, Two State and Beyond
Chair: **Rachel Fish**, Brandeis University

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**Oded Haklai**, Queens University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Oren Barak**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, Oxford University

**09:00-10:30 (MA3) Revisionism and the "Eastern Jews"

Chair: **Viola Alianov Rautenberg**, Institute for the History of German Jews, Hamburg  
**Vladimir Jabotinsky's Formation in the Russian Liberal Intelligentsia**  
**Brian Horowitz**, Tulane University  
**The Herut Party and the Rescue of Middle-Eastern Jewry**  
**Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa  
**Menachem Begin's Attitude toward the Land of Israel**  
**Avi Shilon**, Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

**09:00-10:30 (MA4) The Role of the News Media in Shaping Israeli History and Politics

Chair: **Joan Bieder**, University of California, Berkeley  
**From Ben Gurion’s Declaration of Independence to Gilad Shalit’s Freedom: Israeli Iconic News Photographs and Collective Memory**  
**Akiba Cohen** and Sandrine Boudana, Tel Aviv University; **Paul Frosh**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Droughts and Desalination in Israel (1989-2016): Newspaper Discourse of Water Scarcity from a Climate-Resilience and Politicization Perspective**  
**Shai Kassirer**, University of Brighton  
**Editorials in Israeli Newspapers during the Waiting Period, May 1967**  
**Eran Eldar**, University of Maryland  
**The "Zionism is Racism" Resolution through Israeli Newspapers (1975-1976)**  
**Leonel Caraciki**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**09:00-10:30 (MA5) Shifting Frameworks and Approaches in the Israeli Education System

Chair: **Maura Resnick**, University of California, Los Angeles  
**Civic Education in the Israeli Education System – Politicization and Challenges**  
**Yehuda Lahav**, University of Haifa  
**From Special Education to Inclusive Education in K-12 and Higher Education in Israel**  
**Einet Ben Dov**, Chapman University  
**The B.A. program in Community Information Systems as a Bridge between the Ultra-orthodox and the Start-up Nation**  
**Dalit Levy**, Zefat Academic College  
**Agricultural Education in Israel: From an Ideological Education to an Immigration Framework**  
**Esther Yankelevitch**, University of Haifa
09:00-10:30 (MA6) Topics in Israeli Film and Theater

Chair: Sharon Yavo Ayalon, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (TBD)
Discussant: Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin - Madison

- Parentless Children: Israeli Cinema, 2000-2010
  Leon Wiener Dow, Shalom Hartman Institute

- Beauty and the Patriarchy: Ibtisam Mara’ana’s Lady Kul el Arab (2008)
  Rachel S. Harris, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

- Holding Out for a Hero: The Evolution of the Soldier Character on the Israeli Stage
  Jacob Hellman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Back to Anatevka: Yiddishkite and Hassidic Lore in 1960s Israel
  Oz Frankel, New School for Social Research

09:00-10:30 (MA7) Diaspora Jewry, Israel, and Zionism

Chair: Laura Cutler, American University

- The Funding Fathers – The Untold Stories of Jewish-American Supporters of Israel in its First Decade
  Mendy Rabinovitz, University of Haifa

- Rethinking Americanized Cultural Zionism and the Making of American Judaism from the 1900s to the 1920s
  Anri Ishiguro, Doshisha University

- Philanthropy, Ethnic Politics, Solidarity and Nationalism: Jewish Organizations and Israel in a 70-Year Perspective
  Zohar Segev, University of Haifa

- A Case Study of the Cultural Association of Jewish Women in Romania, 1919-1948
  Sylvia Hershcovitz, Bar Ilan University

09:00-10:30 (MA8) Refugees, Asylum, and Migration

Chair: Shai Tagner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Roma Tre University

- African Refugees and Israeli Identity
  David Clinton Wills, New York University

- Non-Jewish Refugees in a Jewish state: The ‘Politics’ of Asylum Policy Setting in Israel – Who is Focusing on What and Why?
  Adi Hercowitz-Amir, University of California, San Diego; Rebeca Raijman, University of Haifa; Adriana Kemp, Tel Aviv University

- "Zionist Humanitarianism": Israel’s Naturalization Schemes for the Children of "Illegal" Migrant Workers in 2005 and 2010
  Yuri Keum, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

09:00-10:30 (MA9) Religion and State

Chair: Kenneth Bamberger, University of California, Berkeley
Political-Liberal Multiculturalism as a Remedy for the Religion and State Relations in Israel
Shahar Lifshitz, Bar Ilan University

Asaf Yedidya, Efrata College

Israeli Bioethics: Challenges in Designing Public Health Policy in Israel - Determining the Moment of Death
Irit Stark-Offer, New York University

09:00-10:30 (MA10) Roundtable: Building Co-innovation Teams – Lessons from the California-Israel MOU

Chair: Glenn Yago, Jerusalem Institute – Milken Innovation Center

Heather Lofthouse, Blum Center for Developing Economies, University of California, Berkeley
Yael Perez, Cal Design Lab, University of California, Berkeley
Itai Trilnick, University of California, Berkeley
Catherine Wolfram, Haas Energy Institute, University of California, Berkeley

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B
11:00-12:30 (MB1) Plenary Session: TLV1 Interview by Gilad Halpern with Robert Alter and Chana Kronfeld

Chairs: Ron Hassner and Kenneth Bamberger, University of California, Berkeley

Robert Alter, Professor of the Graduate School and Emeritus Professor of Hebrew & Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley

Chana Kronfeld, Professor of Hebrew, Yiddish & Comparative Literature, University of California, Berkeley

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION C
14:00-15:30 (MC1) Israel Bio: Micro-problematizations of Science, Society, and the State, Hall 1

Chairs: Nadav Davidovitch, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Limor Samimian-Darash, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Discussant: Paul Rabinow, University of California, Berkeley

Quarantine in Context: From Nation Building to Bio-securitization, Israel (1948-2018)
Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
The Biopolitics of Infant Mortality Rates in Israel  
**Na’amah Razon**, University of California, San Francisco

Between Responsibility and Accountability: Problematizing Israeli Healthcare Policymaking  
**Yael Assor**, University of California, Los Angeles

Double Externality Venue: Between Bioscience and Society  
**Hedva Eyal**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Biosecurity as a Boundary Object: Science, Society, and the State  
**Limor Samimian-Darash**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### 14:00-15:30 (MC2) Word Crimes: Reclaiming the Language of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

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

- **Indigeneity**  
  **Ilan Troen**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Brandeis University

- **Intersectionality**  
  **Gabriel Brahm**, Northern Michigan University, University of Haifa

- **Settler Colonialism**  
  **Donna Robinson Divine**, Smith College

### 14:00-15:30 (MC3) Disrupting Historical Narratives

**Chair:** **Deena Aranoff**, Graduate Theological Union

- **Revisiting the Revisionist History: Benny Morris and his 1988 Article**  
  **Khinvraj Jangid**, O.P. Jindal Global University

- **What is the Negotiated Historiography: Faith, Science and the Politics of Signification**  
  **Zeev Herzog**, Tel Aviv University

- **Israeli Archive Network: Primary Sources at your Fingertips**  
  **Hezi Amiur**, Israel National Archive

- **Was the Israeli `Declaration of Independence` indeed a Declaration of Independence?**  
  **Moshe Berent**, The Open University of Israel

### 14:00-15:30 (MC4) Marking the Boundaries: Images of the Diaspora in Yishuv Discourse

**Chair:** **Hizky Shoham**, Bar Ilan University

- **Inclusion and Exclusion in the Hebrew Joke of the Yishuv**  
  **Tsafi Sebba-Elran**, University of Haifa

- **Habima’s Production of *Mirele Efros* in July 1939: Nationalization of Longing and Anxiety**  
  **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

- **Images of Diaspora and its Struggle with Antisemitism in Yishuv Press during the 1930s**  
  **Ofer Shiff**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
14:00-15:30  (MC5) Environment, Sustainability, and Public Policy

Chair: Glenn Yago, Jerusalem Institute – Milken Innovation Center

- Nation-building and Sustainability: Towards an Environmental History of the Israeli-Arab Conflict  
  Dan Rabinowitz, Tel Aviv University, Columbia University

- Israeli Environmental Governance at 70: Walking a New Path?  
  Ira Shefer, The Technical University of Munich

- Dividing a Trail to Unite a Land: The Case of Shvil Israel Mizrach  
  Shay Rabineau, Binghamton University

- Israel’s Race to Demographic Oblivion: Sustainable Public Policy Prescriptions  
  Alon Tal, Tel Aviv University

14:00-15:30  (MC6) The Impact of War on the Israeli Psyche

Chair: Rami Zeedan, The Open University of Israel, University of California, Berkeley

- Combat Trauma among Israeli Soldiers and Veterans: An Ethnographic Study  
  Rakefet Zalashik, University of Edinburgh

- Between Victimhood and Aggression: The Psycho-National Project of "Building Resilience" in Contemporary Israel  
  Keren Friedman Peleg, Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies

- “We Paid in Blood”: War Tourism and Druze of Israel and the Golan Heights  
  Lindsey Pullum, Indiana University, Bloomington

- Israel and the Role of the Collective Memory of its Terrorism Experience  
  Marc Eitan Brueggemann, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Free University of Berlin

14:00-15:30  (MC7) Gender and Politics

Chair: Riki Shapira Rosenberg, Bar Ilan University (TBD)

- A Comparative Analysis of Work-Family Integration in the Arab and Jewish Populations of Israel  
  Ola Nabwani, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Feminist Perspectives on Gender Gaps in Israeli Politics  
  Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University

- Israeli Women`s Journey into Activism Offline and Online  
  Shlomit Aharoni Lir, Brandeis University

- Islamic and Jewish Feminism in Israel: Multiculturalism and the "Ripeness Test"  
  Ronit Irshai, Bar Ilan University; Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

14:00-15:30  (MC8) Topics in Historical Zionism

Chair: Moshe Naor, University of Haifa

- Cultural Roots in the Zionist Movement  
  Yitzhak Conforti, Bar Ilan University
How, and Why, Did the Balfour Declaration Come to Be? (It Wasn’t Zionism!)
Jerome Chanes, CUNY Graduate Center

Benjamin Netanyahu’s step-Grandfather
Adi Armon, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**14:00-15:30 (MC9) Models of Criminal Justice in Israel**

Chair: Malcolm Feeley, University of California, Berkeley

Bad Role Models: A Trend Analysis of Israel’s Adoption of American Criminal Justice Policies
Hadar Aviram, UC Hastings College of the Law

Criminal Justice Reform in Israel: The Case of Community Courts
Hadar Dancig-Rosenberg, Berkeley Institute, Bar Ilan University; Tali Gal, University of Haifa

Denial and Deployment: Sulha as an (Un)Recognized Restorative Justice Practice in Israel
Noa Milman, Copenhagen University; Kassim Alsrailha, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Private, Collective & Societal Corruption in Israel: A Developmental Analysis
Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

15:30 - 15:45 COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION D**

**15:45-17:15 (MD1) Framing Israel Through the Arts: Representations of the Nation from Within and Without**

Chair: Phillip Hollander, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Tarnishing History Through Matter: Gal Weinstein’s *Sun Stand Still* at the Israeli Pavilion in Venice
Luna Goldberg, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Imagined Israel: Claude Lanzmann and Susan Sontag Film the Jewish State
Rocco Giansante, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

21st Century Jewish American Literature and the State of Israel: A New Chapter
Noam Gil, Tel Aviv University

Dual Representation: Israeli and Jewish-American Discourse on National Performance
Dina Roginsky, Yale University

**15:45-17:15 (MD2) Immigration and Immigrants from Arab Countries in 1950s Israel: New Perspectives**

Chair: Joseph Ringel, Northwestern University (TBD)

Turning Points in the Historiography of Immigration from Arab countries to Israel
Esther Meir-Glizenstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

On Collective Assertiveness, Activism and Determination in Immigration: The Struggle of the Yemenite Immigrants who Founded Kiryat Shmona (1949-1953)
Amir Goldstein, Tel-Hai College
"Ya Khasra Aala Duk El Yam": An Israeli View of Moroccan Jews from an Autobiographical Perspective
**Haim Bitton**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Phenomenon of the Missing Children in Early Israel: Historical Background
**Bat-Zion Eraqi Klorman**, Open University of Israel

**15:45-17:15 (MD3) Israel in the World Refugee Crisis: Jewish and Forced Migrant’s Perspectives**

Chair: **Keren Friedman-Peleg**, University of California, Berkeley; College of Management – Academic Studies

An Ethnography of South Sudanese Asylum Seekers in Israel
**Alice Gaya**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

On the Responsibility for "The Other" in the Jewish Nation-state: Inspired by Emmanuel Levinas
**Uri Carmel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Refuge to non-Jews in Israel: Trying to Overcome the Liberal-Universal vs. National-Particularistic Dichotomy
**Shai Tagner**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Roma Tre University

**15:45-17:15 (MD4) The Impact of the Diaspora on Homeland Politics and Public Policy: The Case of Israel**

Chair: **Zohar Segev**, University of Haifa

Israel's Citizenship Law
**Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Contentious Issue of Jewish Pluralistic Prayer at the Western Wall
**Ofir Abu**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**15:45-17:15 (MD5) Zionism and the Question of Jewish Whiteness**

Chair: **David Clinton Wills**, New York University

The Six Day War as a Departure Point in the Whitening of Diaspora Jewry
**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Oxford

Jewish un-Whitening
**Johannes Becke**, Hochschule fur Judische Studien Heidelberg

Whiteness and Orientalism as Frames for Analyzing Racial/Ethnic/National Dynamics in Israeli Society
**Aziza Khazzoom**, Indiana University, Bloomington

Skin-Color Racism: An Issue for Israelis
**Henriette Dahan Kalev**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**15:45-17:15 (MD6) Heritage Sites**

Chair: **Ron Hassner**, University of California, Berkeley
Dynamic of Holiness: Righteous Versus Holy Site
Sarina Chen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Invisible Boulevard Invisible Heritage: Contested Heritage Sites in Israel – The Case of Jerusalem Boulevard in Jaffa
Shmuel Groag, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Cultural Heritage Sites in Israel – Conservation Challenges and Dilemmas
Shelley-Anne Peleg, University of Haifa

15:45-17:15 (MD7) Historical Moments and Perspectives

Chair: Gershon Shafir, University of California, San Diego

When Petah Tikva Turned 70 (1948): Commemorating the First Aliyah Before and After Israeli Statehood
Liora Halperin, University of Washington - Seattle

The Second World War as a Turning Point in Arab-Jewish Relations: The Case of Jaffa and Tel Aviv
Tamir Goren, Bar Ilan University

Jewish Medical Personnel in Arab Cities during the British Mandate Period: Between Nationalism, Economy and Humanitarian Aid
Reuven Gafni, Kinneret Academic College

The 21st Century New Critical Historians
Menachem Klein, Bar Ilan University

15:45-17:15 (MD8) Legal Perspectives

Chair: Hadar Dancig-Rosenberg, Bar Ilan University, University of California, Berkeley

Israel Through the Lens of Transitional Justice
Sarah Pace, University of California, Berkeley

70 Years for Israel: The Rule of Law and the Judiciary
Mohammed Wattad, Zefat Academic College

State Funding for Provocative Art: Conceptions of Freedom of Speech
Nicholas Hatzis, City University of London

15:45-17:15 (MD9) War and Conflict in Modern Israeli History

Chair: Guy Ziv, American University

Yigal Allon and the Almost independent Druze Nation-State, 1967-1968
Ehud Manor, Ariel University

Between War and Defeat: Avoda and the Socialist International between 1973 and 1977
Mordechai Schenhav, University of Strasbourg

Peering Over the Protective Edge: The Dilemmas of Israel’s Asymmetric Wars
Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University, Michigan State University
17:15-17:45  Light Reception

KEYNOTE SESSION

18:00 – 19:00 Welcome and Keynote Address

WELCOME
Donna Robinson Divine, President, Association for Israel Studies
Kenneth Bamberger, co-Chair, 34th Annual Meeting of the AIS, University of California, Berkeley

KEYNOTE
Ron Robin, President, University of Haifa

AWARDS AND BANQUET (TICKETED EVENT)

19:15 – 21:00

AWARD RECIPIENTS

AIS-Israel Institute Young Scholar Award
Ayelet Harel Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Annual Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies
Seizing Jerusalem: The Architectures of Unilateral Unification (University of Minnesota Press)
Alona Nitzan-Shiftan, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
Amram Blau: The World of Neturei Karta (Yad Ben-Zvi and Ben-Gurion University Press)
Kimmy Caplan, Bar Ilan University

Annual Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies
A Law of Our Own: Legal and Moral Values in Children and Youth Periodicals in the State of Israel, 1948-1958
Talia Diskin, Tel Aviv University

Annual Baruch Kimmerling Prize for Best Graduate Paper Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting
Between Return and a Hard Place: Argentinian Returnees from Israel in 1966
Adrian Krupnik, Tel Aviv University

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018

08:00 – 16:00 Registration / Information / Book Exhibition

SESSION A
9:00-10:30 (TA1) Israel and the Second World War

Chair: Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

The Nazi-Zionist Agreement and Jewish Public Culture: On ‘Rational’ and ‘Emotional’ in Politics
**Hizky Shoham**, Bar Ilan University, Shalom Hartman Institute

The Role of Yad Vashem and the Israeli Police in Prosecuting Nazi Criminals in West Germany During the 1960s
**Roni Stauber**, Tel Aviv University

09:00-10:30 (TA2) The 1948 Israeli Independence War and its Lessons – Seventy Years Later

Chair: Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa

Aerial Warfare in the 1948 Israeli War of Independence: The Operational Concept and its Implementation
**Nimrod Hagiladi**, IDF Command and Staff College

Blurring of Boundaries between Combatants and Noncombatants and the Fusion of Front and Rear in Israel's War of Independence
**Amit Hacham**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

In the Battlefields of Memory: Kibbutz Nitzanim and the 1948 War (1948-1990s)
**Nadav G. Molchadsky**, Shalom Hartman Institute

09:00-10:30 (TA3) Roundtable: Studying Israel through its Visions of the Jewish World – A New Research Agenda

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

**Tanya Zion-Waldoks**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
**Ofer Shiff**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
**Ofir Abu**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
**Aviad Moreno**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

09:00-10:30 (TA4) Rescuing the Individual from History: New Approaches to Zionist and Israeli Biography

Chair: Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin - Madison

The Construction of Charisma: Theodor Herzl as a Zionist Leader
**Derek Penslar**, Harvard University, University of Toronto

Golda, We Hardly Knew You
**Pnina Lahav**, Boston University

Utopia and Politics: Meir Yaari as a Kibbutz Leader
**Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel

09:00-10:30 (TA5) Israel Abroad

Chair: Meron Medzini, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Who’s Leading Whom? Israel’s Control of Its Advocates’ Activities – A Retrospective on the Early Years
**Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From Ba`aretz to the Big Apple: The Challenges and Accomplishments of Community Shlichut in New York
**Nicole Samuel**, Brandeis University

"New Anti-Semitism" Explored: Does Conflict in Israel Determine Diaspora Insecurity?
**Ayal Feinberg**, University of North Texas

Toxic Campus? Exploring the Determinants of Hostility to Israel among University Students
**Jeffrey Kopstein**, University of California, Irvine; **Rachel Shenhav-Goldberg**, Tel Aviv University

### 09:00-10:30 (TA6) Trauma in Hebrew Literature

**Chair:** **Sheera Talpaz**, Princeton University

- Incidents of Rape in the Old Testament and its Reflections on Modern Hebrew Poetry
  **Menna Abukhadra**, University of Cambridge

- Israeli Memoirs of Incest Survivors
  **Ilana Szobel**, Brandeis University

- Representing Trauma: Mise en Abyme in Amos Oz’s *A Tale of Love and Darkness*
  **Mei-Tal Nadler**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### 09:00-10:30 (TA7) A Focus on Regulation and Policy-Making in Israel

**Chair:** **Avi Weiss**, Taub Center for Social Policy

  **Ehud Segal**, Deborah Shmueli, Michal Ben-Gal, Eran Feitelson and Amnon Reichman, University of Haifa

- Social Policy in Israel Between Election Discourse and Government Agenda Setting: The Case of the Working Poor in the 2013 Election
  **Chana Katz**, Sapir College

- Rhetorical and Regulatory Boundary Work: The Case of Medical Cannabis Policy-making in Israel
  **Dana Zarhin**, Maya Negev and Sharon Sznitman, University of Haifa; **Simon Vulfsons**, Technion

- The Media Regulation Paradox at 70: Recent Changes in Israeli Communication Law
  **Amit Schejter**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### 09:00-10:30 (TA8) Disabilities in Israeli Education and Society

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

- Israeli Student IDF Veterans with Disabilities in Higher Education: Importance of and Satisfaction with Disability Services on Israeli Campuses
  **Einat Ben Dov**, Chapman University
Vernacular Conceptions of Human Rights in Israeli Society: The Case of Haredi People with Disabilities
Zvika Orr, Jerusalem College of Technology, University of California, Berkeley

09:00-10:30 (TA9) Violence and Peacemaking

Chair: Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania

Israel’s Foreign Policy: The Palestinian Intifada and the Road to Oslo
Sunil Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi

A Deweyan Perspective on Israel at Seventy
Jonathan Isacoff, Gonzaga University

Towards a Critical Review of the Shifting Israeli and Palestinian Positions vis a vis the Partition of Palestine
Maya Rosenfeld, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Responding to Violent Dissent: State Repression, Collective Violence, and Terrorism in the West Bank
Yehuda Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington

9:00-10:30 (TA10) Unique Educational Spaciousness among a Variety of Cultural Groups in Israel

Chair: Shimon Azulay, Ono Academic College, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Pass it On": Does Joint Civic Action Enhance Community Coherence and Collaboration between Bedouin and Jewish Youth in Israel?
Orna Braun-Lewensohn, Sarah Abu-Kaf, Tal Litvak Hirsch, Ephrat Huss, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Three Approaches to the Study of the Connection between Modernization and Traditionalism: A Case Study of Educational Attainment among ultra-Orthodox and Bedouin Women
Tehila Kalagy, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Magic Beans for Peaceful Growth? Jewish and Arab-Bedouin Educators and their Worldviews about Peace Education in Israel
Tal Litvak Hirsch, Adva Maharabani, Kamal Abu Hadubah, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Teachers' Coping in Regular Classes which Integrate Special-needs Children: A Comparison between Secular, Religious and Ultra-orthodox Schools
Idit Gliko, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B
11:00-12:30 (TB1) Roundtable: Israel and the World in 2018

Chair: Robert Freedman, Johns Hopkins University

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Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
11:00-12:30  (TB2) Military Service, Citizenship, and Belonging

Chair: Rakefet Zalashik, University of Edinburgh

Conscription in Israel: Evolution, Challenges and a Proposed Alternative
Michal Allon, Tel Aviv University

Changing Ethos of Citizenship: Civic National Service in Israel, 1953-2018
Etta Bick, Ariel University

Women Soldiers in the Israel Defence Forces: Changing Trends of Gender Equality and Military Service
Dipanwita Chakravortty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

A Room of One’s Own (?) in Battlespace – Israeli Women Soldiers in War Rooms
Ayelet Harel-Shalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

11:00-12:30  (TB3) Roundtable: Israel-Palestine / Palestine-Israel Studies

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

Jonathan Gribetz, Princeton University
Liora Halperin, University of Washington
Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Menachem Klein, Bar Ilan University

11:00-12:30  (TB4) Zionism and Literature

Chair: Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University

Arguing History: Reading Hanokh Bartov’s Be-Emtza ‘Ha-Roman as a Response to Yaakov Shabtai’s Zikaron Devarim
Philip Hollander, University of Wisconsin

The Post-Messianic Prophecies of Haim Hazaz
Shirelle Doughty, University of California, Berkeley

Toward a New “National Poetics:” Women Poets and Feminist Poetics of Israel/Palestine
Sheera Talpaz, Princeton University

Zion in the Diaspora: Alternative Homelands and Nava Semel’s Isra-Isle
Melissa Weininger, Rice University

11:00-12:30  (TB5) Creating Community / National Subjects

Chair: Claude Fischer, University of California, Berkeley

From Yerida to Relocation: Israeli Communities in East and Southeast Asia
Meron Medzini, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Shaping National Subject: Expert Knowledge and National Ideology in the Selection of Potential Young Immigrants in Contemporary Israel
11:00-12:30 (TB6) Crossing Definitions: Observant Jewish Women in a National Context

Chair: Pnina Lahav, Boston University

From Autobiography to Biography: Eta Yelin as a Case Study
Roni Beer-Marx, The Open University of Israel

Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa

Not Strictly By the Book: Ada Fishman’s History of Women Workers in Eretz Israel as an Autobiography
Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

11:00-12:30 (TB7) Zionism as Ideology

Chair: Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel

Ideological Aspects of Israeli Soldiers’ Folksongs, 1940-2010
Haya Milo, University of Haifa

Gendering Treason: The Making of a Loyal Israeli Citizen
Hadas Cohen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Israel’s “Start-Up Nation” Urban Innovation Ecosystem – A New Zionist Enterprise?
Amit Sheniak, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11:00-12:30 (TB8): Movie Screening of "Shores of Light"

Yael Katzir, Filmmaker, Beit Berl Academic College
Esther Hertzog, Commentator, Zefat Academic College

11:00-12:30 (TB9) Messianism and the West Bank

Chair and Discussant: Bat-Zion Eraqi Klorman, The Open University of Israel

"After the Messiah": How West Bank Settlers Face the End of the End
Amir Reicher, the City University of New York Graduate Center

Grapes from Zion: Biblical Prophecy and Quality Wine in the West Bank
Ian McGonigle, Harvard University

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK
SESSION C
14:00-15:30 (TC1) Media, Society and Israel's New Wars

Chair: **Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland

- Mediatized Wars: The Power Paradox and Israel's Strategic Dilemma  
  **Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland

- Cracks in Mars' Armor: The Decline of the IDF's Status in Israel  
  **Zeev Drory**, Kinneret Academic College

- Terrorism in Cyberspace: The New Challenges  
  **Gabriel Weimann**, University of Haifa

- Who is a Hero? The Israeli Media and the Making of Military Heroes  
  **Rafi Mann**, Ariel University

14:00-15:30 (TC2) Exploring Contemporary Israeli Women’s Cinema

Chair: **Rachel Harris**, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign

  **Yael Munk**, The Open University of Israel

  **Boaz Hagin**, Tel Aviv University

- Conditions of Visibility: Traumatic Gazes in Michal Aviad's *Invisible* (2011)  
  **Raz Yosef**, Tel Aviv University

14:00-15:30 (TC3) Crossing Boundaries: Hebrew Culture and its Social, Geo-Political and Religious Borders

Chair: **Liora Halperin**, University of Washington

- Prophet, Nation or Spirit? The Source of Prophecy in Ahad Ha'am's Thought  
  **Ezra Brom**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Amos Kenan, the New Left and the Future of the West Bank  
  **Elad Wexler**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- "Hosanna! The British have Arrived": Zionist Expectations between Geo-Politics and Redemptive Eschatologies after Balfour  
  **Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

14:00-15:30 (TC4) The Politics of Water
From Water Scarcity to Water Independence: Water Technology in Israel and its Local and Regional Impacts
**Yoram Cohen** and **Liron Lavi**, University of California, Los Angeles

The Cultural Politics of Water in Israel: An Ethnography of Jisr al Zarqa
**Glenna Anton**, University of California, Berkeley

The Discourse on the Water Assignment of the Yarkon River in the First Years of the State of Israel (1948-1955)
**Assaf Selzer**, University of Haifa

Science, Ideology and Nation Building
**Tal Golan**, University of California, San Diego

**14:00-15:30 (TC5) Religion and Identity**

Chair: **Leon Wiener Dow**, Shalom Hartman Institute

In the Face of Challenge: Beit Daniel Congregation as a Case Study for the Challenges Faced by Reform Judaism as it Seeks Israeli Society’s Acceptance
**Einat Libel Hass**, Ashkelon Academic College

Religion as Critique: The Educational Choices of Ba’alos Teshuvah English Speakers in Jerusalem
**Heather Munro**, Durham University

How does Religion Contribute to Personal Meaning-making among Druze, Jewish and Muslim Young Adults in Israel Today? An Empirical Study
**Nurit Novis-Deutsch**, University of Haifa

The Role of the Political Context in Shaping the Values and Religiosities of Young Adult Muslim and Druze Students in Israel: A Comparative Study
**Sawsan Kheir**, University of Haifa, Abo Akademi University

**14:00-15:30 (TC6) Reading and Representing the Holocaust**

Chair: **Rebecca Golbert**, University of California, Berkeley

From Rejection to Acceptance: Representations of the Holocaust in Israeli Art over Seven Decades
**Batya Brutin**, Beit Berl Academic College

"From Darkness to Light": A Unique Holocaust Memory Book of a `Present Community`
**Menucha Cohen-Amir**, Efrata College of Education

Shoah vis a vis Redemption: Reading the Shoah in the Israel Museum as a Microcosm of Jewish-Israeli Identity Discourse
**Hilda Nissimi**, Bar Ilan University

**14:00-15:30 (TC7) Peace Talks**

Chair: **Raphael Cohen-Almagor**, University of Hull

The Role of Leadership in Israeli Peacemaking
**Galia Golan**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel’s Jerusalem in Light of UNESCO Resolutions  
**Yitzhak Reiter**, Ashkelon Academic College

The Road Not Taken: The Amirav-Husseini Peace Initiative in 1987  
**Lior Lehrs**, New York University

Peace with Whom? The Durability of the “No Partner” Narrative in Israeli Discourse  
**Guy Ziv**, American University

**14:00-15:30 (TC8) Women and Law**

Chair: **Ruth Zafran**, IDC Herzliyah

Women`s Struggle against Exclusion in Israeli Courts  
**Riki Shapira Rosenberg**, Bar Ilan University

Jewish Law, State, and Social Reality: Prenuptial Agreements for the Prevention of Divorce Refusal in Israel and the United States  
**Amihai Radzyner**, Bar Ilan University

Civil Strategies Based on Israeli Solutions to Combat the Phenomenon of Refusal to Divorce in the Jewish Sector  
**Benjamin Shmueli**, Bar Ilan University

**14:00-15:30 (TC9) Israel’s Security and Sovereignty Concerns**

Chair: **Mark Heller**, Tel Aviv University

Israel’s Securitization Dilemma: Legitimacy and the Battle against BDS  
**Ronnie Olesker**, St. Lawrence University

Sovereignty Concerns and Foreign NGO Funding Legislation: Comparing Israel, India and Ireland  
**Gerald Steinberg**, Bar Ilan University

Israel’s Legal Insecurity; the Domestic and International Consequences of Framing Legal Institutions as Security Threats  
**Alan Craig**, University of Leeds

**14:00-15:30 (TC10) The Legacy of Civic Association in Israel: A Glance from Past and Future**

Chair: **Ofer Shiff**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Mediators: Marginalized Sectors and the Means of Civic Association 1950s-1960s  
**Paula Kabalo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The MABAT Association: a Transnational Perspective on the Ingathering of a Jewish-Moroccan Diaspora in Israel  
**Aviad Moreno**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The New Israeli non-Profit Law Draft and its Organizational Classification  
**Hadara Bar-Mor**, Netanya Academic College
SESSION D

16:00-17:30 (TD1) Multiculturalism Revisited: Israeli Cultural Perspectives

Chair: Jacob Hellman, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Is Assaf Schurr a Literary Reactionary?  
Yaron Peleg, University of Cambridge

Moving Images, Moving Bodies: The Representation of Undocumented Immigrants and Asylum Seekers in Israeli Cinema and Documentaries  
Marcella Simoni, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, New York University of Florence

Periferia: The Politics of Culture in Israel  
Eran Kaplan, San Francisco State University

On History and Anxiety: Towards a New Understanding of the Israeli Literary Soldier  
Oded Nir, Franklin & Marshall College

16:00-17:30 (TD2) New Research on Jerusalem  
Sponsored by the Herzl Institute for the Study of Zionism, University of Haifa

Chair: Yechiam Weitz, University of Haifa

The Military Effect on the Urban Development of Israeli Jerusalem, 1948-1967  
Eldad Brin and Arnon Golan, University of Haifa

"Shababo v. the Jerusalem Consulate General of Belgium": The Status of Jerusalem, Israeli Policy and Foreign Consulates in Jerusalem in the 1950s  
Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky, Zefat Academic College, University of Haifa

Louise Fischer, Israel State Archives

16:00-17:30 (TD3) Immigrants or Olim? Latin American Perspectives on Immigration to and Emigration from Israel

Chair: Amelia Weinreb, University of Texas at Austin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Impact of War in Argentinian Returnees' Experiences  
Adrian Krupnik, Tel Aviv University

Remigration from Israel to Brazil During the 1950's  
Ori Yehudai, University of Toronto

The 'New Jews' of Latin America  
Renen Yeziersky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

16:00-17:30 (TD4) Roundtable: Oslo – A Quarter Century Later

Chair: Oded Haklai, Queen’s University
16:00-17:30 (TD5) A Book Panel on National Identities and the Right to Self-Determination of Peoples: Civic-Nationalism-Plus in Israel and Other Multinational States

Chair: Rami Zeedan, The Open University of Israel, University of California, Berkeley

Civic-Nationalism-Plus: A Model of Citizenship in Multinational States
Hilly Moodrick Even-Khen, Academic Center of Law and Science

Self-Determination in Federal States: Learning from the UAE Model
Moran Zaga, University of Haifa

Civic-Nationalism-Plus in Israel: Hopes and Challenges
Yaakov Ben-Shemesh, Ono Law School

16:00-17:30 (TD6) Jewish-Arab Integration

Chair: Esther Hertzog, Zefat Academic College

Challenges of a Mixed City and the Opportunities Enabled by Artistic Collaborations
Sharon Yavo Ayalon, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

Arab-Jewish Professional Theater Productions in Israel: A Tentative Model for Shared Citizenship and Negotiation towards Equality for Palestinian Citizens in the Work Place
Lee Perlman, Tel Aviv University

The Participation of the East Jerusalem Middle Class in the Israeli Economy and Society
Fahima Abbas, Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace

Ideological and Circumstantial School Integration between Jews and Arabs in Israel: A Comparative Analysis of Children’s Social Identification
Natalie Levy, Tel Aviv University

16:00-17:30 (TD7) International Trade Relations

Chair: Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

China-Israel’s Innovative Comprehensive Partnership and Challenges
Yang Yang, Shanghai International Studies University

Israel versus China: Challenges and Opportunities in the 70 Years and the Coming Decade
Pingan Liang, Shanghai International Studies University

Oil Trade as an Entry into New Networks: Israel and Turkey’s Quest for Oil
Ziv Rubinovitz, Sonoma State University; Elai Rettig, University of Haifa

The Asymmetrical Complementary: An Analysis on the Economic and Trade Activities between China and Israel
Guangmeng Chen, Sichuan International Studies University
**16:00-17:30 (TD8) Israeli Elections and Party Politics**

Chair: **Michael Shalev**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Formateur Powers and Coalition Agreements in Fragmented Party Systems
  **Roi Zur**, and Matthew Shugart, University of California, Davis; Maoz Rosenthal, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

- Party Personnel Practices in Israel: Patterns of Assignment of Members to Knesset Committees
  **Matthew Shugart**, University of California, Davis; Reut Itzkovitch-Malka, The Open University of Israel

- Changing Times: Social Acceleration and Democratic Legitimacy in Israeli Electoral History
  **Liron Lavi**, University of California, Los Angeles

**16:00-17:30 (TD9) Local and National Identity through Art and Visual Imagery**

Chair: **Shmuel Groag**, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Modernist and Jewish: The Jerusalem Art field, 1948-1970
  **Noa Avron Barak**, Ben Gurion University in the Negev

- Landmarks of Identity: The Construction of Local Identity in Israeli Art through the Use of Soil
  **Emma Gashinsky**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Between Yearning for Redemption and Modern Aspirations: Temple Mount Images in the Israeli Eye
  **Noa Hazan**, Independent scholar

17:30 – 18:30 BREAK

**18:30 – 20:30 Arts Program and Light Reception – The Magnes Collection**

Featuring the **Amos Hoffman and Noam Lemesh Quartet**

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018**

**08:30 – 15:00 Registration / Information / Book Exhibition**

**SESSION A**

**09:00-10:30 (WA1) Negev Bedouin Identity in Transition: Challenges and Opportunities**

Chair: **Tal Litvak Hirsch**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (TBD)

- Changes of Leisure Patterns of the Bedouin in KKL Recreation Parks in Southern Israel
  **Emir Galilee**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Walking between the Permitted and the Forbidden: Brisk-walking/Place-making, in the Bedouin Towns

**Arnon Ben-Israel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Bedouin in Transition: Rural or Urban?

**Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**09:00-10:30 (WA2) The United States and the Arab-Israeli Peace Process 1973-1979**

Chair: **Paul Scham**, University of Maryland

The Key for Peace: American Guarantees to Israel in the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Process

**Ziv Rubinovitz**, Sonoma State University

Our Partner for Peace? The PLO, Israeli Doves, and the American Jewish Peace Camp

**Geoffrey Levin**, New York University

"Therefore they Shouldn't Exist": The Carter Administration, the Israel Lobby and the Sinai Settlements

**Shaiel Ben-Ephraim**, University of California, Los Angeles

The Israel Lobby and Israel’s Fate: American Foreign Policy, Perverse Incentives, and the Trajectory of Israeli Politics

**Ian Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania

**09:00-10:30 (WA3) Israeli Political Institutions: Performance and Challenges.**

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

Between Parties vs Legislators: The Role of the Knesset Committee in the Recognition of New Parties

**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

Measuring the Strength of the Israeli Parliamentary Committees in Its Legislative Process

**Chen Friedberg**, Ariel University, Israel Democracy Institute

"All About the Money?" Candidates' Expenditure and Success in Israel's Party Primary Elections

**Ofer Kenig**, Ashkelon Academic College

The Paradox of Political Participation in Israel

**Dana Blander**, Israeli Democracy Institute

The Electoral System of Israel

**Matthew S. Shugart**, University of California, Davis

**09:00-10:30 (WA4) Israel and Central European Immigration**

Chair: **Robert Weiner**, Lafayette College

Discourses on the Decline of the European and German Diaspora in Israel

**Jenny Hestermann**, Goethe University Frankfurt

Viennese Sephardic Nationality between Ottoman-Habsburg Peace Treaties and the Lower Austrian Estates 1699-1739

**Sebastian Dallinger**, University of Vienna
## 09:00-10:30 (WA5) Models of Settlements, Urban Development

**Chair:** Shelley-Anne Peleg, University of Haifa

- Israel’s “New Towns” and International Development Discourse  
  **Amelia Weinreb,** University of Texas at Austin, Hebrew University

- Archive Meets the Community Project: Telling the Story of the Israeli Periphery from the Bottom Up  
  **Adi Portughies,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Communitarianism in Israel: A Renewed Concept of Kibbutz Life in Development Towns  
  **Ortal Merhav,** Tel Aviv University, Gordon Academic College

- Between Two Communities: The Residents of the Kibbutz Expansions in the Regional Council of Shar-Hanegev and the Urban Kibbutz Migvan in Sderot  
  **Moti Gigi,** Sapir Academic College

## 09:00-10:30 (WA6) Religious Politics

**Chair:** Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington (TBD)

- Spiritual Socialism in Agudas Yisrael Circles: Yehudah Leib Orlean  
  **Ilan Fuchs,** Ariel University

  **Yuval Jobani,** Tel Aviv University

- Theopolitics Contra Political Theology: Martin Buber’s Biblical Critique of Carl Schmitt  
  **Charles Lesch,** Washington University in St. Louis

## 09:00-10:30 (WA7) Education and Identity

**Chair:** Dalit Levy, Zefat Academic College

- Study Abroad in Israel: Promoting Inter-Faith Engagement Through Global Immersion  
  **Holli Levitsky,** Loyola Marymount University

- State Schools, Immigrant Parents, and Children of the “Next Generation” Through the Entangled History Prism (1948-1968)  
  **Tali Tadmor-Shimony,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- The Paradox of Girls’ Education as seen in a Haredi School and in a National Religious School  
  **Joseph Ringel,** Northwestern University

- An Educational Response to the Identities Conflict in Israel: Toward the Creation of a Community of Meaning
10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION B
11:00-12:30 (WB1) Plenary Session: Zionism after Seventy Years of Statehood, Booth Auditorium
Moderator: Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gadi Taub, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Derek Penslar, Harvard University, University of Toronto
Rami Zeedan, The Open University of Israel, University of California, Berkeley

12:30-13:30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION C
13:30-15:00 (WC1) Circumcising Dracula: Adapting the Horror Genre for Israeli Screens
Chair: Yael Munk, The Open University of Israel

Cannon Fodder and Freakout: Violence and Responsibility
Oren Barak, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Children of the Fall: A Slasher on a Kibbutz
Olga Gershenson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Rabies and Big Bad Wolves: Nationalization as a Form of Subversion
Pablo Utin, Tel Aviv University

13:30-15:00 (WC2) Collaborating across Divides and Borders: The Young Women`s Parliament in Israel and Beyond
Chair and Discussant: Natalie Levy, Tel Aviv University (TBD)

Developing Feminist Leadership of Jewish and Arab Girls
Esther Hertzog, Zefat Academic College

Cooperating beyond National, Religious, Cultural and Ethnic Borders.
Martha Moody, Independent scholar

13:30-15:00 (WC3) Zionism and the Politics of German Guilt
Chair: Yuval Ben Bassat, University of Haifa

Rhetorics of Guilt in Moments of Crisis: The Case of German-Israeli Relations
Jenny Hestermann, University of Frankfurt
"The Sun Does not Shine, it Radiates:" About Tel Aviv in philo-Semitic Imagery and Germany’s Redemption
**Hannah Tsuberi**, Freie Universitaat Berlin

The Exceptionalism of Guilt: The German-Israeli Case and Other Special Relationships
**Johannes Becke**, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg

**13:30-15:00 (WC4) Religion, Culture and Politics: Israeli Political Theologies between Tradition, Statism and Reform**

Chair: **Irit Stark-Offer**, New York University (TBD)

- Piyyut and the Shaping of Israeli Culture
  **Aryeh Tepper** and Gideon Katz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- "Zion will be Redeemed with Justice:" The Political Theology of the Israeli Reform Movement
  **David Barak-Gorodetsky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- The Road Not Taken? Ben-Zion Dinur's Israeli-Jewish National Approach
  **Adi Sherzer**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**13:30-15:00 (WC5) Views on the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

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

- Israel in the Middle East: Between Arab Spring, Islamic Winter and Iranian Summer – Challenges and Opportunities
  **Eyal Zisser**, Tel Aviv University

- Can a Tiger Change its Stripes? Reading in Hamas’ New Policy Document
  **Ido Zelkovitz**, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

- Israel, Palestine, and Civilian Death in the Middle East
  **William Barclay**, Carleton University

- And Now for Something Completely Different? A Critique of Confederation as a Final Status Model
  **Matthew Godwin** and Paul Michaels, University College London

**13:30-15:00 (WC6) Zionism and Religion**

Chair: **Ilan Fuchs**, Ariel University

- Zionism Outdated: The Religious Post-Zionism of Rav Shagar
  **Shaul Magid**, Indiana University/Bloomington

- Zionism: Identity and Spiritual Rebirth in the Life and Scholarship of Isaiah Tishby
  **Andrea Gondos**, Ben Gurion University

- The Fear of Isaac: Religious-Zionism and Rabbi Yitzchak Ginzburg
  **Hayim Katsman**, University of Washington

**13:30-15:00 (WC7) Revisiting Ashkenazim / Mizrahim**

Chair: **Esther Meir-Gilitzenstein**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (TBD)

- After the Post: Can we Speak of Ethnic Relations beyond the Pitfalls of Deconstruction?
Uri Dorchin, Zefat Academic College

The Rise and Fall of the Ethnic Categories "Mizrahim"/"Ashkenazim" by the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics
Sigal Nagar-Ron and Hagar Tzameret-Kertcher, Sapir Academic College

13:30-15:00 (WC8) Exercises in Reading Poetry

Chair and Discussant: Melissa Weininger, Rice University

Can a Poetry Classroom Promote Peace?
Cary Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Israeli Youth Reading Hebrew Poetry
Ayelet Gil-Ronen, Tel Aviv University