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Dear Conference Participants,

On behalf of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, I am delighted to welcome you to our campus and classrooms!

The Azrieli Institute opened its doors four years ago and we have accomplished much to be proud of. We regularly provide research support for our graduate students and faculty members who are engaged in the academic study of Israel; we have created the first and only Israel Studies undergraduate program (Minor) in Canada; and we have welcomed post-doctoral and visiting faculty fellows to continue their work using our facilities. Indeed, we hope to see many of you come back to visit us in the future in some capacity!

The academic program of this year’s Annual Meeting provides a forum for the major intellectual debates that continue to define and advance the field of Israel Studies. In addition to the regular working sessions, the program also features a number of special events devoted to the multi-disciplinary exploration of the theme of sustainability as well as the presentation of several contemporary Israeli documentary and feature films.

I invite you to peruse the program book and identify the scholars, the topics and ideas that you would like to engage during the Annual Meeting.

I would like to thank the members of the AIS 2015 Program Committee as well as the senior executive of the Association, Dr. Menachem Hofnung (President), Dr. Ilan Troen (Vice-President), Dr. Amnon Cavari (Executive Officer), and Dr. Ilan Ben-Ami (Treasurer), for their dedication and support as we have built the conference program.

Sincerely yours,

Csaba Nikolenyi
Professor, Department of Political Science
Director, Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies
Concordia University
Dear Conference Participants and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all – long-term AIS members and those who are attending for the first time – to our Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies at the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

Since its creation in 1984, the AIS has grown considerably and is now consisting of hundreds of scholars in five continents and dozens of countries. This meeting is made possible only through the support, volunteer work and good spirit of our members. We are looking forward to engaging and scholarly enriching meeting aimed to broaden research and understanding of various aspects tied to Israeli history, social life, politics, culture and arts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our devoted members who have worked tirelessly to make this conference possible. Many special thanks to Professor Csaba Nikolenyi, the Academic Director of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies and the 2015 AIS Program Chair. I like to express further thanks to Jennifer Solomon for her careful and efficient administrative coordination. The Program Committee members and Csaba Nikolenyi as its Chair had to review hundreds of panels and paper proposals and did a masterful job. They deserve our deepest gratitude.

It is also my pleasure to thank the AIS officers, the Vice President, Professor Ilan Troen, the Treasurer, Dr. Ilan Ben Ami, and Dr. Amnon Cavari, the Executive officer. All three were very essential in bringing this meeting into fruition.

I hope that you will enjoy the meeting and that your interaction with your colleagues from many different countries will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas and will be personally rewarding.

I look forward to meeting you during our time in Montreal.

Prof. Menachem Hofnung
President, Association for Israel Studies (AIS)
Department of Political Science
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Whether a first time or a returning visit, welcome to Concordia University and our beautiful city of Montreal!

We’re very happy to host the 31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS), and excited to welcome scholars and researchers from around the world.

This year, AIS will convene on the topic of Sustainable Israel. Advances in sustainability, as they relate to Israel, have significance for communities everywhere.

The University is well-situated to host this meeting, given our rising international prominence in both Israel Studies and sustainability – with ample overlap between the two.

Concordia’s Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies is creating a dynamic understanding of Israel through different lenses. The first of its kind in Canada, the Institute draws on an array of fields, such as science, commerce and environmental studies.

The structure of cross-cultural, multi-disciplinary scholarship also holds true when it comes to sustainability at Concordia.

Concordia was recently selected as the executive secretariat of Future Earth, a globe-spanning United Nations project. The initiative marks a big step toward getting climate experts on the same page. And it’s only the beginning.

At Concordia, you’ll find centres devoted to resource and energy conservation, zero-impact infrastructure and sustainable business development. We have projects that include an urban farm, a greenhouse and a sustainability fund.

This program book will provide more depth into the exciting projects taking place at Concordia’s Azrieli Institute – and campus wide – and how they play into this 31st Annual Meeting of AIS.

Welcoming you again to Concordia. Great to have you here!

Alan Shepard
President
Concordia University
Welcome to Concordia University and the 31st Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.

This year’s theme Sustainable Israel: A Changing Society in the 21st Century fits particularly well with our research mandate. At Concordia, our research is driven by sustainability, identity, technology, health, and other issues that affect our lives. We believe that it is at the intersection of these research disciplines that we can drive the innovative solutions for a more sustainable future.

As a truly multi-disciplinary research centre, the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies is an amazing example of our research mission in action. The centre brings together academics from wide ranging fields such archaeology, history and religion with economics, art and literature in order to contribute new ideas and voices to Israel Studies. It is also an important source of support for the next generation of scholars through funding for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are dedicated to the study of Israel in all its facets.

Thank you for joining us for this important event. I hope that your time in Montreal and Concordia is fruitful both professionally and personally.

Sincerely,

Graham Carr
Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies
Concordia University
Welcome to Concordia University!

As Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, I am delighted to welcome the
31st Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies.

Our Faculty is dedicated to fostering a strong commitment to interdisciplinarity and Israel Studies plays a key role in promoting this vision. Our faculty members cultivate dynamic collaborations with Israeli partners in a wide variety of disciplines such as Political Science, Religion, and Sociology, among others. With the Azrieli Institute’s compelling efforts to provide quality graduate student training and support, we are contributing in a major way to research and scholarship in Israel Studies.

The theme of the conference Sustainable Israel is also close to our heart. In the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia University, we are leading the way in sustainability teaching and scholarship with many interdisciplinary initiatives. We are looking forward to hearing from the participants of the conference about the cutting edge approaches to a sustainable Israel.

The Faculty of Arts and Science is a federation of 27 units and over 18,000 students working together to produce innovative research, provide quality teaching and service, and ensure excellence in carrying out our academic mission. This is an opportunity for us to learn and engage in a stimulating discussion.

I hope you will enjoy your time at Concordia. I wish you a most fruitful annual meeting.

André Roy
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science
SPECIAL EVENTS FOR SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY

MOVIES
Room H-763

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

Produced by Doîna 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.
**EXHIBITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**Sustainable Architecture Exhibit**  **Room H-701**

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-Pilozof, 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**  **Room H-767**

“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”**  **Room H-763**

Dr. Hezi Amiur, Israel Curator, 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.
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Registration is open to all delegates
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MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015
REGISTRATION 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Business Center 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Room H-762
Special Events will take place all day.
SESSION A
9:00 – 10:30 AM

ROOM H-613 MA1
Isreali Literature in Search for Lost Landscapes
Chair: Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel
Mimi Haskin, Kibbutzim College of Education
“Are you a Jew or an Arab?” The Jewish-Arab Stance in Hebrew Literature
Tamar Merin, The Open University of Israel
The Purloined Poem: Lea Goldberg in Dialogue with UN Gnessin in: Letters from an Imaginary Journey
Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel
The Nomadic World of Alex Epstein

ROOM H-544 MA2
The Arabs in Israel: Changing Identities in Times of Crisis
Chair: Itamar Radai, University of Haifa
Itamar Radai, University of Haifa
Current Arab Socio-Political Trends in Israel
Nohad Ali, Western Galilee Academic College and University of Haifa
The Moelstrom of Identities among the Palestinian Arabs in Israel
Ronni Shaked, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Arabs in Israel - Political Radicalisation Since 1993
Yusri Hazran, The Open University of Israel
Arab Uprisings and Arab Minority in Israel: The Christians as a Case Study
**ROOM H-603-1 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  
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**

**ROOM H-564 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

**ROOM H-603 MA4**  
**Palestinian Human Rights**  
Chair: Paul Scham, University of Maryland  
Discussant: Reuven (Ruvi) Ziegler, University of Reading  
Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull  
Israel 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  

**ROOM H-562 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”

**ROOM H-607 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’am 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
ROOM H-611  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

ROOM H-540  MA9
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
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

10:30 – 10:50 AM – COFFEE BREAK
Sponsored by the Centre for Israel & Jewish Affairs (CIJA)
Official opening of the Architectural Exhibit H-701
(See Special Events pages for full details)

SESSION B
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ROOM H-544  MB1
Teaching Contemporary Israel: Methods and Approaches
Chair and Discussant: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University
Barry Berger, University of Haifa and College 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

ROOM H-613  MB2
The Status of Jerusalem, US Constitutional Law and Identity
Chair and Discussant: Joel Migdal, University of Washington
Phina 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

ROOM H-562  MB3
Israeli Immigrants in Germany
Chair: Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University
Dani Kranz, Wuppertal University
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?

ROOM H-611  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
ROOM H-607  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

ROOM H-540  MB6
Issues in Contemporary Israeli Politics
Chair: Itamar Radai, University of Haifa
Discussant: Massoud Egbarieh, Beit Berl Academic College
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

ROOM H-603  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

ROOM H-604  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

ROOM H-603-1  MB9
Roundtable: What Can Indigenous Knowledge Teach Us About Peacebuilding and Reconciliation?
Chair: Karl S. Hele, Concordia University
David Newhouse, Concordia University
Jennifer Dockstator, Trent University
Asaf Zohar, Trent University
12:30 – 1:55 PM – LUNCH

SESSION C
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ROOM H-603-1 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 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
ROOM H-611 MC2
The Zionist Project
Chair: Harold Waller, McGill University
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, New York University

ROOM H-613 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

ROOM H-562 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: Politicization 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

ROOM H-603 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.

ROOM H-544 MC5
The Ethics of Sustainability in Israeli Art and Architecture
Chair: Loren Lerner, Concordia University
Loren Lerner, Concordia University
Itai Peleg-Pilozof, 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-Signifying Israel in the Art of Y.J.Dadaune
Shelley Hornstein, York University
Overfed and Undernourished: Cultural Cartographies of Memory after Dani Karavan
SESSION D

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

ROOM H-611  MD1

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

ROOM H-613  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
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 and University of Haifa
Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College
Between Civil and Military Law: IDF Inquiry Committees on Northern Front Cases

ROOM H-540  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 (Co-author Shir Daphna-Tekoah, Ashkelon Academic College)
Gendering Conflict Analysis – Israeli Female Combatants in Conflict Zones

ROOM H-544  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
ROOM H-607  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*  

ROOM H-564  MD5  
*Cultural Reconstructions of the Shoah*

**Chair:** Max Bergholz, Concordia University  
**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*  

ROOM H-540  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*  

ROOM H-603  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*  

ROOM H-562  MD8  
*Issues of Gender in Education and Israel Studies*

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

5:20 – 5:40 PM – COFFEE BREAK
WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Room H-110  5:45 – 7:00 pm
Greetings
Alan Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University
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”
The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, MP
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)
Music by Jason Rosenblatt Quartet
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

TUESDAY JUNE 2, 2015
REGISTRATION 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Business Center 9:00 am – 4:00 pm   H-762
Special Events will take place all day.

SESSION A
9:00 – 10:30 AM

ROOM H-613   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

ROOM H-501   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
**ROOM H-562  TA3**  
**The Female Standpoint on Politics: An Ethno-National and Generational Perspective**  
Chair and Discussant: Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv University  
Phina 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  
Struggles of Women’s Organization in Israel Throughout the 20th Century on the Issue of Personal Status in Jewish Law: An Ethno-national and Generational Perspective  

**ROOM H-557  TA4**  
**Blurring the Green Line: Political, Economic and Social Consequences**  
Chair: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
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  

**ROOM H-607  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 Adopt 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  

**ROOM H-513  TA6**  
**Political Leaders and the Media in the Digital Age**  
Chair: Yakub Halabi, Concordia University  
Rivka Markus, The 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”  

**ROOM H-611  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
SESSION B
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ROOM H-507 TB1
Israel 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

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

ROOM H-557 TB2
Roundtable: The Origins of Israel Mythology: Neither Canaanites Nor Crusaders, book by David Ohana

Chair: Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

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

ROOM H-613 TB3
U.S.-Israel Relations

Chair: Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel

Shaiel 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?
ROOM H-611 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

ROOM H-540 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
Dror Harel, Bar-Ilan University
Hate Crimes - Methodological, Theoretical & Empirical Difficulties a Pragmatic & Legal Overview

ROOM H-562 TB6
Integration and Sustainability in Israeli Society
Chair: Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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

ROOM H-520 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
Asaf Romirowsky, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East
Ilan Troen, Brandeis University
Rachel Fish, Brandeis University
Cary R. Nelson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

ROOM H-513 TB8
Roundtable: The Israeli Elections of March 2015: Assessing the Consequences
Chair: Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College
Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College
Yael Aronof, Michigan State University
Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University
Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

ROOM H-501 TB9
Israel’s Emerging Security Challenges
Chair and Discussant: Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University
Joseph Constance, Saint Anselm College
Joseph Constance, Saint Anselm College
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
AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Open to all members (including light lunch)
12:45 – 1:45 pm    Room H-767

MINI-PLENARIES
2:00 – 3:00 pm
Room H-520
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 servizizing funded by the European Commission.

MINI-PLENARY II
Room H-767
Trilogy of Abraham: Using Health and Science as Win-Win Modalities Towards Brotherhood
A plenary discussion with Dr. Richard Deckelbaum, Director, Institute of Human Nutrition at Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

3:00 – 3:20 PM - COFFEE BREAK

SESSION C
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

ROOM H-557    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?
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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

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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
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Brent Sasley, University of Texas at Arlington
Oded Haklai, Queen’s University
Mira Sucharov, Carleton University
Yael Aronof, Michigan State University

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Chair: Arnon Ben Israel, Kaye Academic College
Rafi Grosglik, Tel Aviv University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Citizenship-Consumerism? The Cultural Meanings of Organic Food Consumption in Israel
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

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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

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The Conflict: Discourse and Perceptions

Chair: Ilan Ben-Ami, The Open University of Israel  
Discussant: Dana Gold, University of Western Ontario

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

Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary  
A Most Pliable Stylok: 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

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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 Schlesier, Ariel University  
Propagandizing Hasbara

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

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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

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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

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Seeking Asylum in Israel

Chair: Morton Weinfeld, McGill University

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 and Romatze University
Struggling between Jewish and Democratic: The Foundations of Asylum Regime in Israel

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The Question of Jewish Nationalism and Sustainability
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Discussant: Hagar Lahav, Sapir College
Yitzhak Conforti, Bar-Ilan University
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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
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Anne Perez, University of California, Davis
Apostasy of a Prince: Hans Herzl and the Boundaries of Jewish Nationalism

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

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Rina Cohen Muller, INALCO, Paris
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Anri Oiwane, Doshisha University, Japan
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Gábor Balázs, Jewish University of Budapest
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Kobi Michael, Ariel University and Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)
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Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University
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