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THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

A WESTERN OR EASTERN NATION: THE CASE OF ISRAEL

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Dear conference participants and guests,

On behalf of the Program Committee, I welcome you to the 32'nd conference of the Association for Israel Studies, convening this year in Jerusalem. Those of us who participated in the first conferences of our organization and remember meetings in one or two rooms, may look back with satisfaction with AIS growth, reflecting the growth of interest within the general academic community in the research and study of Israel.

The general theme of the conference, “A Western or Eastern Nation; The Case of Israel”, is approached, as well as other pertinent issues, by 3 plenaries and 118 panels. The plenaries are of special interest, with the participation of practitioners alongside leading academic figures that will discuss “Challenges to the Israeli Justice System”, “Challenges to the Israeli Diplomacy in a Changing World”, and “On BDS: Perspectives from the US and Israel”. Professor Shlomo Avineri, a leading political scientist, winner of Israel Prize and member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities will give the keynote lecture.

The banquet dinner and a tour of Jerusalem widen the opportunity of getting together under the roofs of the two institutes who host our conference.

I would like to thank the members of the Program Committee and all who helped us preparing the program: Ilan Troen, Ilan Ben Ami, Donna Devine, Moshe Naor, Nir Ortal, Amnon Ramon and Moshe Fuksman.

Welcome to Jerusalem, and enjoy the conference!

Arie Naor
Chair, Politics and Communication Department, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem

Dear Conference Participants and Guests,

Welcome to the 32nd Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies.

This international academic association began in the U.S in 1985 through the initiative of a handful of scholars who shared a common interest in the study of Israel. Israel has since become a recognized academic field in North America, Europe, China and Israel. While most of our conferences continue to take place abroad, this year we are fortunate to be able to meet in Jerusalem thanks to the hospitality and support of Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi and the Menachem Begin Heritage Center.

We have grown to more than 500 members from across the world. Our diversity is reflected in the range of topics that animate our imaginations. We will engage with a multitude of approaches “A Western or Eastern Nation: The Case of Israel” as well as other pertinent issues.

With deep gratitude I would like to thank our hosts, in particular, the Program Chair, Aryeh Naor, Moshe Fuksman of the Begin Heritage Center, Amnon Ramon and Nir Ortal of Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. Thanks, too, to my AIS colleagues: Donna Divine, Vice-President, Moshe Naor, Executive Director, and Ilan Ben-Ami, Treasurer. All have contributed enormously to a meeting that surely will be significant and memorable academically and personally.

Ilan Troen
Karl, Harry and Helen Stoll Chair in Israel Studies
Schusterman Center for Israel Studies
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Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi was established in 1969 by law as a state institution for the commemoration of Izhak Ben-Zvi (1883-1963), a prominent leader of the Yishuv and Israel’s second president (1952-1963). Ben-Zvi’s heritage embodied in Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi had been defined in the Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Law as the study of the Jewish presence in the Land of Israel, the study of Jerusalem, where Ben-Zvi lived most of his life, and of the Jewish communities in the East. The initial context of these definitions were the territorial and historical claims of the Zionist movement and the effort to establish a national collective identity with a territorial base. Hence the institution’s mission was primarily educational, directed both internally and externally in establishing Zionism as the embodiment of the national-historical claims of the Jewish people (e.g. in Ben-Zvi’s statement to the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine in 1946, on behalf of Ha’Va’ad Haleumi). Accordingly the Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi Law stipulated that the ‘Yad’ will endeavor to deepen Jewish awareness of the continuity of Jewish presence in the Land of Israel. This was to be realized through scholarly research in the Western tradition of national histories using a variety of academic disciplines such as archaeology, history based on primary sources, the study of folklore, oral history etc. Additionally the ‘Yad’ will both publish and teach the fruits of this research in an academic and accessible form.

Over the years the political context of Israeli studies in Israel has changed. Today the study of the Land of Israel and its people from pre-historic times has largely shed its political bias. The legitimacy of subjects for research is based today on academic quality and their relevance to the study of the Land of Israel in all historical periods and from all aspects. Indeed the justification for the ‘Yad’s’ support from public funds is its educational work for the benefit of the academic community as well as the general public, including students of all ages and at all levels, professionals and amateurs alike.

In the words of I. L. Peretz “Those who do not know how to preserve the treasures of their past cannot be considered a nation”. In Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi, we research the history of Jewish communities in the East, the history of Eretz Israel throughout the ages, and the history of the Yishuv and the State of Israel.

Hence, there is a clear identity between Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi’s goals and those of the AIS, including the research of the heritage of the Jews in the East and in the Land of Israel and passing it on to future generations.

It is thus fitting that Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi and, within it, the Institute for the Study of Eretz Israel co-host the 2016 annual AIS conference representing the vast variety of disciplines and the impressive diversity of academic institutes dedicated to the study of Israel.

Welcome to Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi!

Jacob Yaniv
Director General
Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi

Alon Kadish
Head, Institute for the Study of Eretz Israel
Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi
The Menachem Begin Heritage Center is delighted to be hosting this impressive conference. The Center commemorates the life and legacy of Israel’s sixth Prime Minister – a statesman, commander of the pre-state underground resistance and Nobel peace Laureate. In keeping with the title of this conference, Menachem Begin was a man who stood with one foot in the East, with his unshakeable connection to the Land of Israel and its history; and one foot in the West, as a lifelong advocate of liberalism and democracy.

We hope you will enjoy your time at the Begin Center and invite you to visit our museum, library and archive, which provide invaluable resources for researchers throughout the year. I wish you an enlightening and successful conference.

Herzl Makov
President
Menachem Begin Heritage Center

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Prof. Michael Feige, a long-time AIS member and a former AIS Board member, was one of the victims of the terror attack in central Tel-Aviv on Wednesday night, June 8.

Michael was a gentle man and a sensitive teacher. His scholarship earned him the annual Shapira Prize in 2010 of the Association for Israel Studies for the best book published in Israel Studies: “Settling in the Hearts; Jewish Fundamentalism in the Occupied Territories.” A graduate of the Hebrew University in sociology and anthropology, much of his work was focused on memory and identity in Israeli politics and culture. He engaged in original research on the settlement movement and Gush Emunim as well as on Peace Now, the use of archaeology in contemporary Israel, the assassination of Rabin and religious fundamentalism, and the place of Ben-Gurion in national memory. After his degree he spent a year as a Fellow of the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania and then returned to Israel where he joined the Ben-Gurion Research Center for the Study of Israel and Zionism at the Ben-Gurion University campus in Sde Boker. He was also a Visiting Professor at Brandeis (Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, NEJS and Anthropology). In recent years he was serving as the head of the BGU program in Israel Studies.

Michael was a member of this conference’s program committee and was supposed to present this week his recent work entitled: “A wall in her heart: Rebranding Jerusalem through popular music”

Michael Feige leaves a wife, Nurit, and three daughters, many friends and admirers. He will be sorely missed.
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Graduate Student Workshop

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AIS Board Meeting

17:00 — 19:00
Jerusalem Tours (requires Reservation)

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“Happy Hour” – Bardak bar

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016 / MENACHEM BEGIN HERITAGE CENTER

8:30 — 16:00
Registration is open to all delegates

9:00 — 10:30 / Session A

MA1 / Cultural Images from East and West
Chair: Na'ama Sheffi, Sapir Academic College
(aamash@sapir.ac.il)

Ariel Cohen, Columbia University
Systems and Patterns of Constructing Culture: Ephraim Moses Lilien and the Zionist Project

Smadar Sheffi, Tel Aviv University
Self Representation - The Image of Jews from Arabic-Speaking Countries in the Visual Arts: Eric Bokobza's and Haim Ben-Shitrit's Oeuvre as a Test Case

Na'ama Sheffi, Sapir Academic College and Anat First, Netanya Academic College
East and West: The Representations on the “Ideal Figure Series” Banknotes

MA2 / Round Table - Israel through the Lens of ‘Settler Colonialism’: What it Reveals and What it Hides
Chair: Donna Robinson Divine, Smith College
drdivine@smith.edu

Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg

Gabriel Noah Brahm, Ohio State University

Sara Yael Hirschhorn, University of Oxford

Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana University

MA3 / Popular Culture Encounters
Chair: Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rakefet Zalashik, University of Edinburgh and Tel Aviv University
(rakez@hotmail.com)

Galeet Dardashti, New York University
Transnational Cyber-Music Encounters: The Case of Rita, the Iranian-born Israeli Pop Music Diva

Claudia Raquel Prieto-Piastrro, King’s College London
Eating Gefilte-fish in Israel: the Consumption of Jewish Food in the Israeli Household
MA4 / Migration Policy in Israel

Chair: Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University
(ore1597@netvision.net.il)

Avi Picard, Bar-Ilan University
Between Eastern and Western Olim - Comparing Israel’s policy toward Moroccan and Polish immigrants, 1954-1958

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University
The Dispute in Mapai and the Israel Labor Party over Immigration from Affluent Countries in the 1960s

Meital Regev, Bar-Ilan University
Deciding Not to Decide: Israeli Immigration Policy towards the “Beita Israel” in the First Decade

MA5 / Believing in Israel

Chair: Havatzelet Yahel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (havatzelety@gmail.com)

Shai Wineapple and Ruth Kark, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Relationship between Christian Mission and Israel as a Modern Jewish Nation State: Israel’s Response to Christian Missionary Activity, 1948-2008

Ira Robinson, Concordia University
Neturei Karta Meets Red Haifa: the Case of the Haifa Industrial Exhibition of 1956

Shai Feraro, Tel Aviv University
The Return of Ba’al (to the Holy Land): Canaanite Reconstructionism among Contemporary Israeli Pagans – a Double-Edged Sword

MA6 / Israel through the Lenses of Western Public Policies and Middle-Eastern Socio-Spatial Dynamics

Chair: Alessandra Terenzi, Politecnico di Milano

Alessandra Terenzi, Politecnico di Milano
Contested Identity between East and West: Urban “Quarters” in Ancient Israeli Cities

Claudia De Martino, L’Orientale University of Naples
Ashkelon and the New Commons: Questioning Urban Development

Yaron Balslev, Tel Aviv University
Europe in the Levant: Between the Sanitary Idea and the Polluted Reality – The Case of Tel Aviv in the Early 20th Century

Emily Schneider, University of California Santa Barbara
“Diaspora Tourism” by non-Israeli Jewish Travel Programmes

MA7 / Jewish Communities in Peripheral Mixed Towns in British Mandate Palestine: Between Local and National Affiliation

Chair: Moshe Naor, University of Haifa (mnaor3@gmail.com)

Reuven Gafni, Kinneret Academic College
A Local Affair or a National Settlement? The Jews in Beit She’an during the British Mandate Period

Anat Kidron, University of Haifa
The Jewish Community of Acre: From a Jewish-Ethnic Society to a Hebrew-National One

Aviva Halamish, the Open University of Israel
Tiberias’ Great Flood, May 1934: A Peripheral Community Put to the Test

MA8 / State and Stage

Chair: Rafi Mann, Ariel University (rafimann@gmail.com)

Rafi Mann, Ariel University
Defending the IDF’s Image on Stage: Theater and Censorship

Sarit Cofman-Simhon, Kibbutzim College and Emunah College
The Minister of Culture Miri Regev and the Israeli Theatre: Jo Amar vs. Anton Chekhov?

Sharon Yavo Ayalon, Technion- Israel Institute of Technology
Staging Urbanism: Space, Theater and Publicness in Acre

MA9 / Oh Say Can You See? Israel in the Eyes of American Jewry

Chair: Laura Katz Cutler, American University (cutler@american.edu)

Tal Elmaliach, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The American-Jewish Dream of Progressive Israel: An Historical Overview

Geoffrey Levin, New York University
Enlightened Policy or “Stained” Democracy? The Treatment of Israel’s Arab Minority in American Eyes, 1950-1966
Mervin Verbit, Touro College and University System  
*American Jews and Israel: Attitudinal Differentiation and Empirical Detail*

Alex Sinclair, Jewish Theological Seminary of America  
*Their Promised Land: How do American Jewish Education Students Respond to the Triumphs and Tragedies of Israel?*

MA10 / Out Of Africa — Israel and African States  
Chair: Ariel Ahram, Virginia Tech (ahram@vt.edu)  
Ariel Ahram, Virginia Tech  
*Israel and the Challenge of De Facto States in the Middle East and North Africa*

Jacob Abadi, U.S. Air Force Academy  
*Israel and Tunisia: Relations under Stress*

Michael B. Bishku, Augusta University  
*The Relations of the East African States of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania with Israel*

MA11 / Iran — Media vs. Reality  
Chair: Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya (cavari@idc.ac.il)  
Gal Dor and Moran Yarchi, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya  
*Framing the Deal with Iran: Assessing elite and media coverage in Israel*

Haile Zola and Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya  
*Congress on Iran*

Adam Cahill, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and University of Calgary  
*Persian Menace: Why Israel Continues to Fear the Iranian Bomb?*

MA12 / Simulating the Arab-Israeli Conflict for Teaching and Research  
Chair: Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg, Carnegie Mellon University (le3a@andrew.cmu.edu)  
Paul Scham, University of Maryland  
*The Struggle for Palestine: A Simulation of the “Peel Commission” Negotiations of 1936-37*

Hemda Ben-Yehuda and Guy Zohar, Bar Ilan University  
*Fanaticism and the Struggle for Peace: Simulating Arab-Israel Conflict Dynamics*

Ronit Kampf, Tel Aviv University  
*Computerized Simulations of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Knowledge Acquisition and Attitude Change: Peace Maker vs. Global Conflicts*

Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg, Carnegie Mellon University  
*Comparison of Simulation Models for Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict*

10:30 – 11:00 / COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 / SESSION B

MB1 / Is Israel Levantine?  
Chair: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University (troen@brandeis.edu)  
Aziza Khazzoom, Indiana University  
*Is Israel Middle Eastern?*

Shoshi Norman, Galilee International Management Institute  
*Israeli Art as a Study Case (or Parable) for Integration of Jews in the Levant*

Zachary Smith, University of Pennsylvania  
*Israel as Istanbul: Cosmopolitanism and Levantine among Young Mizrahi Radicals*

Sammy Smooha, University of Haifa  
*Israel’s Western vs. Non-Western Options*

MB2 / Citizenship in a Multi-Faceted Democracy  
Chair: Guy Ben-Porat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (GbP@som.bgu.ac.il)  
Yuval Yonay, University of Haifa  
*A Western or Eastern Nation? A Queer Perspective*

Guy Ben-Porat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Policing and Minorities: Lessons Learned*

David Meir Feuchtzwanger, Herzog College and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Teaching Civics in the State of Israel — Between Jerusalem and Athens*

Ben Mollov, Bar-Ilan University  
*Between East and West: Daniel J. Elazar’s Approach to Federalism as a Basis for Conflict Management in Israeli Society*
MB3 / Military and Memory

Chair: Ira Robinson, Concordia University (ira.robinson@concordia.ca)

Chaim Noy, Ashkelon Academic College
Ethnicity and the Performance of Commemoration at the Ammunition Hill National Memorial Site, Jerusalem

Mooli Brog, Taglit-Birthright Israel
The Yellow Star of Valor: IDF and Holocaust Memory

Anat Goldman, University of Washington
Privatized Commemoration, Inviolable Collectivity: Memorial Day and Commemoration of the Nation’s Dead in Israel After 1985

Gabriela Spector-Mersel, Sapir Academic College and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sabra Identity against “Others”: Senior Officers of 1948 in Later Life

MB4 / Identities in Migration

Chair: Mihai Chioveanu, University of Bucharest (mihai.chioveanu@fspub.unibuc.ro)

Michal Ben Ya’akov, Emuna-Efrata Academic College for Education and Arts
Bridging the Gap or Creating a Continuum? North African Jews in 19th-century Eretz Israel

Uta Larkey, Goucher College
Immigration of Jewish Displaced Persons from the U.S. Zone of post-WWII Germany to Eretz Israel, 1945-1949

Hadas Cohen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Visiting Scholar)
Israelis in Berlin - From the Shoah to a New Middle East

Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest
Identity Challenges When Going East in Search of a Western lifestyle

MB5 / Do “Secular” People Believe?

Chair: Asaf Lebovits, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (asaf.lebovitz1@mail.huji.ac.il)

Hagar Lahav, Sapir Academic College
What do Secular-Believer Women in Israel Believe in?

Stacey Gutzkowski, King’s College London
Cultivating the Reasonable Hiloni Self: a Case of Secular Self-Fashioning?

Adi Sherzer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
“Got to be Happy”: Secular Frameworks and Jewish Content on Israel’s Civil Religion and Ritual System (1948-1958)

Asaf Lebovits, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jew-Age among Israeli Celebrities: Jewish Spirituality as Post-Secular Discourse of Citizenship

MB6 / Taking Care of Israeli Society

Chair: Rakevet Zalashik, University of Edinburgh and Tel Aviv University (rakez@hotmail.com)

Karra Greenberg, UCLA
Understanding the Relationship between Adult Child Role Attainments and Parental Depression and Alcohol Use in Israel

Tamar Kaneh-Shalit, UC Davis
Empathy and Care in the Israeli Field of Life Coaching

Sara Grubanov-Boskovic, University of Torino
Interpersonal and Institutional Trust of Elderly Jewish Population in Israel

Dana Zarhin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Brandeis University
“I don’t Want to See Myself as a Disabled Person”: How CPAP Devices Construct Disabled Identities

MB7 / Round Table - Teaching Israel: Tough Times, Contemporary Challenges

Chair: Vered Vinitzky-Seroussi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Eitan Alimi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

Matt Evans, Penn State University

Menachem Hofnung, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
MB8 / Orient Expressed — Reflections and Representations

Chair: Rachel Harris, University of Illinois
   (rachels.harris@gmail.com)

Leah Gilula, Independent Scholar
No News in the West, but in the East...: The Yishuv as Reflected in the Satirical Theatre ‘Hamatateh’ (1928-1933)

Shelley Harten, Free University Berlin
In the Mirror: Representations of the “Orient” and the “Arab” in Yishuv and Israeli Visual High Arts, 1906-1957

Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Gaze and the Place: Cinematic Encounters with the Land of Israel and the Ambiguity of In-Between

Rachel Harris, University of Illinois
“The Farmer and the Cowman Should Be Friends”: Land, Gender and Heroism in the Israeli Western

MB9 / Round Table — Trouble in the Tribe: American Jewish Conflicts over Israel

Chair: Theodore Sasson, Middlebury College and Brandeis University

Dov Waxman, Northeastern University

Mira Sucharov, Carleton University

Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

MB10 / My Heart in the East - China and Israel

Chair: Hagai Shagrir, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hagai.shagrir@mfa.gov.il)

Gangzheng She, Brandeis University

Wang Yu, Peking University and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
When Confucius Arrives to Jerusalem: Cultural Interactions between China and Israel in the 21st Century

Yang Yang, Shanghai International University
China’s “One Belt and One Road” Initiative and Israel

Guangmeng Chen, Sichuan International Studies University
The New Development of Sino-Israel Relations at the “Belt and Road Initiative”

MB11 / Understanding Contemporary Israel: Societal Challenges

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

Pinchas Landau, Independent Scholar
Economic Challenges

Reut Itzkovitch Malka, The Open University Israel
Women and Israeli Society

Colin Shindler, SOAS
The Rise of the Israeli Right

MB12 / Israel as a Middle Eastern State: De-Westernization and Levantinization (A)

Chair: Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (johannes.becke@hjs.eu)

Julie Grimmiesen, Ludwig Maximilians University
The Jewish Beauty of the Orient: The Yemenite Miss Israel of 1952

Walid Abd El Gawad, Leipzig University
Anthem for Peace: The Perception of Jewish History in the Writings of Modern Scholars of the Cairo University (1927—1966)

12:30 / Light Lunch offered

12:45 – 14:00 / Plenary Session

Challenges to the Israeli Justice System

Chair: Pnina Lahav (Boston University)
Justice Daphne Barak-Erez, Supreme Court of Israel
Mohammed Wattad, UC/Irvine and Zefat College
Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Bar- Ilan University
Menachem Hofnung, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
14:00 – 15:30 / Session C

MC1 / A Western or Eastern Culture? The Case of the Hebrew Culture Innovation

Chair: Michal Sadan, Yad Tabenkin (michalrae@gmail.com)

Michal Sadan, Yad Tabenkin
Western or Eastern 'Hebrew Shepherd': Between Attraction and Rejection

Nurit Feinstein, University of Haifa, HaKibbutzim College and Yad Tabenkin
East and West Influences in Matityahu Shelem’s Works for the Kibbutzim Holidays Ceremonies

Paz Elir, Oranim College and Yad Tabenkin
East and West in Lea Bergstein's Dances

MC2 / Israeli Politics and the Dominance of Victimhood

Chair: Ilan Peleg, Middle East Institute (Washington) and Lafayette College (pelegi@lafayette.edu)

Nadav G. Molchadsky, UCLA
Victimhood and a Contested Israeli Past: Commissions of Inquiry and the Yemenite Children Affair

Ilan Peleg, Middle East Institute (Washington) and Lafayette College
The Emergence of a Hegemonic Victimhood Discourse in Contemporary Israel

Alon Gan, HaKibbutzim College
The Victimization Discourse in Israel

MC3 / Representations of Place, Displacement, and Re-Placement in the Field of Israeli Art

Chair: Yael Guilat, Oranim College (yguilat@gmail.com)

Yael Guilat, Oranim College
Home as a Microcosm: Multicultural Representations of Living Rooms in Israeli Art in a Globalizing World

Shahar Marnin-Distelfeld, Zefat Academic College
Botanical Illustrations: Representations of the Land of Israel

Tal Dekel, Tel Aviv University
Where does She belong? Gender, Art and the Globalized World: Philippine Women Artists in Israel

MC4 / Planning and Policy in Israel

Chair: Assaf Selzer, University of Haifa (as245@zahav.net.il)

Shani Bar-On, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Class and Spatial Transitions: Dead Sea Works Ltd. and the Building Up of the Southeast of Israel, 1948-1964

Eran Eldar, University of Calgary
Municipal Reform in the Dan Bloc: The Attempt to Establish an Umbrella Municipality in 1960s and 1970s

Donna Herzog, New York University
“What is good for General Motors is Good for the United States”: Israel and the Battle over the Privatization of its Water Sector

MC5 / Orthodox Judaism and the State

Chair: Joseph Herbasch, Ludwig Maximilian University (josephherbasch@gmail.com)

Josef Herbasch, Ludwig Maximilian University
Satmar Hasidim and their Approach of Exile

Peter Lintl, University of Erlangen
Israeli Haredim and Political Modernity: A Relation at Unease

Ines Gabel, The Open University of Israel
Subversive Voices in Haredi Discourse: the Controversy over Academic Education

MC6 / Round Table - Western or Eastern: Is there an Israeli Nation?

Chair: Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel (mosheb@openu.ac.il)

Joseph Agassi, Tel-Aviv University and Boston University
Alan Dowty, University of Notre Dame
Sammy Smooha, University of Haifa
Alexander Yakobson, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
MC7 / Round Table - Israel Studies Programs: Between the Local and Area Perspectives
Chair: Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (pkabalo@gmail.com)
Ofer Shiff, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Arieh Saposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MC8 / The Israeli Campus as a Natural Space of Arab-Jewish Encounter: From Identity-based Conflict to Identity-based Cooperation
Chair: Jay Rothman, Bar-Ilan University (jay.rothman@biu.ac.il)
Jay Rothman and Adi Beinart Miller, Bar-Ilan University
Victor Friedman, Oriana Abboud Armaili and Daniella Arieli, Yezreel Valley College
Beyond the “‘One Big Happy Family” Fantasy: Making Conflict Discussable Through Action Research
Javier Simonovich and Nizar Bitar, Yezreel Valley College
An Island of Sanity in a Sea of Hostility: Organizational Policy Building Practical Bridges and Bonds Between Arab and Jewish Students

MC9 / Round Table - The Star and the Stripes: A History of the Foreign Policies of American Jews
Chair: Joel Migdal, University of Washington (migdal@u.washington.edu)
Michael Barnett, George Washington University
Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
Jonathan Rynhold, Bar-Ilan University

MC10 / The 51st State – Israel and US Policies
Chair: Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
Joseph Constance, Saint Anselm College
The United States and Israel: An Enduring Defense of the West
Itay Meir, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
American Foreign Policy towards Israel Before and After the Six-Day War: A Comparative Case Study
Mitchell Bard, Independent Scholar, AICE
Myth or Fact: Netanyahu Has Irreparably Damaged the US-Israel Relationship

MC11 / Identities in Movement
Chair: Brian Horowitz, Tulane University (horowitz@tulane.edu)
Gisela Dachs, Tel Aviv University
Managing News and Conflicted Identities: the Case of Bicultural Immigrant Citizens in Israel
Kathryn David, New York University
Anti-Semitism, Zionism, and the Battle for Ukraine: Russian Discourse on Jewish and Ukrainian Nationalism 1948-2016
Eugene Tartakovsky, Tel Aviv University, Eduard Patrakov, Ural Federal University and Marina Nikulina, Southern Federal University
A New Theoretical Model of Emigration Intentions in the Diaspora Population: The Case of Jews Living in Russia
Meng Yang, Free University Berlin
Jewish Exile in Shanghai

MC12 / Expressions of Ethos of Conflict in Israeli Societal Institutions
Chair: Oren Barak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (oren.barak1@mail.huji.ac.il)
Ofer Shinar Levanon, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Sapir Academic College
The Ethos of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict as Reflected by the Judgments of the Israeli Supreme Court 1948 – 2006
Leading to Peace? Change and Adherence in the Perceptions of PMs Netanyahu and Olmert Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Nimrod Rosler, Tel Aviv University

The Role of Media Coverage in Granting Legitimacy for Israeli Peace Organizations

Tamir Magal, University of Haifa

16:00 – 17:30 / Plenary Session

Challenges to Israeli Diplomacy in a Changing World Order

Chair: Itamar Rabinovich

Itamar Rabinovich, Tel Aviv University
USA and Middle East

Shimon Stein, Institute for National Security Studies - Tel Aviv University
Germany and Western Europe

Yitzhak Shicho, University of Haifa and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
China and Far East

Zvi Magen, Institute for National Security Studies
Former Soviet Union

17:45 – 19:30
Welcome Reception, Awards and Keynote Address

17:45 / Reception

Greetings

Ilan Troen, AIS president
Aryeh Naor, Program Chair
Alon Kadish, Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi
Herzl Makov, Begin Heritage Center

18:15 / Awards for 2016

AIS-Israel Institute Lifetime Achievement Award:
Prof. Anita Shapira (Tel-Aviv University)

AIS-Israel Institute Young Scholar Award:
Dr. Uriel Abulof (Tel Aviv University and Princeton University).

Annual Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israel Studies 2016:
Dr. Tamir Sorek (University of Florida) for his book: Palestinian Commemoration in Israel: Calendars, Monuments and Martyrs

Dr. Noam Zadoff (Indiana University) for his book: From Berlin to Jerusalem and Back: Gershom Scholem between Israel and Germany (in Hebrew).

Annual Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies 2015:
Dr. Aviad Moreno (Ben-Gurion University) for his dissertation: "Ethnicity in Motion: Social Networks in the Emigration of Jews from Northern Morocco to Venezuela and Israel, 1860-2010".

Annual Baruch Kimmerling Prize for Best Graduate Paper presented at 2015 annual meeting:
Shaiel Ben-Ephraim (University of Calgary), for his paper: “Allowing Kids to Become Goats: Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Territories”.

18:45
Keynote Address: Shlomo Avineri

Zionism and Israel Between East and West: A Mixed Legacy

19:30 / Banquet Dinner
*By paid Tickets only
**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 / YAD IZHAK BEN ZVI**

8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Registration is open to all delegates

09:00 – 10:30 / Session A

**TA1 / Economy and Society in British Mandate Palestine**

Chair: Alon Kadish, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi (akadish64@gmail.com)

Amos Nadan, Tel Aviv University  
*Economic Aspects of the National Palestinian Peasant Revolt, 1936-1939*

Giora Goodman, Kinneret Academic College  
*"The Army of the Jungle": The Social Dimension of the Anti-British Riots in Tel Aviv, November 1945*

Assaf Selzer, University of Haifa  
*Western Ideas in the Promised Land – The Search for and the Supply of Water in the Jewish Sector in Palestine in the first Half of the 20th Century*

**TA2 / Holocaust Echoes, 1950s to 1970s**

Chair: Yechiam Weitz, University of Haifa (yandaweitz@walla.co.il)

Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College  
*Holocaust Survivors are Israeli society: Re-thinking 1950s Israel*

Jacob Tovy, University of Haifa  
*Remember What the Amalekites Did to You” - Herut Movement’s Attitude towards Israel-Germany Relations, 1949-1965*

Doron Timor, Tel Aviv University  
*The Students’ Protest and the Public Sphere: Israel-Germany Relationships as a Turning Point for the Israeli Student*

Ekaterina Usova, Russian Academy of Sciences  
*The Eichmann Trial, the Official Soviet Policy and a Man Who Dared to Have his Say*

**TA3 / Gendered Encounters with the State**

Chair: Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University (o.sassonlevy@gmail.com)

Larissa Remennick and Ana Prashizky, Bar-Ilan University  
*“Strangers in the Homeland:” Gendered Citizenship among Non-Jewish Immigrant Women in Israel*

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Bar-Ilan University  
*Ein Din v’Yesh Dayan? Experiences of Citizenship among Orthodox Women Agunah Activists Facing Israel’s Rabbinic Courts*

Sara Helman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Turning Welfare-Reliant Women into Entrepreneurs: Employment Readiness Workshops and the Constitution of the Entrepreneurial Self in Israel*

Edna Lomsky-Feder, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University  
*Gendered Encounters with the State: An Analytical Proposal*

**TA4 / Jerusalem: Between East and West**

Chair: Meir Kraus, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Yitzhak Reiter, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and Ashkelon Academic College  
*Jerusalem’s Holy Places as a Focal Point of Symbolic Competition*

Amnon Ramon, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and Ashkelon Academic College  
*Jerusalem Churches and Christian Communities under Israeli Rule (1967-1973)*

Marik Shtern, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Employment of East Jerusalem Palestinians in West Jerusalem*

Lior Lehrs, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Jerusalem as an “Open City”*
### TA5 / Western Military Power in the Middle East?
**Origins, Trends and Implications of Israel’s Military and Strategic Cultures**

**Chair:** Itamar Rickover, Bar-Ilan University (itamar.rickover@gmail.com)

- **Carmit Padan**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Institute for National Security Studies
- **Shaiel Ben-Ephraim**, University of Calgary and Mount Royal University
- **Tamir Libel**, Barcelona Institute of International Studies
- **Eitan Shamir**, Bar-Ilan University

### TA6 / Religion, Space, and Gender: New Perspectives on Polish Zionism in Interwar Period

**Chair:** Daniel Mahla, Ludwig Maximilians University (daniel.mahla@gmail.com)

- **Daniel Mahla**, Ludwig Maximilians University
- **Rona Yona**, The Open University of Israel and Tel Aviv University
- **Jolanta Mickute**, Vytautas Magnus University and the Vilnius Yiddish Institute

### TA7 / Political Models and Perspectives

**Chair:** Colin Shindler, SOAS

- **Gal Ariely**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- **Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University
- **Assaf Meydani**, The Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo and Sapir Academic College
- **Eitan Shamir**, Bar-Ilan University

### TA8 / Israel Studies: Where and How?

**Chair:** Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (aridan@bgu.ac.il)

- **Miriam Shenkar** and **Oded Shenkar**, Ohio State University and **Halo Ben-Asher**, Walden University

### TA9 / Minority Reports

**Chair:** Itamar Radai, University of Haifa (itamar.radai@mail.huji.ac.il)

- **D. Gershon Lewental**, University of Oklahoma
- **William Miles**, Northeastern University

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**Crisis or an ‘Orderly’ Event? Interjecting a Social Constructivist Perspective into the Role of Leadership in Military Events**

**Shaiel Ben-Ephraim**, University of Calgary and Mount Royal University

**“In Blood and Fire”: Strategic Subcultures and the Roots of Israeli Strategic Culture**

**Tamir Libel**, Barcelona Institute of International Studies

**The Reconstruction of Israel’s Security Policy in the 21st century: A 4th Generation Strategic Culture explanation**

**Eitan Shamir**, Bar-Ilan University

**The Americanization of the IDF: Explaining Israel’s New Way of War**

**Dynamics of Competition: Orthodox Politics and Zionism in Interwar Poland**

**Polish Zionism between Russia and Palestine: the Case of Labor Zionism**

**To Be or Not to Be a Zionist? Gender, Political Creed, and Generational Difference in Polish Zionism**

**Beyond “Israel Studies”: The Case of Bahá’ís and Jews in the Holy Land, 1917–1957**

**Post-Modernity and the Druze: “Westernization” of an Indigenous Israeli Minority**
TA10 / From the Canaanites to Matzpen: Home-Grown Dissidents of the Zionist Project

Chair: Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (johannes.becke@hfs.eu)

Roman Vater, University of Oxford
Jewish Nationalism vs. Hebrew Nationalism: The Case of the Canaanites

Lutz Fiedler, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel in Revolution: Matzpen, the Palestine Conflict and the Hebrew Nation

TA11 / ‘Mizrahi’ Identity and Representation

Chair: Hani Zubida, Yezreel Valley College (haniz@yvc.ac.il)

Hani Zubida, Yezreel Valley College
Defining Rationality in Israeli Election: Is Rationality in Israel Ashkenazi Bounded, or Can Mizrahi Voters also Act Rationally?

Gadi Nissim, Ruppin Academic Center
Coherent Mizrahi Identity? The Case of “Kedma Tel-Aviv” High School

Rocco Giansante, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Almost Proud: Mizrahi Identities and the West on Israeli Television

TA12 / Aliya in Perspective

Chair: Brian Horowitz, Tulane University (horowitz@tulane.edu)

Brian Horowitz, Tulane University
Vladimir Jabotinsky and the Russian Emigration: What Role Did Jews from Russia Play in the Formation and Ideology of Revisionism

Sebastian Klor, University of Haifa
Marginal Immigrants: Jewish Argentine Immigration to Israel 1948-1967

Katharina Hey, Ludwig Maximilian University
A Question of Double Allegiance? The Transformation of Israel-Diaspora Relations in France in the 1960s

Ilan Riss, Central Bureau of Statistics Israel
Determinants of Migration Waves in the Israeli Migration System

10:30 – 11:00 / Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 / Session B

TB1 / Town and Country: Science, Society and the Spatial Engineering of Zionist Palestine

Chair: Eitan Bar-Yosef, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (eby@bgu.ac.il)

Netta Cohen, University of Oxford
Utopia and Climate: Jewish and Zionist Utilization of ‘Climate Theory’ in Fin-de-Siècle Europe

Noah Hysler Rubin, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design
20th century planning paradigms and the Zionist City

Shira Wilkof, UC Berkeley
Merging Town and Country: Eliezer Brutzkus and the Creation of a “Semi-Urban” National Landscape

Oryan Shachar, Technion- Israel Institute of Technology and The NB Haifa School of Design
From Firi’m to Hatzor HaGlilit: A Story of Visions, Transformation and Local Identity, 1948-1953

TB2 / “The Old Man” Revisited

Chair: Dvorah Hacohen, Bar-Ilan University (dvora.hacohen@gmail.com)

Dvorah Hacohen, Bar-Ilan University
1953: A Turning Point in Israel

Avi Shilon, New York University
Toward the Eastern Frontier: Ben-Gurion’s Approach to India and Buddhism

Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sixty Years On – The 1956 “Kadesh”–Sinai War: A Retrospective and Reappraisal of Ben-Gurion’s Aims, Objectives and Achievements
TB3 / Zionism between East and West: A Gendered Perspective  
Chair: Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University  
(szobel@brandeis.edu)  
Respondent: Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin  
Hamutal Tsamir, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
Modern Hebrew Literature between East and West: What’s Gender Got To Do With it  
Ilana Szobel, Brandeis University  
Sexual Violence in the Work of Shoshana Shababo  
Yael Ben-Zvi Morad, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
“And why do Children Die?” - Gender and Sacrifice in Zionist Women’s Autobiographies

TB4 / Jerusalem Narratives  
Chair: Reuven Gafni, Kinneret Academic College (gafni.reuven@gmail.com)  
Jonathan Grossman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Legalism, Pragmatism, Catholicism, and the Holy City: Brazil and the Dispute over Jerusalem, 1948–1967  
Sara Yael Hirschhorn, University of Oxford  
From Goldineh Medinah to Jerusalem of Gold: American Jews and the Memory of Jerusalem in 1967  
Elan Ezrachi, Independent Scholar  
Israel Narratives on the Status of Jerusalem since 1967  
Michael Feige, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
Noa Gilboa Kanarek, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
A Wall in her Heart: Rebranding Jerusalem through Popular Music

TB5 / Olive Branch and Sword – and the Nation  
Chair: Yoram Peri, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)  
Elad Neemani, Tel Aviv University  
The Road to the Military Boarding School of Command next to the Reali High School, Haifa  
Elisheva Rosman, Bar-Ilan University  
Believing in Theory: How the IDF Might be Building a Nation in its own Mind  
Clila Magen, Bar-Ilan University  
Israel’s Intelligence Community in the Public Sphere: Adapting to 21st Century Challenges

TB6 / Israel in Identity Politics of Diaspora Jews  
Chair: Toby Greene, Tel Aviv University (toby@tobygreene.net)  
Sarah Fainberg, Tel Aviv University  
The Israelization of French Judaism  
Dov Waxman, Northeastern University  
A Dov-Ish Diaspora: Diaspora Jews and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process  
Daniel Goldman, “Gesher”  
Cultural Barriers between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry  
Yossi Shain, Tel Aviv University  
The Israelization of Judaism and its Universalist Discontents

TB7 / New Media, New Challenges  
Chair: Sam Lehman-Wilzig, Bar-Ilan University (Sam.Lehman-Wilzig@biu.ac.il)  
Sam Lehman-Wilzig and Chen Sabag Ben-Porat, Bar-Ilan University and Azi Lev-On, Ariel University  
Knesset Legislators and the Public on Facebook: Parliamentary Aides Recruitment, Training, and Patterns of Social Network Activity  
Shahaf Zamir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Political Personalization on the Internet: Comparative Perspective  
Hananel Rosenberg and Osnat Roth-Cohen, Ariel University  
Smart-phone or Smart Consumer? Consumer Awareness and Attitudes towards Mobile Advertising in Israel

TB8 / Israel Studies in Germany  
Chair: Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (johannes.becke@hfs.eu)  
Discussant: Hadas Cohen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Angelika Timm, Independent Scholar  
Israel Studies at Humboldt University, Berlin: Experiences from a Multidisciplinary Experiment in Research and Teaching  
Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg  
Land and Redemption: The Zionist Project in Comparative Perspective  
Michael Brenner, Ludwig Maximilians University and American University  
“Mada’i ba-Mizrah ve-Anokhi be-Ma’arav” – Reflections on Israel Studies in Germany  
Jenny Hestermann, Fritz Bauer Institute  
Paradigms and Research Gaps in German-Israeli Relations
TB9 / Left and Right, East and West
Chair: Esther Meir-Glitzenstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (esmeir@bgu.ac.il)
Oren Kalman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Struggle between East and West within Local MAPAI Leadership of Kiryat-Gat 1959
Esther Meir-Glitzenstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
About the Hybrid Identity of the ‘Mizrahim’ in Israel: Mordechai Ben-Porat as a case study
Ofir Abu, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Orit Galili-Zucker, Independent Scholar
Perceptions toward the Zionist Left among Israel’s Social and Geographical Periphery

TB10 / Dor le-Dor: The Generation Gap
Chair: Rachel Fish, Brandeis University (rifish@brandeis.edu)
Emily Schneider, University of California Santa Barbara
Attachment through Criticism: The Role of Travel in Jewish-Americans’ Changing Relationship to Zionism
Ariela Keysar, Trinity College
U.S. and Israel: The Role of Grandparents
Anat Feldman, Achva Academic College
Sacred Spaces for Second Generation North African Jews in Israel

TB11 / Israel Raid in Entebbe 1976: Historical, Military and Legal Perspectives
Chair: Alon Kadish, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Yad Izhak Ben-Zvi (akadish64@gmail.com)
Sagi Torgan, IDF Command and Staff College
The Decision Making Process of the Entebbe Operation
Anat Stern, IDF Command and Staff College and Tel Aviv University
Legal aspects of Operation Thunder-Ball: Fighting Terrorists in the Courts
Omri Adomi, IDF Command and Staff College and The Hebrew University
The German Entebbe
Nimrod Hagiladi, IDF Command and Staff College and University of Haifa
Entebbe in Retrospect: 40 Years Later

TB12 / Social Movements and Activism in Israel: The 2011 Social Justice Movement
Chair: Doron Shultziner, Hadassah Academic College (doronsh@hadassah.ac.il)
Doron Shultziner and Karin Siklay, Hadassah Academic College
Stages of Social Movements and the 2011 Social Justice Movement
Carmit Wiesslitz, Hadassah Academic College
 Activists and the Media in the Digital Age: What has Changed?
Sarah Goldberg and Naomi Carmon, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
And They Took to the Streets: The J14 Protests as Part of a Global Social Movement

12:45 – 13:45 / AIS General Assembly
*Light lunch offered

14:00 – 15:30 / Session C

TC1 / Teaching Israel Studies: Suggestions for New Primary Sources
Chair: Ron Zweig, New York University (rz11@nyu.edu)
Esther Carmel-Hakim, University of Haifa
Teaching Zionist Women’s History through 1920s Posters
Shira Klein, Chapman University
New Sources for Teaching Israeli Migration History
Norma Joseph, Concordia University
Gender, War and Film: A Classroom Experiment

TC2 / Golda Meir: A New Book by the Israel State Archive
Chair: Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University
Discussants: Meron Medzini, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Pnina Lahav, Boston University
Hagai Tsoref, Israel State Archives
Changes in the Public Perception of Prime Minister Golda Meir in the Last Decades
TC3 / Between East and West: Palestine from the Ottoman Regime to the British Mandate
Chair: Ilan Troen, Brandeis University (troen@brandeis.edu)
Havatzelet Yahel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Land Registration and Mapping: from the Ottomans to the British Mandate
Roy Marom, Tel Aviv University
Across the Mountains and Beyond the Sea: Migrations and Settlement in the Sharon Plain during the Late Ottoman and British Mandate Period
Kobi Peled, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Social Symbiosis in the Upper Galilee: The Relationship between Peasants and Semi-Nomads during the British Mandate Period
Emir Galili, Beit Berl College
“A Nomadic State of Mind”: The Formation and transformations of Negev Bedouin Mental Maps in the 19th and 20th Centuries
Margalit Toledano, University of Waikato
Buber’s Strategic Communication: Propaganda or Dialogic Communication?

TC6 / “It’s Us against the World”
Chair – Alan Craig, University of Leeds (a.craig@leeds.ac.uk)
Shmuel Sandler, Bar-Ilan University
Tradition and Survival: The Jewish Foundations of Israel’s Foreign Policy
Gerald Steinberg, Bar-Ilan University
Israel – a Nation that Dwells Alone?
Aaron Walter, Masaryk University
Western Bride, Eastern Mistress: Israel, and the Politics of European and U.S. Leaders
Gadi Heimann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Political Debate on Israel’s Foreign Policy

TC4 / Round table: Is Peace Ashkenazi?
Co-Chairs: Jon Simons, Indiana University (simonsj@indiana.edu)
Henriette Dahan Kalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (henms@bgu.ac.il)
Neta Amar-Shiff, Human Rights of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories
Yifat Hillel, The Bilingual school, Beersheba
Atalia Omer, Notre Dame University
MK Aiman Oudeh, The Joint List Party
MK Yossi Yonah, The Zionist Camp Party, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TC5 / Translocal Dialogues
Chair: Hillel Nossek, Kinneret Academic College (hnossek@gmail.com)
Hillel Nossek, Kinneret Academic College
Climate Change Communication between the Global and the Local: The Case of Israel
Steven Fraiber, Michigan State University
Constructing Translocal Identities in the Israeli High-Tech Industry

TC7 / Reading across the Mediterranean
Chair: Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin – Madison (brenner@wisc.edu)
Merom Kalie, Independent Scholar
Moral Responsibility in Times of Conflict: Works by Albert Camus and David Grossman
Yael Halevi-Wise, McGill University
A. B. Yehoshua “Among the Isms”: His Canaanism, Sephardism and Mediterraneanism under the Control of Modern Zionism
Yael Dekel, Northwestern University
How do You Say ”Yahud” in Hebrew? a Canaanite Story on the War of 1948

TC8 / Where is Israel Located?
Chair: David Ohana, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (dohana19@gmail.com)
Alain Dieckhoff, Center for International Studies Sciences Po, Paris
Israel as an Hybrid State
Ari Ofengenden, Brandeis University
It Ain’t Europe Here
Ofer Berenstein, University of Calgary
Tamed space – Israel as a Tamed Levantine Space in the Israeli-German and Israeli-Polish Comics Co-productions ‘Cargo’ and ‘Israpol’
TC9 / Abraham Leon: A Jewish Radical and his Legacy
Chair: Danny Gutwein, University of Haifa
dgutwein@univ.haifa.ac.il
Tony Michels, University of Wisconsin Madison
American Marxists and Their Reconsideration of Zionism in the 1940s
Tom Navon, University of Haifa
A Materialist Approach to Jewish History – The Case of Abraham Leon
Tal Elmaliach, University of Wisconsin Madison
The Revival of Abraham Leon - Radical Jews in the 1960s between Zionism and the New Left

TC10 / A New Page: From ‘Jewish National and University Library’ to ‘National Library of Israel’
Chair: Aviad Stollman, National Library of Israel
Gil Weissblei, National Library of Israel
A Nation’s Spirit in Boxes: Israeli Collections at the Archives Department of NLI
Eyal Miller, National Library of Israel
The World before YNET: the Research and Study of Historical Newspapers in the Digital Age – Adaptations, Biases and Considerations.
Hezy Amiur, National Library of Israel
“Do you Mean Absolutely Everything about Israel?!”: Collection Policy and Digital Projects in the NLI

TC11 / Security and Foreign Policy Challenges
Chair: Joel Peters, Virginia Tech (peters25@vt.edu)
Charles (Chuck) Freilich, Harvard University
Security Challenges in the 21st Century
Galia Golan, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
The Challenge of Peace
Joel Peters, Virginia Tech
Israel and the World
Dov Waxman, Northeastern University
Israel and the Jewish People

TC12 / When East and West Meet in the Educational Field: The History of Hebrew Education in Palestine, 1880–1925
Chair: Youval Dror, Tel Aviv University
Youval.Dror@gmail.com
Tali Tadmor-Shimony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Nirit Reichel, Kinneret Academic College and Gordon College
The Encounter between Western Educational Ideas and the Zionist Education’s Vision Regarding Agriculture Teaching and School Trip during the Pre-State Era
Miriam Szamet, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Eastern or Western? The concept of “New Education” among the second generation of Hebrew Teachers in the Yishuv, 1905–1925
Hanit Bengals, Tel Aviv University
Eastern and Western Influences on the first Hebrew-Language Gymnasium – “Gymnasia Herzliya”
Renana Kristal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Hebrew Module for Blind and Visually Impaired Children’s Education, from the Yishuv-Era to the Early Stages of the Israeli State

15:30 – 16:00 / COFFEE BREAK
16:00 – 17:30 / Plenary Session
On BDS: Perspectives from the United States and Israel
Active Chair: Donna Robinson Divine, Smith College
drdivine@smith.edu
Zvi Ziegler, Technion- Israel Institute of Technology, Inter-University Forum to Combat Academic Boycotts
Ken Waltzer, Michigan State University, CEO Academic Engagement Network
Dani Rabinowitz, Tel-Aviv University, Israeli and American Anthropological Association
Robert Freedman, Johns Hopkins, AIS Representative to MESA

17:30 – 20:00 / Tours of Jerusalem (by Registration only)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016 / MENACHEM BEGIN HERITAGE CENTER

8:30 – 12:30
Registration is open to all delegates

9:00 – 10:30 / Session A

WA1 / Round Table - Archival Scholarship in Israel and the Digital Revolution: Possibilities and Perspectives

Co-Chairs: Eva Gurevich and Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University
Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Yaakov Lozowick, Israel State Archives
Rami Shtivi, Menachem Begin Heritage Center
Shayna Weiss, Tel Aviv University

WA2 / In Their Image: Political Leadership

Chair: Asaf Shamis, Columbia University (ajshamis@gmail.com)
Efrat Seckbach, Ariel University
The Image of Ariel Sharon as a Leader 1953-1987
Guy Ziv, American University
Rhetoric vs. Policy: Rabin and Netanyahu on a Palestinian State
Asaf Shamis, Columbia University
The Presidentialization of the Israeli Premiership

WA3 / Childhood in Palestine: Cultural Aspects

Chair: Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University (hizky.shoham@gmail.com)
Galia Hasharoni, University of Haifa
Olives, Sun and Fish Smell: Immigrant Children’s First Encounters with Palestine 1882-1914
Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University
Family Rites of Childhood in British Mandate Era

Vered Tohar, Bar-Ilan University
Translations and Adaptations for Hebrew Children’s Literature 1917-1948: Influences, Trends, Readership, Reception

WA4 / Constructions of Place: Spatial Examinations of Israeli Culture

Chair: Vered Weiss, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (vweiss@illinois.edu)
Vered Weiss, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Spatial Metaphors and Gothic Tropes in Hebrew Literature: Illustrations of Nationalism and East/West Tensions within Jewish-Israeli Identities
Shay Rabineau, Binghamton University
Articulating the Body of National Territory: Israeli Hiking, Waymarking, and Mapping during the 1960s
Rebekka Grossmann, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Eastern and the Western Landscape: Photojournalism and the Making of a Jewish National Space

WA5 / Terror, Settlement and Counter Settlement

Chair: Menachem Hofnung, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (msmh@mail.huji.ac.il)
Menachem Hofnung, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Policy Making by Out of Court Settlements: Palestinian Informers at the Israeli High Court of Justice
Ofir Hadad, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Immigration Policy of Israel and the “Threatened” Palestinians Population
Alon Burstein, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
When Conflict becomes Religiousized: Accounting for the Impact of Secular and Religious Ideology on the Tactics of Terror Organizations

WA6 / Israel and the Global Media

Chair: Eli Avraham, University of Haifa (eavraham@com.haifa.ac.il)
Eli Avraham, University of Haifa
Fighting Global Anti-Semitism, Stereotypes and Media Bias: Media Strategies to Restore Israel’s Image Since 1948
Margalit Toledano, University of Waikato  
**Continuities in Israel’s internal Hasbara: Strategies and Tactics for Unifying the Nation**

Lukas Weinbeer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
**The Career of the Term “Judeo-Nazi”: A Critical Analysis of Yeshayahu Leibowitz’ Concept and its Representation in European Media**

Clila Magen, Bar-Ilan University and Ephraim Lapid, Bar-Ilan University  
**Israel and the Foreign Media: The Role of the GPO**

**WA7 / Between Social Media Visibility and Civic Effectiveness: Mizrahi Discourse in the Digital Age**

Chair: Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University  
(smadmoni@suffolk.edu)

Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber, Suffolk University  
**Breaking Through or Treading Water? Social Media in Israel, and Mizrahi Voices of Dissent**

Sami Shalom Chetrit, Queens College  
**Social networks and the new Mizrahi literary scene - the case of Ars-Poetica and facebook**

Meir Amor, Concordia University  
**Mizrahi Social Media Visibility – Headless and Shapeless Voices and Presence**

Gal Levy, The Open University Israel  
**Show Me a Hero: Mizrahi Talk between Activism and Facebookism**

**WA8 / The Palestinian Within**

Chair: Elie Rekhess, Northwestern University and Tel Aviv University (e-rekhes@northwestern.edu)

Rami Zeedan, The Zentrum Moderner Orient  
**The Arab-Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Legislative Elections of 2015: Identity and Democratic Participation**

Maha Sabbah, University of London  
**Couples’ Education and Gender Roles in Palestinian Society in Israel: Change vs. Conservation**

Tal Meler, Zefat Academic College  
**Educated Israeli-Palestinian Single Women Migrating in Search of Work**

**WA9 / Re-thinking the Categories of East and West**

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

Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University  
**Mandate Palestine between West and East: Jewish Women, the International Arena and the Struggle to Criminalize Child Marriage**

Hemi Sheinblat, Tel Aviv University  
**“American Levantine Goes Live on Air” - East and West in Israel’s Acoustic Space in the 1960’s**

Assaf Likhovski, Tel Aviv University  
**An Elusive Legacy: Polish Lawyers and Israeli Law**

**WA10 / Understanding Contemporary Israel: Political Challenges**

Chair: Rob Pinfold, King’s College London

Arieh Sasposnik, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
**Zionism in the 21st Century**

Itzhak Galnoor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Israeli Democracy Under Stress**

Eitan Alimi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Extra-parliamentary Politics and Civil Society**

**WA11 / Encountering the Other’s Narratives and Agendas in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

Chair: Ifat Maoz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (msifat@gmail.com)

Rotem Nagar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Mediated Suffering in Asymmetric Conflict: Mediated Intergroup Encounters with Suffering of Opponents, Recognition and Moral Concern**

Maya de Vries, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**“Al Aqsa is in Danger”: The Digital Gatekeepers of al-Aqsa Mosque**

Ibrahim Hazbun, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Journalists in Times of Crisis: Experiences and Practices of Palestinian Journalists during the 2014 Gaza War**

Moshe Ma’oz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Historical, Cultural, and Religious Aspects of the Difficult Conversations between Muslims and Jews: The Case of Temple Mount/ Al-Haram Al-Sharif as a Contested Site**
**WA12 / Inner Stitches in Contemporary Israel**

**Chair:** Arie Sover, Ashkelon Academic College
(ariesover@gmail.com)

**Melissa Melpignano,** UCLA

**Choreographing Arab Presence in Contemporary Israel**

**Arie Sover,** Ashkelon Academic College

**Don’t We Laugh the Same as You? Do Israeli Arabs and Jews Laugh at the Same Humorous Situations?**

**Lipaz Shamoa-Nir** and Irene Apfeld-Razpurker, Zefat Academic College

**The Power of Religious and National Content to Activate or Moderate Negative Attitudes towards Jews among Muslim and Christian Arabs in Israel**

**Sylvie Bijaoui,** College of Management Academic Studies

**Sleeping with the “Enemy”: “Mixed Marriages” in the Israeli Media**

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**10:30 – 11:00 / COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 – 12:30 / Session B**

**WB1 / Between Ethnicity, Nationality and Gender**

**Chair and Discussant:** Deborah Bernstein, University of Haifa (bernstein.deborahs@gmail.com)

**Margalit Shilo,** Bar-Ilan University

**Jewish Yemenite Women’s Immigration Experience: an Empowering Experience**

**Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern,** Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

**Thick as Comrades? Yemenite House Workers in Pre-State Israel as a Case-Study for West-East Relations**

**Tammy Razi,** Sapir Academic College

**Bint el-Balad: the Life and Works of Simha Tzabari**

**Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman,** Bar-Ilan University

**Absorption of Mixed Families (1933 to 1960) in British Mandate Palestine and Israel**

**WB2 / Orientations - Israel and Europe**

**Chair:** Gallia Lindenstrauss, Institute for National Security Studies (gallia@inss.org.il)

**Irena Kalhousova,** London School of Economics and Political Science

**A Representation of the Historical Legacy in the Czech Foreign Policy Towards Israel**

**Gallia Lindenstrauss,** Institute for National Security Studies and Dinah Phil, UCLan Cyprus

**From Papandreou to Tsipras: the Greek-Israeli Warming of Relations and its Limits**

**Pavel Pseja,** Masaryk University

**Transformation of the EU-Israel Relations since 2010: Coming Together or Drifting Apart?**

**Maor Shani,** Jacobs University Bremen

**Israeli-German Relations in a Post-Reconciliation Era: Explaining the Prevalence of Secondary and New Antisemitism**

**WB3 / Israel on the Silver Screen**

**Chair:** Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest (fwaldman@gmail.com)

**Dan Chuyin,** Tel Aviv University

**What is an Israeli Film? "The Juggler” and the Question of Canonicity**

**Shai Tagner,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Roma Tre University

**From Patricide to Perpetual Orphanhood: Analysis of ‘Atash’ and ‘Shnat Efes’**

**Olga Gershenson,** University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Zombies and Zionism: Emergence of Israeli Genre Cinema**

**Alan Weiss,** John Abbott College

‘Out in the Dark’: Teaching Approaches that Encourage Honesty, Humor, and Protection from Accusations of Islamophobia and Bias
WB4 / Conflict from Within and Without
Chair: Aviva Halamish, the Open University of Israel (avivaha@openu.ac.il)
Howard Adelman, York University
UNSCOP and East/West Tectonic Plates
Eva Gurevich, Brandeis University
Ziv Rubinovitz, Concordia University
The Rise and Decline of the Autonomy Plan, 1967-1982
Guy Freedman and Amnon Cavari, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, and Leticia Bode, Georgetown University
Assessing the Effect of Conflict Frames and Elite Cues on American Public Opinion

WB5 / A Woman’s Job
Chair: Rachel Harris, University of Illinois (rachels.harris@gmail.com)
Einat Lachover, Sapir Academic College and Sigal Barak-Brandes, Tel Aviv University
Feminist Agency and Social Activism: Mother-Daughter Discourse in a “Dove” Campaign in Israel
Shayna Weiss, Tel Aviv University
Mad Women: The Feminization of the Hebrew Secretary
Noga Cohen, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
“Ladies, Do you Dream of Amazing Eyebrows?” - A Gender Analysis of Israel’s Linguistic Landscape
Yisca Monnickendam-Givon, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Brandeis University
Benjamin Gidron, College of Management Academic Studies and Dafna Shwartz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Quiet Networks within Loud Networks: How Religion and Culture Impact Small Businesses of Ultra Orthodox Women in Israel

WB6 / The Case of the Supreme Court
Chair – Alan Craig, University of Leeds
Alexandre Kedar, University of Haifa
Recent decisions of the Israeli Supreme Court and the shaping of the Legal Geography of the Negev
Mohammed Wattad, University of California at Irvine
Israel’s Supreme Court: A Story of a Western Orientation

WB7 / Early Zionist Values and Constructions
Chair: Rachel Fish, Brandeis University (rffish@brandeis.edu)
Yitzhak Conforti, Bar-Ilan University
East and West in Early Zionism: Between Hibbat Zion and Political Zionism
Umut Uzer, Istanbul Technical University
The New Jew and the New Turk: A Comparative Analysis of the Israeli and Turkish Nation Building
Liora Halperin, University of Colorado Boulder
Avraham Shapira and the Zionist Construction of First Aliyah-era Heroism
Avital Ginat, Tel Aviv University
Ottoman, German or English: the Zionist Movement and the Yishuv’s Expectations regarding Palestine at the First World War

WB8 / Cultural Images between the Lines
Chair: Yael Dekel, Northwestern University (yali.dekel@nyu.edu)
Eran Tzelgov, Northwestern University
Three Moments of Silence: Tracing One Metaphor in the Poetry of Nathan Zach, Carmit Rosen and Tehila Hakimi
Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary
Ibn-Zahav’s “Shylock, the Jew of Venice” in its Historical and Ideological Context
Dvir Tzur, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Literary Representations of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv: Tension between East and West
Omri Asscher, University of Haifa
“Judaism in Translation”: Jewish-American Literature and Culture in Israeli Thought
WB9 / A Flame among the Cedars: Lebanon and Israel
Chair: Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull (R.Cohen-Almagor@hull.ac.uk)
Raphael Cohen Almagor, University of Hull
Just and Unjust War: A Study of the Israeli Lebanon War of 1982
Valentina Morselli, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Israel as “the Last Frontier” Between East And West: A Study Of The First And Second Lebanon Wars
Aviad Rubin and Ehud Eiran, University of Haifa
Impact of Diversified Sovereignty on Conflict Dynamics: Israeli-Lebanese Land and Maritime Disputes

WB10 / Land and Capital: The Political Geography of Space, Class and Citizenship Status in Israel
Chair: Meir Amor, Concordia University (meir.amor@concordia.ca)
Nitzan Sarig and Oren Yitachel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
From Sharon to Sharon: Spatial Planning and Separation Regime in Israel/Palestine
Reut Reina Bendrihem, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
From Development Town to a Gated Community: The Case of Mitzpe Ramon
Moti Gigi, Sapir Academic College and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Power Relationship between Development Towns and Kibbutzim: Class, Identity and Space
Meir Amor, Concordia University
Capital and Social Selection: Manufacturing Ashkenazi Supremacy and Mizrahi Subordination in Israel

WB11 / Israel as a Middle Eastern State: De-Westernization and Levantinization (B)
Chair: Johannes Becke, Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg (johannes.becke@hfjs.eu)
Marwa Mazlai, University of Washington
Oscillating Civil-Military relations in the Middle East: Egypt, Turkey and Israel
Menahem Merhavy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Conceptualizing the Rise of Religious Nationalism in the Middle East
Marie-Kristin Thimm, University of the Armed Forces Munich
Really on the Brink of War? Iranian and Israeli Peace Policies through the Prism of their National Identities
Lidia Averbukh, Ludwig Maximilians University
The Israeli Immigration Regime - a Mixture of Western and Eastern Immigration Policies

WB12 / The ‘We’ via the ‘Other’: Ethno-National Identities and Social Borders in Public Discourses in and about Israel
Chair and Discussant: Dov Shinar, Hadassah Academic College (dov.shinar@gmail.com)
Dalia Gavriely Nuri and Matan Flum, Hadassah Academic College
The Vanishing of the Ma’abarot: An Absence in Israeli Discourse
Elie Friedman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Dalia Gavriely Nuri, Hadassah Academic College
Normalization and Estrangement of Occupation: The Israeli West Bank Political Discourse
Tamar Katriel, University of Haifa
“Why Break the Silence?”: Self-Legitimization in Israeli Soldiers’ Discourse of Dissent
Oren Livio, University of Haifa
Producing Soldier Boy: Sperm Donor Discourse and Militarism in Israel

12:30 – 13:30 / LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15:00 / Session C

WC1 / Bi-Focal: Transnational Lenses
Chair: Tammy Razi, Sapir Academic College (tamrr@sapir.ac.il)
Anna Messner, Ludwig Maximilians University, Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz and Max Planck Institut Between East and West: German-Jewish Women Photographers in Israel/Palestine
Ariel Sheetrit, The Open University of Israel
*Transnational Imaginings in “Salt of this Sea” and “Villa Touma”*

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina
*“5 Broken Cameras” and the Sixth One: Time, Summud (steadfastness), and Subjectivities*

Yael Munk, The Open University of Israel
*Transnational Cinema, Post-Ideology and Post-Genderism in“The Slut “*

**WC2 / A Proper Place for a Lady?**

*Chair: Mira Yungman, The Open University of Israel (mirayu@openu.ac.il)*

Maria Cristina Rattighieri, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
*Women Pioneer: from Trieste to the Promised Land, the Solo Journey of an Italian Jewish Schoolteacher (1856)*

Mira Yungman, The Open University of Israel
*Women’s Zionism in Europe and the USA: 1897-1948*

Sigal Davidi, Independent Scholar
*The Woman of the East is Awakening to New Horizons: Modernizing Women’s Domestic Work in Mandatory Palestine*

Dorit Yosef, The Open University of Israel
*Everyday Life as a Tool for Establishing a Western Society in the East: The Example of the Jüdische Rundschau and the Mitteilungsblatt*

**WC3 / Round Table - The Utopist of Casablanca: Celebrating the Writings of Makhluf Avitan**

*Chair: Yael Dekel, Northwestern University (yali.dekel@nyu.edu)*

Eran Tzelgov, Northwestern University

Gideon Katz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WC4 / Israel and the Palestinians: Between War and Peace**

*Chair: Hillel Frisch, Bar-Ilan University (hillel.frisch@gmail.com)*

Ariel Zellman, Bar-Ilan University
*’Hawking’ Territorial Conflict: Narrative framing and Cleavage Consistency in Nationalist Politics*

Harel Chorev, Tel-Aviv University
*Palestinian Youth and the Internet on the Current Escalation*

Iddo Zelkovich, University of Haifa
*National Narrative and Political Problems on Palestinian Stamps, 1995-2014*

**WC5 / On Air and under Press**

*Chair: Oranit Klein Shagrir, Hadassah Academic College and Open University of Israel (oranitlk@gmail.com)*

Oranit Klein Shagrir, Hadassah Academic College and Open University of Israel
*Television in Israel is (a)Live and Well: Live and “Simulated Live” Broadcasts in Israeli Television*

Dalia Liran Alper and Alina Berenstein, College of Management Academic Studies
*Teen Drama Series on Israeli Television*

Oren Soffer, The Open University of Israel
*Decrepitude as a Source of Symbolic Capital: The Case of Galei Zahal*

Dorit Zimand-Sheiner, Ariel University and Yechiel Limor, Bar-Ilan University
*The Exodus Myth in Commercial Ads in Israeli Secular and Religious Printed Press 1948-2008*

**WC6 / East/West Challenges in the Family**

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Or Honig and Hagai Klein, Tel Aviv University
The Gap between Policy and Academia in Israel: Its Sources and Future Trajectories
Shayna Zamkanei, University of Chicago
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Eyal Katvan and Boaz Shnoor, College of Law and Business Israel
Eastern or Western ‘Kavod’? Honor in Informal Courts in Mandatory Palestine
Matan Boord, Tel Aviv University
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WD6 / Building a Nation on its Land
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Jewish Prophecy between Hebrew and German: Ahad Ha-Am Translating Pinsker
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Paving the Way to the Indigenous: “Hasolel” and the Shaping of an East-West Hebrew Indigeneity in Palestine
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Maya Maor, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
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Isabel Roldan Gomez, University of Salamanca
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Sphere: the Case of Israel
Yoram Peri, University of Maryland
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