

Conference:

1991 A.I.S. Conference at Barnard College

The 1991 Annual Conference of the Association will be held at Barnard College of Columbia University June 9 - 10, 1991. A tentative program follows:

Sunday, June 9

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Registration
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Session I

I. Israel in the Disciplines

(A Roundtable)

Chair: Walter Zenner, SUNY Albany

Lisa Anderson (Columbia) "The View from Middle Eastern Studies"
Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary) "The View from Judaic Studies"
Ian Lustick (U. of Pennsylvania) "The View from Comparative Studies"

11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:45 p.m. Session II
(Concurrent Sessions)

IIA. Women's Status and Gender Issues

Chair: Flora Davidson, Barnard College

Mark Tessler (Wisconsin, Milwaukee) "Feminism and Nationalism Among Palestinian Women in Israel"
Ann Colomb Hoffman (Fordham), "Constructing Masculinity in Yaacov Shabtai's Past Continuous"
Madeline Tress (CUNY), "Women and Halakha in Israeli Civil Society: The Case of Gush Emunim"
Amira Dotan (IDF), "Status of Women in the Israeli Army"

IIB. Immigration and Its Challenges

Chair: Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore Hebrew University

Robert O. Freedman (Baltimore Hebrew University) "Impact of Soviet Jewish Immigration for Israeli Politics and Soviet-Israeli Relations"
Shmuel Shinar (Consulate of Israel) "Problems and Prospects of the Soviet Jewish Immigrants"
Teshome Wagaw (University of Michigan) "Educational Policies for the Socialization of Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel"

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Lunch
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Session III
(Concurrent Sessions)

IIIA. Diplomacy in the Arab-Israel Conflict

Chair: Mark Tessler, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Jerome Slater (SUNY Buffalo) "Lost Opportunities for Peace"
Nathan Yanai (Gratz/Haifa) "Is It Possible to Have an Israeli Consensus on Peace?"
Muhammad Muslih (C.W. Post) "Debates Over the Future Direction of Palestinian Politics"

IIIB. Ethnic Consciousness

Chair: Gregory Mahler, University of Mississippi

Avraham Marthan (Gratz) "Contemporary Sephardic Poetry in Israel"
Yael Zerubavel (Pennsylvania) "Israel, Salvage Fiction, and the Reconstruction of Ethnicity"
Massoud Eghbarieh (Maryland, College Park) "Mass Media and the Shaping of Attitudes Among Israeli Arabs"
Walter Weiker (Rutgers) "The Future of Ethnicity in Israel"

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Reception, Middle East Institute, Columbia University

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner, McIntosh Center, Barnard College

Keynote Speaker: Benjamin Harshav, Yale University: "The Politics of Culture and Israeli Identity"

8:30 - 10:00 p.m. Session IV

IV. Roundtable on the Impact of the Gulf War

Chair: J.C. Hurewitz, Columbia

Moshe Maoz, Hebrew University
Emile Sahliyyeh, U. of North Texas
Other speakers to be announced

Monday, June 10

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Session V
(Concurrent Sessions)

Va. Israeli Language and Literature
Chair: Myron Aronoff, Rutgers Univ.

Mill Gold (Columbia) "Disobedience
and Madness in the Poetry of Dalia
Ravikovitch"
Zvia Ginzor (Jewish Theological
Seminary) "Kovner's Kibbutz: Con-
junction and Conflicts in Myths"
Dorit Ravid (Carleton) "Deviation and
Language Change in Modern Hebrew"
Shmuel Bolozky (U. Massachusetts,
Amherst) "On the Semitic Nature of
Modern Hebrew and Word Formation"

Vb. Historical Perspectives
Chair: Arthur Hertzberg, Columbia
University

Yitzhak Kerem (Aristotle University)
"Greek-Jewish Agricultural
Settlement in Eretz Yisrael"
Michael M. Laskler (Spartus College
of Judaica) "Israeli-Directed
Zionist Underground Movements in
Egypt and North Africa: 1948-1961"
Henri Barkaly (Lehigh) "The Struggle
for Economic Stability"
Judith Apter Klinghoffer (Rutgers)
"Johnson, Israel, American Jewry, and
the Vietnam War"

11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:45 a.m. Session VI
(Concurrent Sessions)

Via. Issues of Governance and Human
Rights

Chair: Russell Stone, SUNY Buffalo
Martin Edelman (SUNY Albany) "The
Utility of a Written Constitution:
Israel's Quest in Light of
America's Experience"
Yoav Peled (Tel Aviv University)
"Israeli versus Jewish Nationalism:
Implications for Israeli Arabs"
Shukri Abad (Hebrew University)
"Relevance of Democracy for the
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"

Vib. Geography and Security
Chair: John Clark, Columbia
University

Robert Barkavy (Pennsylvania State
University) "Geographic Aspects of
the Arab-Israeli Military Balance"
Joyce Starr (Global Policy Group)
"Middle East Water Security"
John Kolarz (Michigan) "Steps in
Achieving a Middle East Pax
Aquarum"

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Lunch

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Business Meeting

3:30 p.m. end of Conference