

# Association For Israel Studies

## 15th Annual Meeting

*ISRAEL AFTER OSLO*  
 May 23-25, 1999  
 Center for Israel Studies American University  
 Washington D.C

### SUNDAY - May 23

9:00-9:30

**REGISTRATION,  
 REFRESHMENTS, BOOK  
 EXHIBIT**

9:30-11:15

Session 1A

**PEACE SETTLEMENTS AND  
 DIPLOMACY I: THEN AND  
 NOW**

Chair: *Neil Kerwin, American University*

Papers: *Neil Caplan, Vanier College, Israeli  
 Attitudes to the United Nations: To-  
 wards a Critical Re-examination of  
 the 'Oom-Shmoom' Syndrome,  
 1948-1960*

*Kenneth Stein, Emory University,  
 Direct Israeli-Egyptian Diplomacy  
 After the 1973 War: Kilometer 101  
 Talks*

*Jonathan Paris, Council on Foreign  
 Relations, New York, Independent  
 Task Force on Strengthening Pales-  
 tinian Institutions*

*Maen Al-Nsour, George Mason  
 University, Jordan's Interest in a  
 Permanent Israeli-Palestinian  
 Settlement*

Session 1B

**ARAB CITIZENS IN ISRAEL:  
 NATIONAL TO  
 MULTICULTURAL OPTIONS**

Chair: *Saadia Touval, SAIS, Johns Hop-  
 kins University*

Discussant: *Mohammed Abu Nimer, American  
 University*

Papers:

*Ilana Koufman, Open University of Is-  
 rael, From a Jewish to an Israeli State*

*Khawla Abu Baker, Yizrael Aca-  
 demic College, Social Policies  
 among Arabs in Israel*

*Hanna Herzog, Tel Aviv Univer-  
 sity, Negotiating the Boundaries of  
 Citizenship: Palestinian Women in  
 Israel and Peace Activity*

*Ruth Gavison, Hebrew University,  
 Must Separate Be Equal? The Case  
 of the Jaffa Public School System*

11:15-12:00

**PLENARY SESSION - I**  
**Address by Zalman Shoval,**  
**Israel's Ambassador to the U.**  
**Sincerely.**

Introductions:

*Benjamin Ladner, President,  
 American University Howard Wa-  
 chtel, Dean, College of Arts and  
 Sciences - AU*

12:00-1:00

**Lunch**

1:00-2:45

Session 2A

**ISRAEL AND ITS JEWISH  
 DIASPORA**

Chair and  
 Discussant:

*David M. Gordis, Hebrew College,  
 Boston*

Papers:

*Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore He-  
 brew University, The American  
 Policy Toward the Israeli-  
 Palestinian Conflict During Clin-  
 ton's Second Term*

*David Albert, University of Texas,  
 Understanding the U.S.- Israel Spe-  
 cial Relationship Post Cold War*

	Ephraim Tabory and Bernard Laz- erwitz, Bar-Ilan University, <i>Limita- tions on the Religious Benefits of Church-State Separation: Jewish Religiosity in Israel Versus the United States</i>		As'ad Ghanem, Haifa Univ. and Gi- vat Haviva Inst. for Peace Research, <i>Towards a Consociational Solution to the Palestinian-Israeli Problem: A Bi-national, Palestinian-Israeli State as an Option for the Solution of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict</i>
	Ofira Seliktar, Gratz College, <i>Di- vided We Stand: Israeli Relations with the American Jewish Diaspora</i>	2:45-3:00	<b>Break</b>
Session 2B	<b>THE OTHER IN ISRAELI CULTURE</b>	3:00-4:30	<b>POLICY MAKERS ON US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, POST-OSLO</b> (Conference Registrants only)
Chair:	<i>Nathan Brown, George Washing- ton University</i>	Chair:	<i>Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore Hebrew University</i>
Papers:	David Bartram, University of Wis- consin, <i>The Politics of Foreign La- bor Policy in Israel</i>	Participants:	Martin Indyk, U.S. Department of State; Joseph Lieberman, Demo- cratic Senator from Connecticut; Robert Malley, National Security Council; Itamar Rabinovich, former Israeli Ambassador to U.S.; Zalman Shoval, Israeli Ambassador to U.S.
	Rachel Feldhay Brenner, University of Wisconsin, <i>The Hidden Tran- scripts of Israeli Arab Literature in Hebrew</i>		
	Adriana Kemp, Ben-Gurion Uni- versity, <i>The Emergence of New Claim-Making Populations and the Limits of Participation: Latino and African Migrant Workers in Israel</i>	5:00 - 7:00	<b>CULTURAL EVENT and BUFFET RECEPTION - at the ISRAELI EMBASSY</b> (Conference Registrants only). Those wishing to attend must send to AIS, phone 202-885-2630 or fax 202-885-1083 or e-mail: ais@american.edu by Thurs. May 13:1. Name;2. Soc. Sec. or ID #;3. Place of birth;4. Date of birth.
	Moshe Hartman and Harriet Hart- man, Rowan University, <i>Labor Force Roles of Female American Immigrants to Israel</i>		
Session 2	<b>PEACE SETTLEMENTS AND DIPLOMACY II: ALLIANCES, FEDERATION, SEPARATION</b>	7:30 - 9:30	<b>AIS Board Meeting / Informal gathering for participants</b>
Chair:	<i>Laurie Eisenberg, Carnegie Mellon University</i>		
Papers:	Ersel Aydinli, McGill University, <i>How Long Can It Last? Turkish- Israeli Alliance, A Turkish Perspective</i>		
	Joshua Sinai, Science Applications International Corporation, <i>Israel's Political and Military Strategy to Resolve the Palestinian Insurgency, 1987-1999: Success or Failure?</i>		
	Jeffrey Sosland, George Washington University, <i>Final Status Negotia- tions, Separation or Interdepend- ence? The Case of Water</i>		
		<b>MONDAY - May 24</b>	
		8:30-9:00	<b>Registration, Refreshments, Book Exhibit</b>
		9:00-10:45	
	Session 3A		<b>ARMY, SOCIETY, AND POLITICS IN ISRAEL</b>
	Chair:		<i>Amos Perlmutter, American University</i>
	Papers:		Uri Ben-Eliezer, Haifa University, <i>Civil Society and Military Society in Israel: Divergence and Convergence</i>

	Michael F. Perko, Loyola University, <i>The Education Department of Israel Defense Forces, 1948-1975: An Adult Common School</i>		Nadim Rouhana, University of Maryland, <i>Coping with Ethnic Policies: Societal Mechanisms for Maintaining a Democratic Self-Image in Israel</i>
	Yoram Peri, Hebrew University, <i>The 'Democratic Putsch' of 1999 General Elections</i>		Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College, <i>Israel as a Flawed Democracy: The Victory of Illiberalism</i>
	Yagil Levy, <i>Political Control over the Military and the Circulation of Militarization, De-Militarization, and Re-Militarization</i>		
Session 3B	<b>ISRAELI MEDIA</b>	Session 4B	<b>LAW AND SOCIETY</b>
Chair:	Sanford Ungar, <i>American University</i>	Chair:	Martin Edelman, <i>SUNY Albany</i>
Papers:	Dan Caspi, Open University of Israel, <i>When Americanization Fails: Electoral Campaigns in Israel</i>	Discussant:	Gad Barzilai, <i>Tel Aviv University</i>
	Akiba Cohen, Tel Aviv University, <i>Television Newsmania in Israel: Myth, Artifact or Misunderstanding?</i>	Papers:	Sandy Kedar, Haifa University, <i>The Transformation of the Israeli Land Regime: 1948-1998</i>
	Dafna Lemish, Tel Aviv University, <i>'Being There': Advertising as a Peeking Hole to Israeli Society</i>		Leora Bilsky, Harvard University, <i>The Trial of Yigal Amir: Rhetoric in the Service of Collective Identity</i>
	Gadi Wolfsfeld, Hebrew University and the U.S. Institute of Peace, <i>The Role of the Media in the Oslo Peace Process</i>		Gal Dor, University of Toronto, <i>Petitioning the Supreme Court: Participation-Communication-Protest</i>
10:45-11:00	<b>Break</b>	1:30-2:30	<b>Lunch</b>
11:00-11:45	<b>MEET THE AUTHOR - I</b> Itamar Rabinovich, Tel Aviv University, <i>The Brink of Peace</i>	2:00-4:00	<b>DISSERTATION WORKSHOP</b>
		2:30-4:15	
11:45-1:30		Session 5 A	<b>JOURNALISTS COVERING ISRAEL</b>
Session 4A	<b>THE NATURE OF THE ISRAELI POLITICAL REGIME I: "IS ISRAEL AN ETHNIC DEMOCRACY?"</b>	Chair:	Pnina Lahav, <i>Boston University</i>
Chair:	Oren Yiftachel, <i>Ben-Gurion University</i>	Participants:	Glen Frankel, <i>Washington Post</i> ; Ethan Bronner, <i>New York Times</i> ; Carol Rosenberg, <i>Miami Herald</i> ; Jonathan Broder, <i>Jerusalem Report</i>
Papers:	Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania, <i>Israel's Mass Immigration of Non-Jews: Israel as a Non-Arab State</i>	Session 5B	<b>THE NATURE OF THE ISRAELI POLITICAL REGIME II: 'CHALLENGES TO ISRAELI DEMOCRACY AND IDENTITY'</b>
	Alon Harel, Columbia University, <i>Liberalism vs. Jewish Nationalism: Separating Zionism and State</i>	Chair:	Ilan Peleg, <i>Lafayette College</i>
		Papers:	Oren Yiftachel, <i>Ben-Gurion University</i> , <i>Mizrachi Protest in Israel's</i>

*Development Towns: The Making of an Ethno-Class*

Yossi Yonah, Ben-Gurion University, *'The Ethnic Demon': The Multicultural Challenge to Israeli Politics*

Gal Levy, London School of Economics and Political Science, *From Mamlachtiut to Excellence in Education: The Invisibility of Mizrahi Jews in the Construction of State Education*

Guy Ben-Porat, Johns Hopkins University, *A State of Holiness: Rethinking Israeli Secularism*

4:15-5:00

**MEET THE AUTHOR - II**  
Tamar Katriel, Haifa University, *Performing the Past: Israeli Settlement Museums*

Discussant: Yael Zerubavel, Rutgers University

5:00-6:00

**PLENARY SESSION - II**  
"Tele-Populism: New Role of the Media in Israeli Political Culture" Yoram Peri, Hebrew University

Chair: Joel Migdal, University of Washington

6:30

**BUFFET RECEPTION and DANCE PROGRAM / DISCUSSION**

## TUESDAY - May 25

8:30-9:00

**Registration, Refreshments, Book Exhibit**

9:00-10:45

Session 6A

**RECONSIDERING ZIONISM**

Chair and

Discussant: Rita Simon, American University

Papers:

Gil Anidjar, Williams College, *'Otherwise than Zionism' in Judeo-Maghrebian Literature*

Donna Robinson Divine, Smith College, *Zionism and the Transformation of Jewish Society*

Esther Fuchs, University of Arizona, *Gender and Nationalism in the Fiction of Nathan Shacham and Aharon Megged*

Uri Ram, Ben-Gurion University, *From Colonization to Globalization: Liberal Post-Zionism in the Glocal Age*

Session 6B

**THE POWER OF MEMORY IN ISRAELI LIFE**

Chair: David Jacobson, Brown University

Papers:

Stacy N. Beckwith, Pennsylvania State University, *Literary Registers of Changing Collective Memory: Sephardim in Contemporary Israeli and Spanish Fiction*

Diana Luzzatto and Yehuda Jacobson, Tel Aviv University, *Rabin's Assassination in Graffiti: The Myth of a Liminal Leader*

Gil Eyal, University of California-Berkeley, *Intellectuals in Public: The Social Origins of Commentary on Middle Eastern Affairs in Israel*

Gila Ramras-Rauch, Hebrew College, *Facing the Holocaust: The Second Literary Generation*

10:45-11:00

**Break**

11:00-12:30

Session 7A

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT**

Chair: Pamela Nadell, American University

Papers:

Noga Morag-Levin, University of Michigan, *Israeli Environmentalism*

Nurit Lissovsky, Technion, *Sacred Trees in the Land of Israel*

Stuart Schoenfeld, York University, *Environmental Education as a Framework for Jewish-Arab Intercommunal Contacts: Report of a Pilot Project*

Session 7B

**THE ISRAELI RIGHT**

Chair and

Discussant:

Kevin Avruch, George Mason University

- Papers: Arye Naor, Ben-Gurion University, *'Greater Israel' in Likud Governments: Begin, Shamir and Netanyahu*
- Shlomi Reznik, Bar-Ilan University, *The Irgun: From 'Porshim' to 'Princes'*
- Avishai Ehrlich, Academic Coll. of Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Tel Aviv University, *The Possibility of a Two-State Solution: Its Effect on the Israeli Political System and National Agenda of the Right*
- Session 7C **ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION ON THE PEACE PROCESS**
- Chair *Frank Tachau, University of Illinois-Chicago Circle*
- Efraim Yuchtman-Yaar, Steinmetz Peace Research Center, Tel Aviv University*
- Discussants: *Alan Dowty, Notre Dame University; Russell Stone, American University; Shibley Telhami, University of Maryland*
- 12:45 -3:00 **Program Lunch & AIS Business Meeting , followed by SPECIAL ROUNDTABLE: THE 1999 ELECTIONS**
- Chair: *Myron Aronoff, Rutgers University*
- Papers: Michael Harris, Eastern Michigan University and Gideon Doron, Tel Aviv University, *The Israeli Electoral System: A Comprehensive Analysis*
- Angelica Timm, Bar-Ilan University, New Challenges for Israeli Society in the 1990s: The Politicization of the Haredim*
- Discussants: *Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania; Michal Shamir, Tel Aviv University; and conference participants*