



26th Annual Conference

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Sunday, 9 May 2010

Pre – Conference Meetings

**Manulife Building
44 Charles St. West
Party Room – 31st Floor**

- 1:30 p.m. Lunch Meeting – AIS Task Force on Israel Studies Centers and Chairs
- 5:00 p.m. AIS Board Meeting and Dinner

MONDAY, 10 MAY 2010

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration Desk Open

Session A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

MA1 State Mechanisms of Constructing Identities

Chair: **Jeremy Forman**, Tel Aviv University (jeremy@maaganm.co.il)

Discussant: **Russell Stone**, American University

Dana Kachtan, The Open University of Israel

The Construction of Ethnic Identity among Israeli Combat Soldiers

Michal Kravel-Tovi, University of Michigan

National Mission: The State-run Conversion Project in Contemporary Israel

Erica Weiss, Princeton University

Pacifist? Prove It!: The Adjudication of Conscience by the Israeli Military

MA2 The Peace Process, Past and Future

Chair: **Myron Aronoff**, Rutgers University/ University of Michigan (mjaronoff@sbcglobal.net)

Discussant: **Alberto Spektorowski**, Tel Aviv University

Raphael Cohen-Almagor, University of Hull

The Failed Peace Process in the Middle East 1993-2009

Naomi Weinberger, Columbia University

Israeli Ambivalence toward Transitional Security Mechanisms in the West Bank and Gaza

Joseph Agassi, Tel Aviv University/York University

One Palestine

Massoud Eghbarieh, Beit Berl College

Rhetoric and Practice toward Peace in the Holy Land: The Case of Binyamin Netanyahu

MA3 Alternative Imagined Communities

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

Discussant: **Arnon Golan**, Haifa University

Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Beyond Territorial Nationalism: Anthropological Reflections on Religious “Radicals” and the Potential for Peace in Israel/Palestine

Israel Pupko, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jewish Transnational Commuters to Israel

Tomer Zeigerman, New School for Social Research

Regional Dreams to Parochial Reality: Holocaust Discourse and the End of the Israeli Left

MA4 Statehood in Zionist Thought and Practice

Chair: **Cliff Orwin**, University of Toronto (clifford.orwin@utoronto.ca)

Discussant: **Shlomo Aronson**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Moshe Berent, The Open University of Israel

Did Zionism Aspire for a State?

Avinoam Patt, University of Hartford

Reparation or Repatriation? The Holocaust, the International Community and the Creation of the State of Israel

Erez Cassif, Levinsky Institute

Why 'Really' Was the State of Israel Established?

Moshe Naor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The 1956 Pioneering Movement

MA5 Israel's Foreign Policy at the Crossroad of 1967

Chair: **Zach Levy**, University of Colorado at Boulder (Zach.Levey@Colorado.edu)

Discussant: **Sonja Wentling**, Concordia College

David Tal, University of Calgary

Territories for Peace or for Non-Belligerency? Israel and the United States in the Aftermath of the Six-Day War

Noa Schonmann, Oxford University

The Swan Song: Israeli-Turkish Relations in the 1960s

Zach Levy, University of Colorado at Boulder

Israel, Nigeria and the Biafra War: 1967-1970: Realpolitik, Arms and Humanitarian Assistance

MA6 State-Minority Relations

Chair: **Oded Haklai**, Queen's University (oded.haklai@queensu.ca)

Discussant: **Zvi Bar'el**, Sapir College

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College

Assessing Israel's "Other Palestinian Problem": Enhancing Democratic Pluralism in the Jewish Republic

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University

The Disillusionment of Citizenship? Majority-Minority Relations in Israel and its Discontents

Dov Waxman, Baruch College, CUNY

A Looming Confrontation: The Deterioration of Jewish-Palestinian Relations in Israel Since 2000

MA7 Roundtable: Hebrew in a New Accent

Chair: **Harry Fox**, University of Toronto

Miryam Segal, Queen's College, CUNY

Dina Roginsky, University of Toronto

Elaine Gold, University of Toronto

Session B
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

MB1 Immigration and Emigration – A Socio-Historical Perspective

Chair: **Russell Stone**, American University (rstone@american.edu)
Discussant: **Dina Roginsky**, University of Toronto

Ian S. Lustick, University of Pennsylvania
Emigration from Israel: How Come? How Much? How Important?
Larissa Remennick, Bar Ilan University
20 Years to the Great Russian Aliyah: The Gains and the Losses
Matt Evans, Pennsylvania State University
Israel's Population Dispersal Policy and the USSR Immigration Wave

MB2 New History, Old Conventions: Examining the Recent Historiographical Discourse of 1948 War

Chair: **Dan Tsahor**, New York University, (dt799@nyu.edu)
Discussant: **Tzachi Slonim**, CUNY

Yifat Gutman, New School for Social Research
Memory Activism in Israel: Can The Nakba Reconcile, Rather Than Separate, Jewish-Israelis And Arab-Palestinians?
Elik Elhanan, Columbia University
Memory Discourse as Political Action
Naama Gershny, Long Island University
Trauma under Fire: Treating PTSD in Sderot

MB3 Russia and Israel: Aspects of Public Diplomacy

Chair and Discussant: **Howard Adelman**, York University (howardadelman@rogers.com)

Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins University and Baltimore Hebrew University
Russia and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
Vladimir (Ze'ev) Khanin, Bar Ilan University
Myth and Realities of 'Russian Lobby' in Israel
Sam Kliger, American Jewish Committee and RINA
Russian-Jewish Americans, Israel and Russian Interests in the Jewish World

MB4 Issues in Israel's Public Policy

Chair: **Howard Wachtel**, American University (wachtel@american.edu)
Discussant: **Stuart Schoenfeld**, Glendon College/York University

Tamar Novick, University of Pennsylvania
The Recreation of 'The Land of Milk and Honey': The Making of Holy Technologies, 1880-1927
Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University
"Scientific Strategists" in the Period of Mamlachtiut: Reciprocation between the Academic Community and Political Centers

Ed Morgan, University of Toronto
Traffic Circles: The Legal Logic of Drug Extraditions

MB5 Women, Leadership and Resistance

Chair and Discussant: **Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar Ilan University (rolilach@netvision.net.il)

Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University

Ein Harod's Women's Struggle to Join the Kibbutz Guard

Anat Granit-Hacohen, Bar Ilan University

Between Yishuv and British Elites: Hadassah Samuel -- A Forgotten Female Leader

Ilan Ben-Ami, The Open University of Israel

Studying Gender: Methodological Difficulties and Challenges in the Study of Israel's 'First Ladies'

Mira Yungman, The Open University of Israel

The Impact of America on Medical, Paramedical, Social Work and Vocational Education of Women in Israel

MB6 Literary and Artistic Depictions of Encounters of Identities

Chair and Discussant: **Na'ama Sheffi**, Sapir College (naamash@sapir.ac.il)

Dalia Manor, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Jerusalem

Immigrants and Veterans: Art in 1930s Jewish Palestine

Alexander Mishory, Rice University

The 1948 Venice Biennale: A Meeting Point of "Natives" and "Others"

Liat Fridgoot-Netzer, The Open University of Israel

Multicultural Junction: East and West Meet Through the Israeli-Palestinian Dispute

Yitzhak Lewis, Columbia University, MEALAC

Israel in the World of Jorge Luis Borges

MB7 Washington-Based Think Tanks: How They View Israel

Chair: **Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)

Discussant: **Shira Herzog**, CEO Kahanoff Foundation

Paul Scham, University of Maryland

Tanks? No Tanks: Washington Think Tanks and Israel Over 60 Years

Yoram Peri, University of Maryland and **Guy Ziv**, American University

The Impact of Think Tanks on American Policy: Four Case Studies

Martin Kramer, Harvard University

Myths, Confusion and Prejudice: Examining the World of Think Tanks

SESSION C

2:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

MC1 Human Rights, the Politics of Advocacy and Israel's Security

Chair: **Ed Morgan**, University of Toronto (ed.morgan@utoronto.ca)

Discussant: **Gad Barzilai**, University of Washington

Janice Stein, University of Toronto

The Fractured International Legal Order and Asymmetric War

Howard Adelman, York University

War Between Two Conflicting Ethical Systems – Just War Ethics vs. Human Rights: The Goldstone Report and the Gaza War

Amichai Cohen, Ono Academic College and **Stuart Cohen**, Bar Ilan University

Israel and International Human Rights Law

Gerald Steinberg, Bar Ilan University

The Politics of NGOs, Human Rights and the Arab-Israel Conflict

MC2 Consumption, Citizenship and Identities in Transition from Yishuv to Statehood

Chair: **Derek Penslar**, University of Toronto (Derek.penslar@utoronto.ca)

Discussant: **Moshe Berent**, The Open University of Israel

Hizky Shoham, Yale University

Totzeret Ha'aretz: Consumerism and Identity Construction in Interwar Palestine

Anat Stern, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Shortages and Civil Conduct: IDF Response to Civilian Criminality in 1948

Orit Rozin, York University

Austerity Tel Aviv: Consumption, Compliance, Citizenship and Respectability

MC3 Religion and State

Chair: **Jason Olson**, Brigham Young University (jama2003@yahoo.com)

Discussant: **Joel Migdal**, University of Washington

Yitzchak Avi Roness, Bar Ilan University

Extradition from the State of Israel - Ideological Components of the Halakhic (Jewish Law) Debate

Adina B. Newberg, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Transitioning from Religious vs. Secular to Multiple Identities in Israeli Jewish Consciousness

Eliezer Don-Yehiya, Bar Ilan University

Israel and the Nations in the Perspective of Religious Zionism

Aviad Y. Hollander, Bar Ilan University

International Pressure on the State of Israel in the View of a Zionist Decisor

MC4 North American Relationships to Israel: Travel, Activism, and Politics

Chair and Discussant: **Caryn Aviv**, University of Denver (caviv@du.edu)

Linda Maizels, Portland State University

Charter Members of the Fourth World: Jewish Students, Israel and the "New Antisemitism" on American Campuses, 1967-1994

Shirah Hecht, Goodman Research Group

Israel and Its Generations: A Qualitative Approach to Diaspora-Israel Attachment

Sam Edelman, Chico, California State University

The Special Relationship between the United States and Israel

MC5 Cinematic Projections of Israel: History and Memory

Chair: **Miri Talmon-Bohm**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (talmonbohm@wisc.edu)

Discussant: **Yaron Shemer**, UNC-Chapel Hill

Yael Munk, The Open University of Israel

Cinematic Reflexivity and Spectatorship Ethics: The Three Receptions of Recent Israeli Films on the Lebanon War

Sandra Meiri, The Open University of Israel

Creative Memory: Trauma and Ethics in Contemporary Israeli Cinema

Na'ama Sheffi, Sapir College and **Amir Har-Gil**, Netanya Academic College

Entangled in Memory: Six Variations on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

MC6 Issues in Israel's Economy and Education

Chair: **Roby Nathanson**, The Macro Center for Political Economics (roby@macro.org.il)

Discussant: **Barry Berger**, Haifa University

Assaf Meshulam, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Alternative Education in Israel: Local And Global Forces and Influences

Nicole Dehan, University of Haifa

Social Work Education in Israel: Universal or Particular?

Nahshon Perez, UCLA

The Sabbath, the Bacon and the Market: How Neo-Liberal Economy is Changing the Jewishness of Israel

Nadav Halevi, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Trade, Aid and Economic Dependence: Changing Patterns in Israel's Foreign Economic Relations

MC7 Israeli Literature

Chair: **Miryam Segal**, Queen's College, CUNY (segal@qc.cuny.edu)

Discussant: **Glenda Abramson**, University of Oxford

Rachel Brenner, University of Wisconsin-Madison

An Impossible Rebirth: Zionism and the Holocaust in Shulamith Hareven's Fiction

Doli Benhabib, The Open University of Israel

Mizrahi Mothers and Daughters: A Female Encounter of Mizrahi Generations in Rabin's Our Weddings

Philip Hollander, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Beyond the Margins in Taub's *Allenby*

SESSION D

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

MD1 Nostalgia, Memory and Belongings

Chair: **Motti Golani**, University of Haifa/ NYU (mgolani1@univ.haifa.ac.il)

Discussant: **Ilan Troen**, Brandeis University

Cathrine Furberg Moe, London School of Economics

Transnational Longings and Belongings among Mizrahim in a Border Town

Esther Meir-Glitzstein, Ben Gurion University

The 'Farhud': Jewish History, Zionist Memory

Shelly Shenhav Keller, Beit Berl College
Ethnicity, Identity and Collective Memory in Two Ethnic Heritage Centers in Israel

MD2 The Role of Territorial Conceptions in Israeli Thinking and Policy

Chair and Discussant: **Nir Cohen**, Ben Gurion University (nircohen@bgu.ac.il)

Tova Norlen, SAIS Johns Hopkins University
Enduring Territorial Conceptions: The Historical Key for Understanding Israel's Prospects for Moving Ahead

Joel Peters, Virginia Tech
On Leaving Territory -- Understanding Israel's Strategic Motives

Noga Gilad, Tel Aviv University
From Maps of Appropriation to Stories of Alienation

MD3 Delegitimizing Israel: Can Jewish Philanthropy Change the Tide?

Chair: **Gerald Steinberg**, Bar Ilan University (steing@mail.biu.ac.il)

Discussant: **Mordechai Schenhav**, University of Strasbourg

Elizabeth Levi, Milano the New School for Management and Urban Policy
Philanthropy: Leading Change or Projecting Institutional Logics?

Itay Greenspan, University of Pennsylvania
The Winners and Losers of Jewish Philanthropy to Israeli Organizations: The Case of the Matching Grants Initiative for the Environment In Israel

Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London
Anti-Zionism and the British Left: From Solidarity to Delegitimation

Mitchell Bard, AICE
The Other Lobby: How the Arab Lobby Attempts to Influence U.S. Middle East Policy

MD4 Zion and Diaspora

Chair: **Robert Weiner**, Lafayette College (weinerr@lafayette.edu)

Discussant: **Nahum Karlinsky**, Ben Gurion University

Rona Yona, Tel Aviv University
Hechalutz in Poland between Negation of the Diaspora and Socialist Solidarity

Gur Alroey, University of Haifa
The Territorialism Ideology, the 'Freeland League' and the State of Israel, 1934-1956

Ori Yehudai, University of Chicago
Stranded Between Israel and America: Jewish Transmigrants in Europe, 1949-1954

Joseph Glass, Centennial College, Toronto
Early Canada-Holy Land Connections: The Foundations of Longstanding Relationship

MD5 Perspectives on the Two-State Solution

Chair: **Eyal Chowers**, Tel Aviv University (echowers@gmail.com)

Discussant: **Lilach Gilady**, University of Toronto

Renan Levine, University of Toronto
What the World Wants to Do to Us and Support for the Two-State Solution

Brent E. Sasley, University of Texas and **Guy Ziv**, Arlington and American University
Learning a Palestinian State: Changing Ideas among Israeli Prime Ministers
Timea Spitka, Ben Gurion University
Partisan versus Neutral External Intervention and Impact on Israeli Policies and Behavior towards
Palestinians

MD6 Projecting Israel in/to the World: Film and Media

Chair: **Alexander Mishory**, Rice University (amishory@yahoo.com)
Discussant: **Yael Munk**, The Open University of Israel

Ariel Feldestein, Sapir College
Filming the Homeland -- Eretz Israeli Cinema and the Zionist Movement 1917-1939
Danny Ben-Moshe, Victoria University, Melbourne
The Nature and Extent of Israeli Films in Diaspora Jewish Film Festivals
Glenda Abramson, University of Oxford
The Mask of Humor: Israel in British Political Cartoons

MD7 Roundtable: Israel's Future: The Time Factor

Chair: **Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College (pelegi@lafayette.edu)

Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania
Efraim Inbar, Bar Ilan University
Pnina Lahav, Boston University

BANQUET

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

[By paid tickets only]

Keynote Speaker:

Michael Walzer

The State of Israel and the Negation of the Exile

Michael Walzer is Professor Emeritus of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. As a professor, author, editor, and lecturer, Michael Walzer has addressed a wide variety of topics in political theory and moral philosophy: political obligation, just and unjust war, nationalism and ethnicity, economic justice and the welfare state. His books (among them Just and Unjust Wars, Spheres of Justice, The Company of Critics, Thick and Thin: Moral Argument at Home and Abroad, and On Toleration) and essays have played a part in the revival of practical, issue-focused ethics and in the development of a pluralist approach to political and moral life. Professor Walzer is a Contributing Editor for *The New Republic*, and co-editor of *Dissent*, now in its 56th year. His articles and interviews frequently appear in the world's foremost newspapers and journals. He is currently working on the toleration and accommodation of "difference" in all its forms, and also on the third volume of The Jewish Political Tradition, a comprehensive collaborative project focused on the history of Jewish political thought.

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Tuesday, 11 MAY 2010

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration Desk Open

SESSION A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

TA1 Israeli Culture between Hybridity and Multiculturalism

Chair: **Elie Friedman**, Netanya Academic College/Bar Ilan University (eliefri@netvision.net.il)

Discussant: **Alexander Mishory**, Rice University

Liora R. Halperin, UCLA/Harvard

Languages of Leisure: Multilingual Culture in the Yishuv

Dafna Hirsch, The Open University of Israel/Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Most Israelis Will Agree that the Best Hummus is Made by Arabs: On Hummus and National Identity in Israel

Carmit Romano-Hvid, Copenhagen University

Zionism & Bilingualism: The Bilingual School Movement in Israel and Its Representation in Documentary Films

TA2 Israel Confronts Asymmetrical Warfare

Chair: **Amira Schiff**, Bar Ilan University and York University (a_schiff@netvision.net.il)

Discussant: **Ilana Kaufman**, The Open University of Israel

Yoav Duman, University of Washington

A Normative War? Explaining Divergent Israeli Responses to Hezbollah Attacks in 2000 and 2006

Zaki Shalom, Ben Gurion University

Defining the Enemy in an Asymmetrical Confrontation: The Case of the Second Lebanon War

Alon Burstein, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Similar Causes, Different Aspirations? Religious and Political Terrorism Through Case Studies of Hamas and the PLO

TA3 Israeli Leaders, International Institutions and the Conflict

Chair and Discussant: **Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College (pelegi@lafayette.edu)

Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University

Benjamin Netanyahu: Battling the World

Alexander Bligh, University of Notre Dame/ Ariel University Center of Samaria

UNEF, 1956-1967, as a Test Case

Yechiam Weitz, Haifa University

Moshe Sharett and Sinai Campaign

TA4 Minority Politics

Chair: **Raphael Cohen-Almagor**, University of Hull (R.Cohen-Almagor@hull.ac.uk)

Discussant: **Amal Jamal**, Tel Aviv University

Jamie Levin, University of Toronto

The Bedouin Threat to Israel: Ontological or Material?

Nir Cohen, Ben Gurion University

Internal Migration among Ethnic Minorities: The Case of Palestinian Arabs in Israel

Liora Norwich, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Opposing Effects of Repression and Mobilization on Minority Movements: The Arab Minority in Israel and the Quebecois

TA5 Jewish and Democratic State?

Chair: **Ayelet Shachar**, University of Toronto (ayelet.shachar@utoronto.ca)

Discussant: **Cliff Orwin**, University of Toronto

Adam D. Danel, Sapir College/Ben Gurion University

Justifying Zionism in a Democratic World

Ruth Gavison, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Law of Return: Ideology, History, Justification

Meital Pinto, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Who is Afraid of Language Rights in Israel?

TA6 Issues in Israel's Economy, Society and Politics

Chair and Discussant: **Nadav Halevi**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (mshalevi@huji.ac.il)

Talia Pfefferman, Tel Aviv University

Breaking Through: Women's Economic Entrepreneurship in Israeli Society

Robert Liebman, Portland State University

Segel Bachir on Strike: Linking Solidarity, Strategy and the Shalter to Success

Eti Sarig, The Open University of Israel

Business Partnership in Local Government

Maoz Rosenthal, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

Agenda Control in an Unstable Multiparty Parliamentary Democracy

TA7 Israel and the Media

Chair and Discussant: **Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland (yperi@umd.edu)

Chanan Naveh, Sapir College

Are Israeli Crises American Crises? International and Local Press Narratives, 1948-2006

Elina Bardach-Yalov, Bar Ilan University

In the Focus of Searchlights: International Media Coverage of the Second Lebanon War

Ilan Danjoux, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The World through Israeli Eyes: The International Community in Israeli Political Cartoons

Boaz M. Ben-David, University of Toronto

Readers' Comments on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Canadian News-Websites: The Lighting-Rod and The Ban

SESSION B
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

TB1 Chaim Weizmann: Conduit Between Israel and the West?

Chair: **James Renton**, Edge Hill University (James.Renton@edgehill.ac.uk)

Discussant: **Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel

Motti Golani, University of Haifa & NYU

Between Biography and History: Chaim Weizmann and the Idea of Partition in the 1930s

Arie M. Dubnov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Tale of Two Statesmen and One Philosopher: Isaiah Berlin between Chaim Weizmann and Winston Churchill

James Renton, Edge Hill University

A Bond with the British Empire? Chaim Weizmann and the Western Face of Zion

TB2 Reciprocal Relations: Israelis in the Diaspora and the Diaspora in Israel

Char and Discussant: **Mira Sucharov**, Carleton University (sucharov@hotmail.com)

Alvise Vianello, Barcelona Centre for International Studies (CIDOB)

Shaping the Boundaries of Civil Society in a Post-Diasporic State: The Case of Israel

Udi Sommer, University at Albany, State University of New York

Israelis in the United States: Who are They? Who are We?

Dina Roginsky, University of Toronto

Israeli Immigrants in Toronto: De-stigmatization in the Process of Mobilization

TB3 Strategies of Peacebuilding Part A

Chair: **Stuart Schoenfeld**, Glendon College/York University (schoenfe@yorku.ca)

Discussant: **Nava Lowenheim**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem/University of Toronto

Ilan Alleson and Jamie Levin, University of Toronto

Peace and Pollution: An examination of Palestinian Israeli Trans-boundary Hazardous Waste-Management Fifteen Years after the Oslo Peace Accords

Grace Feuerverger, University of Toronto

Building Bridges to Social Justice: An Ethnographic Journey in a Jewish-Palestinian Village in Israel

Assaf Zohar, Trent University, **Ilan Alleson**, University of Toronto, **Osam Suleiman***, York University

Environmental Peacebuilding: A Qualitative Analysis of Jordanian Environmental Student Experiences in Israel

Stuart Schoenfeld, Glendon College/York University

Contrasting Regional Environmentalisms in the Eastern Mediterranean

TB4 Issues of Legitimacy

Chair: **Stuart Cohen**, Bar Ilan University (cohenst@mail.biu.ac.il)

Discussant: **Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

Neil Caplan, Concordia University

Oom Shmoom Revisited: Sharett and Ben Gurion

Zvi Bar'el, Sapir College
Changing Positions: The New Good Guys
Natalia Simanovsky, Canadian International Council
Implications for Israeli Legitimacy

TB5 Israel beyond the Mainstream

Chair and Discussant: **Naomi Weinberger**, Columbia University (naomiw@mindspring.com)

Jason Olson, Brigham Young University
The Red Heifer in Jewish and Islamic Fundamentalism
Dubi Kanengisser, University of Toronto
Binationalism: Desirable? Inevitable? Unbearable?
Hadas Cohen, The New School for Social Research
Tali Fahima: An Israeli Case of Ideological Dissent

TB6 The Cultural and Media Production of "Israeliness": Intercultural Dialogues Under Globalization

Chair and Discussant: **Glenda Abramson**, University of Oxford (glenda.abramson@stx.ox.ac.uk)

Nirit Ben-Ari, CUNY
From the South Bronx to Israel: Israeli Rappers in Global Hip Hop Culture
Yael Nativ, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
What is Israeli in Israeli Theatrical Modern Dance? Signs of Localization and Globalization

TB7 Roundtable: Development of Israeli Studies Outside of the United States and Israel

Chair: **Howard Wachtel**, American University (wachtel@american.edu)

Emanuel Adler, University of Toronto
Colin Shindler, SOAS, University of London
Ilan Troen, Brandeis University
Yiyi Chen, Peking University

Session C
2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

TC1 Curriculum and Social Re/construction of Israel

Chair: **Nirit Ben Ari**, CUNY (niritb@gmail.com)
Discussant: **Shelly Shenhav-Keller**, Beit Berl College

Idit Gil, The Open University of Israel
Teaching the Jewish Reactions During the Holocaust (1948-2008)
Yaakov Iram, Bar Ilan University
Transformations in Secondary School Curricula in Israel (1948-2008)
Barry Berger, Haifa University
Teaching Contemporary Israel Via Internet Dialogues

TC2 Israel Advocacy and Search for Support Abroad

Chair: **Robert Weiner**, Lafayette College (weinerr@lafayette.edu)

Discussant: **Natan Aridan**, Ben Gurion University

Mordechai Schenhav, University of Strasbourg

Israel's Search for Support and its Limitations: The Case of the Sinai Campaign and the Socialist International

Mira Sucharov, Carleton University

Values, Identity and Israel Advocacy

Sara Hirschhorn, University of Chicago

The New Frontier: Jewish-American Activism within the Israeli Ultra-Nationalist Movement, 1967-1977

TC3 Territory, Imagination and Security

Chair: **Nahshon Perez**, UCLA (nahshonp@ucla.edu)

Discussant: **Gillad Rosen**, University of Toronto/Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Osnat Rosen-Kremer, Technion-Haifa

Appearing/Disappearing: The Perceived Region of "Ba'ada Haifa"

Arnon Golan, Haifa University

Metropolis and War: Tel Aviv within Israel's Cultural and Political Geographies

TC4 Zionist History as International History

Chair: **Roni Stauber**, Tel Aviv University (stauber@post.tau.ac.il)

Discussant: **Adam D. Danel**, Sapir College/Ben Gurion University

Oz Frankel, New School for Social Research

American Gangster in the Promised Land: Meyer Lansky Flees to Israel, 1970

Marcos Silber, University of Haifa

Our People or Foreigners? Israel, Poland, and Polish Jewry (1948-1967)

TC5 US-Israel Relations

Chair: **Robert O. Freedman**, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore Hebrew University (rofreedman@comcast.net)

Discussant: **Kenneth Stein**, Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel

Michael J. Cohen, Bar Ilan University

1967: The 6-Days War - Anglo-American Relations under Trial

Ronnie Olesker, St. Lawrence University

No We Can't: Prospects and Challenges of the Obama Mid-East Peace Policy for US-Israeli Bilateral Relations

Arnon Cavari, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Determinants of American Public Support for Israel

TC6 Israeli Television and Film in the World: Crossing Cultural Boundaries

Chair: **Miri Talmon-Bohm**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (talmonbohm@wisc.edu)

Discussant: **Chanan Naveh**, Sapir College

Yael Munk, The Open University of Israel

Cinematic Reflexivity and Spectatorship Ethics: The Three Receptions of Recent Israeli Films on the Lebanon War

Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Foreign Subjects; Local Narratives: The Persistence of the Rescue Mission in Contemporary Israeli Cinema

Miri Talmon-Bohm, University of Wisconsin-Madison

An Israeli Psyche on an American Couch: The Translation of an Israeli TV Series to the American Screen and Its Cultural Lessons

TC7 Roundtable: The Origins of the Arab-Israel Conflict

Chair: **Alan Dowty**, University of Notre Dame (alan@dowty.org)

Donna Robinson Divine, Smith College

Yosef Gorny, Tel Aviv University

Arieh Saposnik, University of California, Los Angeles

Jonathan Gribetz, University of Pennsylvania

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ILAN PELEG
Retiring ISF Editor**

**Town Hall – Innis College
University of Toronto
2 Sussex Avenue corner of St. George Street**

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION

“Israel in the World”

Chair: **Emanuel Adler**

Zvi Bar’el - *Four States, Two people, One Solution: Can Israel Maintain its Identity?*

Michael Barnett - *Zionist Agonistes*

Naomi Chazan - *Israel and The World: Democracy, Human Rights And The Conflict*

Michael Melchior – *Is it possible to bring religion to the front line of peace?*

Janice Stein – *Israel: The Shard in a Fragmenting Legal Order*

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8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Registration Desk Open

Session A
9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

WA1 Israeli Advocacy and the Debate over Dissent

Chair: **Mordechai Schenhav**, University of Strasbourg (mottischenhav@yahoo.fr)
Discussant: **Gerald Steinberg**, Bar Ilan University

Natan Aridan, Ben Gurion University
Israel and Its Advocates: Converging and Diverging Paths from AZPAC to J Street
Amalia Fried Honick, Goucher College
American Jewish Public Opinion, Israel, and the J Street Factor
Hadassa Kosak, Yeshiva University
Breira: A Case of a Transnational Social Movement

WA2 Peacemaking: Rituals and Institutions

Chair: **Alberto Spektorowski**, Tel Aviv University (albertos@post.tau.ac.il)
Discussant: **Colin Shindler**, SOAS, University of London

Alberto Spektorowski, Tel Aviv University
Confederative Citizenship, Palestinians, Israelites, and the Mediterranean Region
Ilana Kaufman, The Open University of Israel
Where is the Border? The Two-State Solution as a Foreign/Domestic Political Issue
Nava Lowenheim, University of Toronto and **Zohar Kampf***, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rituals of Apology in the International Arena: The Israeli Case
Amira Schiff, Bar Ilan University/York University
The Critical Role of Prenegotiations in Ethno-National Conflicts: An Analysis of the 'Annapolis Process' and the Cyprus Conflict

WA3 Topics in Zionist Thought

Chair and Discussant: **Eyal Chowers**, Tel Aviv University (echowers@gmail.com)

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar Ilan University
Between Nationalism and Universalism in the Zionist Vision
Shlomo Aronson, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
David Ben Gurion and the Zionist Renaissance
Rachel Fish, Brandeis University
Intellectual Heterodox: Michael Warschawski and the Zionist Idea
Merom Kalie, University of Toronto
Universalism and Particularism in the Thought of Martin Buber

WA4 Critical Perspectives on Israel's Foreign Policy

Chair and Discussant: **Dov Waxman**, Baruch College, CUNY (dov.waxman@baruch.cuny.edu)

Avi Raz, University of Oxford

Deception: Israel's Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of the June 1967 War

Raffaella A. Del Sarto, University of Oxford

Notions of Regional Order and Foreign Policy: Israel after Oslo

Christopher L. Schilling, University of Hamburg, Germany

The Masada Complex - Jewish Identity Constructions and Israeli Foreign Policy

WA5 Ethnic Minorities, Land, and Israeli Politics

Chair: **Massoud Eghbaria**, Beit Berl College (me9@georgetown.edu)

Discussant: **Daphne Tsimhoni**, Northeastern University

Jeremy Forman, Tel Aviv University

Land Allocation in Israel (1948-1967): An Untold Story of the Israeli Land Regime

Amit Avigur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Losing Ground? Ethnic Minority, Majority Relations and Neoliberal Land Reform

Abigail Sone, University of Toronto

Return to the Wadi: The Changing Place of Palestinians in Israel

WA6 Between the Legal and the Political

Chair and Discussant: **Ran Hirschl**, University of Toronto (ran.hirschl@utoronto.ca)

Ruth Amir, The Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel

Historical Redress in Israel: The Clash of Paradigms

Gad Barzilai, University of Washington

Are Lawyers Changing Politics and How: Economic Liberalism, Silence and Dissent

Keren Weinshall Margel Hebrew University of Jerusalem and **Michal Shamir***, Tel Aviv University

Political versus Judicial Decision Making - On the Right to be Elected to the Knesset

Assaf Meydani, The Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo

The Design of Land Policy in Israel: Between Law and Political Culture

WA7 Zionist Women in Geographical, National and Gendered Crossroads: The Story of Lillian Friedman, Ada Sereni and Zefira Katinsky-Ogen

Chair: **Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar Ilan University (rolilach@netvision.net.il)

Discussant: **Ilan Ben Ami**, The Open University of Israel

Esther Carmel Hakim, University of Haifa

Lillian Friedman: A National Historic Person

Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar Ilan University

Feminine Leadership in National and Conceptual Crossroads: Ada Sereni, The Head of the Mosad Le-Aliyah Bet in Italy (1945-1948) as a Case Study

Yael Katzir, Beit Berl College

Zefira -- A Model of an Urban Pioneer and Agent of Zionism

Session B
11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

WB1 The Military, State, Society and the Conflict

Chair: **Joel Migdal**, University of Washington (migdal@u.washington.edu)
Discussant: **Stuart Cohen**, Bar Ilan University

Nir Gazit, University of Toronto

State-Sponsored Vigilantism: The Case of Israeli Settlers and Israeli Soldiers in the Palestinian Occupied Territories

Zipi Israeli, Shenkar College of Engineering and Design/Tel Aviv University and **Elisheva Rosman**, Ashkelon Academic College/Bar Ilan University

IDF Soldiers in the Media: From Rambo to "Sitting Ducks" and Back Again

Oded Na'aman, Harvard University
The Checkpoint

WB2 Creating, Maintaining and Changing Israel's Borders in Comparative Perspective

Chair: **Nadav Shelef**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (shelef@wisc.edu)
Discussant: **Ian Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania

Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Border Creation in Comparative Perspective: Using Israel to Understand Variation in the Outcome of Territorial Partitions

Ron Hassner, University of California-Berkeley

Maintaining Borders: Explaining Border Control through Fortified Boundaries

Ehud Eiran, Harvard University

Reshaping Borders: A Comparative Discussion of "Time and Space" in Settlement Projects

WB3 Topics in the Social History of the Yishuv

Chair and Discussant: **Avinoam Patt**, University of Hartford (patt@hartford.edu)

Danny Jacoby, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Development of General Humanities at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1928-1970)

Rebecca Cutler, University of Pennsylvania

Medical Diplomacy and American Jewish Activism Surrounding the Establishment of the State of Israel

Matan Boord, Haifa University

Planting Hedges: The Halutzim's Attitude to the old Yishuv in Tiberias, Tu Bishvat 1920

Ruth Kark, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and **Joseph Glass**, Centennial College, Toronto

Family Biographies in the Exploration of Israel's Historical Geography

WB4 Europe and Israel

Chair: **Sara Hirschhorn**, University of Chicago (sarayael@uchicago.edu)
Discussant: **Rafaella Del Sarto**, University of Oxford

Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Who Converges to Whom? The Odd Case of Europe and Israel

Roby Nathanson, The Macro Center for Political Economics

A New Phase of EU - Israel Relations? Assessing the EU Statement of June 2008

Radka Havlova, University of Economics Prague

The Role of The European Union in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process since the Second Intifada

Roni Stauber, Tel Aviv University

The Impact of the Cold War on Israeli-German Relations in the 1950s

WB5 Identity and Value Politics in Israel

Chair and Discussant: **Renan Levine**, University of Toronto (renan.levine@utoronto.ca)

Shlomo Egoz, Bar Ilan University

Israeli Value System and the Strength of Liberal Democracy

Daphne Tsimhoni, Northeastern University

Minorities and the Making of Israeli Identity

Gayil Talshir, University of Arizona

Identity Politics in Israel

Hani Zubida*, **Maoz Rosenthal** and **David Nachmias***, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

Inverted First- and Second-Order Elections: The Effects of Political Alienation on Electoral Turnout in Israel

WB6 Childhood and Media in Israel: Between the Global and the Local

Chair and Discussant: **Tammy Razi**, Sapir College (tammyrazi@bezeqint.net)

Benny Ben-David, Beit Berl College/Ariel University Center of Samaria

Children and Others in Israeli Cinema

Yuval Gozansky, Sapir College/Bar Ilan University

The Transformation of the Concept of Childhood in Israeli Television for Children

Gabriela Jonas Aharoni, Sapir College/Tel-Aviv University

The Concept of Youth in Teen Israeli Serials

WB7 Roundtable: Netanyahu's Foreign Policy Challenges

Chair: **Robert O. Freedman**, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore Hebrew University

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Netanyahu and Obama

David Menashri, Tel Aviv University

Netanyahu and Iran

George Gruen, Columbia University

Netanyahu and Turkey

Stephen Blank, US Army War College

Netanyahu and Russia

Business Meeting
2:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Session C
3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

WC1 Something to be Missed: Israel's Policy Towards Peace Plans

Chair: **Alexander Bligh**, University of Notre Dame/Ariel University Center of Samaria (abligh@nd.edu)
Discussant: **Myron Aronoff**, Rutgers University/University of Michigan

Elie Podeh, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Israel and the Arab Peace Plan-A -- Missed Opportunity?
Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg*, Carnegie Mellon University and **Neil Caplan**, Concordia University
Missed Opportunities in the Syrian-Israeli Negotiations?
Kenneth Stein Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel
Leaders, Bureaucracies, and Mindsets: Missed Opportunities in Arab-Israeli Negotiations

WC2 Strategies of Peace-building Part B

Chair: **Stuart Schoenfeld**, Glendon College/York University (schoenfe@yorku.ca)
Discussant: **Nadav Shelef**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

David Brooks, Fresh Water for Friends of the Earth, Canada and **Julie Trottier***, CNRS at Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier, France
Confronting Water in an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreement
Eric Abitbol, Concordia University
Separation, the Transboundary Imaginaire and Israel-Palestinian Peacemaking
Itay Greenspan, University of Pennsylvania and **Stuart Schoenfeld**, Glendon College/York University
Cooperation, Confrontation and Disregard: Building Environmental Relationships between Israel and Palestine?

WC3 Arabs and Jews in the Yishuv and Early Israeli State

Chair and Discussant: **Orit Rozin**, York University (orit.rozin@gmail.com)

Dan Tsahor, New York University
The Postwar Evacuation of Majdal (Ashkelon): An Examination of the Ideological and Material Approaches to the Nakba
Itamar Radai, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
A Tale of Two Cities: The Palestinians in Jerusalem and Jaffa, 1947-1948
Nahum Karlinsky, Ben Gurion University
Urban Modes of National (Co) Existence in pre-1948 Palestine
Orit Manor, University of Haifa
Competing Narratives of National Groups in Palestine- Living in a Dual Society

WC4 Existential Anxiety: Baruch Kimmerling's Contribution to the Political Sociology of Zionism

Chair: **Keren Or Schlesinger**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (keror@017.net.il)

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Joel Migdal, University of Washington

Distributive and Redemptive Politics: Politics of the Head and of the Heart

Michael Feige, Ben Gurion Research Institute, Ben Gurion University

Whose Place is it Anyway? On the Changing Legitimacy of Space in Israel

Esmail Nashif, Ben Gurion University

The Poetics of Line, the Labor of the Border: Towards an Alternative Reading of Zionism

WC5 Israel and Iran

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

David Menashri, Tel Aviv University

Israel and Iran

Helit Barel, University of Maryland

The Stability Instability Paradox: Israel and Iran

Brent Talbot, US Air Force Academy

Israel and the Iranian Nuclear Infrastructure

WC6 To Shoot or to Cry: Cultural Perspectives of Israel's Military Legacy

Chair and Discussant: **Derek Penslar**, University of Toronto (Derek.penslar@utoronto.ca)

Yaron Peleg, George Washington University

A Decline of Israeli Militarism?

Eran Kaplan, Princeton University

From Hero to Victim: The Soldier on the Israeli Screen

WC7 Communication and Miscommunication in the Middle East Conflict

Chair and Discussant: **Shlomo Egoz**, Bar Ilan University (egozsh@gmail.com)

Elie Friedman, Netanya Academic College/Bar Ilan University)

Talking Back in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Rational Dialogue and Reconciliation or Emotional Shouting Match?

Donald G. Ellis, University of Hartford

Argument and Ethnopolitical Conflict

Itzchak (Zack) Hayat, University of Toronto

Israel in English vs. Israel in Hebrew: the Wikipedia Case Study

Muli Peleg, Tel Hai College

Mobilizing Masses: How to Construct a Favourable Public Discourse

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PUBLIC LECTURE

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Israel among Nations: Between Normalcy and
Exceptionalism**

by

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