



ASSOCIATION FOR **ISRAEL STUDIES**



Association for Israel Studies - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference\*  
Schusterman Center for Israel Studies  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
June 12-14, 2017

## **A Century after Balfour: Vision and Reality**

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

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| <b>12:00-12:30</b> | <b>Lunch for Grad Student Workshop Participants and Board Members</b> |
| <b>12:30-17:30</b> | <b>Graduate Student Workshop</b>                                      |
| <b>12:00-17:00</b> | <b>Board Meeting</b>  |
| <b>18:00-19:00</b> | <b>Social for Workshop Participants and Board Members</b>             |

**Monday, June 12, 2017**

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| <b>7:30-16:00</b> | <b>Registration Open</b><br>Location: Mandel Center for the Humanities, Atrium |
| <b>9:00-10:30</b> | <b>Session A</b>   |

**MA1 TRAUMA, VICTIMIZATION AND VICTIMHOOD IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL**

**Chair: Alon Confino**, University of Virginia, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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The Victimhood Discourse in Israel: from Marginality to Hegemony?  
**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College

Transforming Victimhood: From Competitive Victimhood to Sharing Identity  
**Irit Keynan**, Center for Academic Studies, Or Yehuda

The Victimization Discourse in Israel: Toward Sovereignty?  
**Alon Gan**, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

In Search of Revolution: Armed Struggle & Victimhood in the Early Discourse of  
Creating the Palestinian national Movement  
**Ido Zerkovitz**, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

**MA2 AN INTRICATE AFFAIR: ISRAEL, THE DIASPORA AND THEIR INTERSECTIONS**

**Chair: Julie Grimmeisen**, Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München  
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“A Better Human Being:” Jewish Diaspora Images of the New Israeli Woman  
**Julie Grimmeisen**, Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München

“A Highway to Battlegrounds”: Jewish Territorialism and the State of Israel,  
1945-1960  
**Laura Almagor**, Center for Jewish History

**MA3 "FAKE-NEWS, EPISTEMOLOGY, EMPATHY, AND ISRAEL"**

**Chair: Richard Landes**, Bar-Ilan University  
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Examining the Media-NGO Nexus: What Makes a Narrative Credible?  
**Gerald Steinberg**, Bar-Ilan University

Fake News and Jerusalem's Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary: Destabilizing the World's  
Most Contested Holy City

**Miriam Elman**, Syracuse University

The Demonization of Israel at the Dawn of the New Century by French Journalism,  
Public Opinion, and Diplomatic Activity

**Nidra Poller**, Independent Scholar

“Industry of Lies and Moral Disarray”

**Ben-Dror Yemini**, Yediot Achronot

#### **MA4 PERCEPTIONS WITHIN THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT**

**Chair: Oded Haklai**, Queen's University  
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Public Mindsets toward the Disputed Territories and the Settlements

**Oded Haklai**, Queen's University

Changes in the Israeli-Palestinian Relations and New Technologies Revolution  
**Amira Halperin**, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of  
Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### **MA5 ISRAEL-US RELATIONS**

**Chair: Bruce Phillips**, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles  
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The Evolution of US-Israel Relations Since Balfour  
**Mitchell Bard**, American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise

The U.S. & Israel: The Politics of "Commitment"  
**Harold Rosenholtz**, Independent Scholar

The American Public Mood toward Israel  
**Guy Freedman**, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

#### **MA6 CONCEPTUALIZATIONS OF COLONIALISM**

**Chair: Rachel Fish**, Brandeis University  
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Settler-Colonialism and Theoretical Alternatives for the Conceptualization of Post-1967  
Israel/Palestine

**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Oxford

From Martin Buber to Contemporary Neo-Buberians: German, American and Postcolonial Entanglements of Israeli Sociology

**Uri Ram**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Letter and the Speech, or, Defending the Israeli State: Leo Strauss, Senator Moynihan, and the “Zionism is Racism” Debate

**Colin Pearce**, Clemson University

**MA7 ROUNDTABLE: TEACHING ISRAELI POLITICS TO NORTH AMERICAN UNDERGRADUATES**

**Chair: Laura Cutler**, American University  
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**Brent Sasley**, University of Texas, Arlington

**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**Harold Waller**, McGill University

**Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

**MA8 THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND JEWISH MILITARY POWER**

**Chair: Yehudah Mirsky**, Brandeis University  
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The Political and Historical Origins of the Jewish Legion

**Colin Shindler**, University of London

Religious Interpretations of the Jewish Legions’ arrival in the Land of Israel

**Michael Keren**, University of Calgary and Emek Israel Academic College

Honor and Blood: Engendering The Debate On Voluntarism - The ‘Eretz Israeli Legion’ as a Case Study

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

Hebrew Battalion and ‘Military Zionism’

**Arye Naor**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MA9 Oxford Handbook of Israeli Politics and Society:**

**PANEL 1: ISRAELI SOCIETY**

**Chair: Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University  
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Natives and Newcomers in Israel

**Adane Zawdu**, University of Connecticut and Sarah Willen, University of Connecticut

Public Opinion in Israel

**Tamar Hermann**, The Open University of Israel

The Territories in Israeli Politics

**Arie Perliger**, University of Massachusetts Lowell and Ami Pedazur, University of Texas

## **MA10 THE OTHER ANNIVERSARY: 50 YEARS OF OCCUPATION**

**Chair: Mira Sucharov**, Carleton University  
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What is the Occupation?

**Gershon Shafir**, University of California, San Diego

Planning and Beyond: Israel's Settlement Policy and the Normalization of Jewish Life in the West Bank

**Marco Allegra**, Universidad de Lisboa

The Writing on the Wall: Can the Occupation Turn 50 Legally?

**Aeyal Gross**, Tel Aviv University

Young Diaspora Jews and the Occupation: Constituting Identity from the Green Line

**Mira Sucharov**, Carleton University

## **MA11 UNDERSTANDING ISRAELI NATIONAL IDENTITY**

**Chair: Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel  
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Negation of the Diaspora and the new-Jew: The Changing Contours of a Multifaceted Identity Project

**Judah Troen**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Bi-National Enclave: The Citrus Industry in late British Mandate Palestine

**Nahum Karlinsky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Mustafa Kabha, The Open

University of Israel

Empire and Nationalism in Mosh Sneh's "On the National Question"

**Amir Locker-Biletzki**, Concordia University

**MA12 100 YEARS AFTER BALFOUR: MAJOR DEBATES**

**Chair: Raphael Cohen Almagor**, University of Hull

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Israel, Europe, Diaspora and the New Anti-Semitism

**Olaf Gloeckner**, Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies

Structuring the Major Debates

**Anne Weberling**, University of Potsdam

Israel as a Democratic State

**Alan Dowty**, University of Notre Dame

Changing Patterns of Center-Diaspora Relations: Inner Dynamics and External Constraints in a Transnational World

**Judit Bokser Liwerant**, National University of Mexico

**10:30-11:00          Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30          Session B**

**MB1 ROUNDTABLE: ISRAEL-DIASPORA IN CONVERSATION**

**Chair: David Ellenson**, Brandeis University

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**Nadav Eyal**, Channel 10 Chief Foreign Correspondent

**Additional speaker TBD**

## **MB2 INFLUENCE OF "ISRAELINESS" ON THE DIASPORA**

**Chair: Steven Bayme**, American Jewish Committee  
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Jewish Identity and Israeli Sister Cities  
**Rohee Dasgupta**, O.P. Jindal Global University

From Jerusalem to JStreet to Johannesburg and Back: 1967 and the Whitening of the Jewish Diasporas  
**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Oxford

The Diasporic Disconnect: Alienation and the Peace Process  
**Cary Nelson**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## **MB3 THE PALESTINIAN ARAB CITIZENS IN ISRAEL: BETWEEN POLITICAL DIVERGENCE AND CIVIL CONVERGENCE**

**Chair: Elie Rekhess**, Northwestern University  
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The Integration of Arab Middle Class in the Metropolitan Areas of Tel Aviv and Haifa  
**Fahima Abbas**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Higher Education among Palestinians in Israel: Social and Political Transformation  
**Mohanad Mustafa**, Center for Academic Studies, Or Yehuda

Political Radicalization in the Arab Public Sphere in Israel  
**Ronni Shaked**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Al-Madaniyyat: An Alternative Civil Agenda for the Arab Citizens?  
**Itamar Radai**, Tel Aviv University

## **MB4 HOPE, EXPECTATION, AND DISILLUSION IN THE MAKING OF HEBREW AND ISRAELI CULTURE**

**Chair: Bat-Zion Klorman-Eraqi**, The Open University of Israel  
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“Hosanna!—The British have Arrived”: Zionist Expectations and Redemptive Eschatologies after Balfour and British Conquest  
**Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Why is the Issue of Cultural Coercion Missing from the Mizrahi Discourse of Early Israeli Statehood?

**Oren Kalman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Dahn Ben-Amotz, the Zionist Ethos and a Spiritual Crisis

**Elad Wexler**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## **MB5 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TEACHING ISRAEL STUDIES**

**Chair: Morrie Fred**, University of Chicago

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Interdisciplinarity as a Method of Discussing the Arab-Israeli Conflict in a Canadian Context

**Pierre Anctil**, University of Ottawa

Between Religious Studies and Political Science: Teaching "Israel: Religion and State"

**Ira Robinson**, Concordia University

Emphasizing Multi-vocality in Israel Studies Teaching

**Dina Roginsky**, Yale University

Who are the "Yehudi log?": Teaching Israel in India

**Khinraj Jangid**, O.P. Jindal Global University

Using Film to Teach the "Anthropology of Israel"

**Morrie Fred**, University of Chicago

## **MB6 THE BRITISH MANDATE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PALESTINE INTO A PLACE TO CALL HOME FOR JEWS**

**Chair: Donna Robinson Divine**, Smith College

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Oriental Jews in the Transition to the British Mandate

**Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa and **Abigail Jacobson**, Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute

On Vertical Alliances and Informal Imperialism, or: Between the Balfour Declaration (1917) and the Balfour Formula (1926)

**Arie Dubnov**, The George Washington University

A Neighborhood of One's Own: Formation of Jewish Neighborhoods under the British Mandate

**Elia Etkin**, Tel Aviv University



Literature's Role in Reducing Ambiguity Regarding Gender and Sexuality in Jewish Labor Circles in Mandate Palestine  
**Matan Boord**, Tel Aviv University

#### **MB7 MINORITIES IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Andre Levy**, Brandeis University  
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Identification with non-Jewish Arabs among Alliance educated Iraqi immigrants to Israel  
**Aziza Khazzoom**, Indiana University Bloomington

Reviving an Aramaic Identity in Israel: Maronites' Continued Rejection of Arabism by Resurrecting a Christian Politics of Identity  
**Rima Farah**, Brandeis University

The Jews of Sidon and the Yishuv: A Story of Dynamism and Support  
**Yael Mizrahi-Arnaud**, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

The Wiping out of the Social Category of Mizrahi and the Emergence of the "Periphery Index": How Intra-Jew Divisions Transform into a Spatial Problem?  
**Sigal Nagar-Ron**, Sapir Academic College and Hagar Tzameret, Sapir Academic College

#### **MB8 INFLUENCE OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION**

**Chair: Colin Shindler**, University of London  
colinshindler@gmail.com

The impact of "Jewish influence" – the case of the Balfour Declaration  
**Moshe Fox**, Israel's Foreign Ministry

The Allied Balfour Declaration  
**Martin Kramer**, Shalem College

The Balfour Declaration 100 Years Later: A Radically and Accidentally Relevant Document  
**Ian Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania

#### **MB9 ISRAELI SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY**

**Chair: Paul Scham**, University of Maryland

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The Israeli National Cyberspace: The Legitimization Process of Israel's Cyber-Security Policy

**Amit Sheniak**, Harvard University

Learning, Strategy, Ethics, and the Law: The Evolution of the IDF's Asymmetric Conflict Behavior

**Gil Merom**, The University of Sydney

Keep Calm and Stay Frustrated: The Unspoken Emotional Dimensions of Israeli Diplomacy in Europe

**Aviad Levy**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### **MB10 ISRAEL AND DIASPORA: DO THEY SHARE CONCERNS?**

**Chair: Ben Mollov**, Bar-Ilan University

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Image Repair and Strategies in Fighting BDS, Anti-Semitism and the Boycott of Israeli Academia

**Eli Avraham**, University of Haifa and Reut Cohen, University of Haifa

Intergenerational Transmission of Philanthropic Values and Behavior among Israeli Donors

**Hanna Shaul Bar Nissim**, Brandeis University and Hillel Schmid, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"Lehitnachel Balevavot" as Moral Entrepreneurship: the Case of the "Garin Torani" in Mitzpe Ramon

**Reut Bendrihem**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

#### **MB11 THE SICK MAN OF EUROPE AND EMERGING NATIONAL IDENTITIES**

Conversation with an Artist

**Dor Guez**, Head of the Photography Department, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

**Gannit Ankori**, Brandeis University

#### **MB12 NEW PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAELI MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**Chair: Oren Barak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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Melting Pot or Pressure Cooker: The IDF's Effect on Bridging Social Schisms  
**Elisheva Rosman**, Bar-Ilan University

From Cooperation to Defensiveness: The Paradox of Religious Soldiers in the IDF  
**Aharon Kampinsky**, Efrata College

From Balfour Declaration to the Six Day War- Changes in the Character of the Jewish Warrior  
**Itamar Rickover**, Bar-Ilan University

**12:30-14:00      Lunch - paid on own**

**14:00-15:30      Session C**

**MC1 ISRAEL-US RELATIONS: DIPLOMATS AND LOBBYISTS**

**Chair: Ted Sasson**, Brandeis University  
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Diplomats and Lobbyists: Advocating for Israel: From Truman to Nixon—A Reassessment  
**Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Freedom of Expression? The Possibilities and Limits of American Advocacy  
**Daniel Kurtzer**, Princeton University

American Jewish Political Advocacy: How Significant a Factor?  
**Steven Bayme**, American Jewish Committee

**MC2 TRANSNATIONALISM AND NATIONALISM IN ISRAELI CULTURE**

**Chair: Olga Gershenson**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
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Israeli Soundscape and Daily Life/Online  
**Inna Naroditskaya**, Northwestern University

Tel Aviv Bauhaus: The Construction of Transnational and Zionist Vernacular Urban

Modernism  
**Janet Ward**, University of Oklahoma

**MC3 CONTESTED DIVISION, DISPUTED UNIFICATION, JERUSALEM:  
UNIFICATION AND DIVISION**

**Chair and Discussant: Noah Rubin**, University of Michigan  
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Contemporary Transformation in East Jerusalem: Territorialization, Infrastructural  
Services, and Shifting of Urban Politics  
**Oren Shlomo**, Harvard University

Towards 'Ethno-National Peripheralization?' Economic Dependency Amidst Political  
Resistance in Palestinian East Jerusalem  
**Marik Shtern**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From a Cosmopolitan to a Segregated City - Jerusalem's City Centers as a Case Study  
**Eran Tzidkiyahu**, Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po)

**MC4 ACTUALLY EXISTING ZIONISM: IS THE STATE OF ISRAEL NOT LORD  
BALFOUR'S "NATIONAL HOME FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE," AFTER ALL?**

**Chair: Rachel Fish**, Brandeis University  
rlfish@brandeis.edu

From Balfour's National Home to the State of Israel  
**Elhanan Yakira**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Neo-Geo-Antisemitism—The Jewish National Home and Its Detractors  
**Gabriel Brahm**, Northern Michigan University

Post-Nationalism and Its Discontents  
**Ashley Passmore**, Texas A&M University

Self-Hating Israelis  
**Gilad Halpern**, University of Haifa

**MC5 LAND, NATURE, AND THE PALESTINIAN/ARAB OTHER IN JEWISH  
CULTURE**

**Chair: Ilan Troen**, Brandeis University  
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Intertwined Landscape: On the Integration of Islamicate Culture in the Construction of Jewish Landscape in Palestine/Israel  
**Mostafa Hussein**, University of Southern California

Contested Visions of the Desert, Nature, and the Bedouins in the Contemporary Israeli Tourist Discourse  
**Yael Zerubavel**, Rutgers University

Building, Burning and Belonging: Religiously Motivated Settlers and the Land of Israel  
**Assaf Harel**, Rutgers University

Nationalizing the Nature- the Israeli Space between Environmentalism and Landalism  
**Liron Shani**, Brandeis University and Shai M. Dromi, Harvard University

## **MC6 TRANSFORMING ISRAEL’S TRADITIONAL SOCIETIES: AN INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN’S STRATEGIES OF CHANGE**

**Chair: Shulamit Reinharz**, Brandeis University  
reinharz@brandeis.edu

“I’m the One Who Should Decide for Myself”: Druze Women's Struggle to Get an Education.  
**Ebtesam Barakat**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Negev’s Struggle over Land: Bedouin Women from the 1948 Generation—Resistance from within Patriarchal Spaces  
**Safa Abu-Rabia**, Harvard University

“I Believe in Change from Within”: Jewish-Orthodox Israeli Women’s Transformative “Tempered Radicalism”  
**Tanya Zion-Waldoks**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## **MC7 ZIONISM IN ISRAEL AND BEYOND**

**Chair: Gilbert Kahn**, Kean University  
gkahn@kean.edu

The Increasing Political Engagement and Influence of American Orthodox Jews on Israel-Diaspora Relations

**Gilbert Kahn**, Kean University

*De Facto Zionism: "Love of Israel" and the "Covenant of Blood"*

**William Miles**, Northeastern University

Approaching and Integrating non-Hebrew speaking Olim - Mapai's Mass  
Communication in French and German

**Lukas Weinbeer**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## **MC8 BIOGRAPHY AND THE BUILDING OF A JEWISH STATE**

**Chair: Avi Shilon**, Tsinghua University

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David Ben-Gurion's Jerusalem Vision Post June 1967: What Was the Plan and Why does  
it Matter

**Paula Kabalo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rights and Sovereignty in a Developing International Order: David Ben Gurion's Am  
Yisrael in the 1920s/30s Global Landscape

**Ariel Cohen**, University of Virginia

Benzion Netanyahu - The Formative Years

**Adi Armon**, Da'at Hamakom Center for the Study of Cultures of Place in the Modern  
Jewish World, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **MC9 WRITING ISRAELI HISTORY**

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

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The Israeli Postal Censorship: A new Source for Writing History from Below of  
Israel/Palestine

**Shay Hazkani**, University of Maryland College Park

From a Pension in Safed to the Dan Hotel Chain: Entrepreneur Kaete Dan

**Esther Carmel-Hakim**, University of Haifa

Utopia and History in the Zionist Movement

**Yitzhak Conforti**, Bar-Ilan University

## **MC10 OXFORD HANDBOOK OF ISRAELI POLITICS AND SOCIETY:**

## **PANEL 2: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**

**Chair: Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University  
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The Legislative Branch in Israel

**Chen Friedberg**, Ariel University and Reuven Hazan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Judicial Branch in Israel

**Menachem Hofnung**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Mohammed Wattad, Zefat Academic College

Arab Political Institutions in Israel

**As'ad Ghanem**, University of Haifa

The Military in Israeli Politics

**Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland

## **MC11 HOW TO TEACH ISRAEL STUDIES IN AN AGE OF SHRINKING ENROLLMENT IN THE HUMANITIES**

**Chair: Donna Robinson Divine**, Smith College  
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Have We Got a Prayer? The Crisis in the Humanities, Hebrew Poetry, and World Literature

**Naomi Sokoloff**, University of Washington

Using Wikipedia in the Israel Studies Classroom

**Shira Klein**, Chapman University

## **15:45-16:30 Welcome Reception**

### **GREETINGS:**

**David Ellenson**, Brandeis University

**Ilan Troen**, President, AIS

**16:45-17:30      Awards Ceremony**

**AIS-ISRAEL INSTITUTE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Alan Dowty**, University of Notre Dame  
**Pnina Lahav**, Boston University

**ANNUAL SHAPIRO AWARD FOR BEST BOOK IN ISRAEL STUDIES 2016**

**Abigail Jacobson**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute  
**Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa, *Oriental Neighbors: Middle Eastern Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine* (Schusterman Series in Israel Studies/Brandeis University Press).

**ANNUAL BEN HALPERN AWARD FOR BEST DISSERTATION IN ISRAEL STUDIES 2016**

**Irit Katz**, Girton College, University of Cambridge, *"The Common Camp: Temporary Settlements as a Spatio-political Instrument in Israel-Palestine"*.

**Judah Troen**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *"This is what is done abroad: Model Others and the Construction of National Identity in the Parliamentary Discourse of Israel."*

**ANNUAL BARUCH KIMMERLING PRIZE FOR BEST GRADUATE PAPER PRESENTED AT 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Geoffrey Levin**, New York University, *"Enlightening a Stained Democracy: The American Jewish Committee and Israel's Palestinian Arab Minority, 1949-1966."*

**17:30-18:15      Keynote Address: Reflections on the Balfour Declaration**

Location: Usdan Student Center, Levin Ballroom

**Welcome: Ron Liebowitz**, President, Brandeis University

**Keynote Conversation: Leon Wieseltier**, Isaiah Berlin Senior Fellow in Culture and Policy, Brookings Institution

**Moderator: Ilan Troen**, Brandeis University



**18:30-20:30      Banquet (payment required)**

Location: Hassenfeld Conference Center, Sherman Hall

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

**8:00-16:00      Registration Open**

Location: Mandel Center for the Humanities Atrium

**9:00-10:30      Session A**

**TA1    CHALLENGING ISRAEL'S ORTHODOX HEGEMONY: CONTESTED VISIONS OF JEWISH IDENTITY**

**Chair: Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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Reform Judaism in the Eyes of the Israeli Establishment: an Historical Exploration  
**David Barak-Gorodetsky**, University of Haifa

Israel's Rabbinic Courts VS. Religious Women Activists – Who Represents Israel's True Defense Force?  
**Tanya Zion-Waldoks**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Religious Pluralism, National Identity, and the State: The Case of Non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel  
**Ofir Abu**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TA2    POPULAR CULTURE AND THE FATE OF ETHNICITY IN CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL**

**Chair: Andre Levy**, Brandeis University  
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Mizrahi Rap: Signifying Orientalism Anew  
**Uri Dorchin**, Zefat Academic College

A New Blueprint for Blackness: Ethiopian Israelis and the Consumption of Popular Music

**Gabriella Djerrahian**, Université du Québec à Montréal

The Popularization of the Siqd Holiday in Israel: A View from Below on Making Ethnicity

**Adane Zawdu**, University of Connecticut

Spiritual Traditionalism among Israeli Celebs as Post-Secular Discourse of Citizenship

**Asaf Lebovitz**, Ariel University

### **TA3 MATERIALITY AND THE TIME OF THE PRESENT IN ISRAELI CULTURE**

**Chair: Sara Horowitz**, York University  
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Confronting Fear and Enriching the Self and the Nation: Practices and Emotions in the Aftermath of the Czech-Egyptian Arms Deal

**Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University

Suburban Realities: The Israeli Case

**Tamar Berger**, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

The Catastrophic Horizon: Dead-End Israeli Cinema in the Materialistic New Millennium

**Yael Munk**, Open University of Israel

Peace as Vanishing Mediator: Towards a Marxist History of Zionism and Israel

**Oded Nir**, Ohio State University

### **TA4 BALFOUR AND STATE-BUILDING: A CENTURY OF ZIONISM IN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Chair: Jonathan Adelman**, University of Denver  
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From 1923 to 1948 and Beyond: The Dynamics of Modern Nationalism and Post-Imperial “Exchange of Populations” as a Context for Understanding the Histories of Israel and Zionism

**Jeff Weintraub**, Bryn Mawr College

The Anomaly of the Arab Palestinian Refugees

**Asaf Romirowsky**, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

Extremists as State-Builders: The Bolsheviks, Hamas, ISIS... and the Zionists?

**Anna Geifman**, Bar-Ilan University

**TA5 CONTESTED DIVISION, DISPUTED UNIFICATION - JERUSALEM: EAST AND WEST**

**Chair and Discussants: Itamar Radai**, Tel Aviv University and **Noah Rubin**, University of Michigan  
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From Neighborhoods to Borders: Jurat El-Anab, Shamm'a, and the Early Creation of Divided Jerusalem in the British Mandate Period

**Reuven Gafni**, Kinneret College

Planning Jerusalem, 1948-1968

**Noah Rubin**, University of Michigan

From Army Occupation to Annexed City, Methods Israel Used to Annex Jordanian Jerusalem

**Menachem Klein**, Bar-Ilan University

**TA6 EDUCATION: IT'S COMPLICATED**

**Chair: Matthew Boxer**, Brandeis University  
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Jewish Generation Z and Israel: It's Complicated and Conflicted

**David Bryfman**, The Jewish Education Project

The Motivations and Experiences of Jewish Students of Arabic at Israeli Universities

**Hannah Kober**, Brandeis University

Does outsourcing Zionist education indicate a Neo-Zionist vision?

**Nir Ressissi**, Oranim College of Education

Women's Education in the Haredi Leumi Community: A Curriculum for the Creation of a Stay at Home Revolutionary

**Ilan Fuchs**, Brandeis University

**TA7 VISIONS FOR A JEWISH STATE**

**Chair: Nahum Karlinsky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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Between "Altneuland" and Mini Israel

**Lior Lavid**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

More than Poetry and Music: Spiritual's Place in Jabotinsky's Later View of Nationalism  
**Avi Shilon**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Did Zionism Aspire for a State?  
**Moshe Berent**, Open University of Israel

Fighting for a Civic Nation: The "I am an Israeli" Organization as a post-Zionist/post-  
"Canaanite" Phenomenon  
**Roman Vater**, University of Oxford

## **TA8 ISRAELI POLITICS**

**Chair: Pnina Lahav**, Boston University  
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Defectors in the Knesset: What Explains Exit and Loyalty?  
**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

The Dealignment of the Israeli Political Party System  
**Mark Tessler**, University of Michigan and **Alon Yakter**, University of Michigan

Permanent Transience: Israel's (Non)immigration Policy  
**Ruvi Ziegler**, University of Reading

Courts and Social Rights within Liberal Constitutions: The Organic and Functional  
Approaches to Judicial Review in the Age of Privatization and Contracting Out  
**Hadara Bar-Mor**, Netanya Academic College, Lilach Littor, The Open University of  
Israel, and Gila Menachem, Tel Aviv University

## **TA9 EDUCATING ISRAELIS**

**Chair: Tali Tadmor- Shimony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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Parent-Children and School Relations in Communal Education – A Century after the  
Balfour Declaration  
**Amira Eran**, Levinsky College of Education

Growing Up: The Phantasm of Israeli Childhood  
**Laura Wiseman**, York University

Models of the Secular Pluralistic Beit Midrash IN Israel: Innovative Methods of Teaching  
**Hanit Benglas Kaufman**, Tel Aviv University

#### **TA10 PALESTINIAN ARABS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**

**Chair: Dana Blander**, Israel Democracy Institute  
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Is There a Place for the `Other` in the "National Home for the Jewish People"?  
**Dana Blander**, Israel Democracy Institute

Restoring Faith - The Politics of Empowerment among the Palestinians in Israel after Oslo  
**As'ad Ghanem**, University of Haifa

Internationalization of the National Aspirations of the Arab Minority in Israel  
**Shahbari Ilham**, University of Bradford

Sami Michael's Hasut and the Political History of the Arabs in Israel  
**Elie Rekhess**, Northwestern University

#### **TA11 Oxford Handbook of Israeli Politics and Society: PANEL 3: ISRAEL, THE WORLD AND DIASPORA RELATIONS**

**Chair: Ilan Troen**, Brandeis University  
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Demographic History of Israel  
**Sergio DellaPergola**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Israel and the Jewish Diaspora  
**Mira Sucharov**, Carleton University

Israel and the United States  
**Ken Stein**, Emory University

Israel's Policies in the West Bank and Gaza  
**Oren Barak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### **TA12 FORMATION OF ISRAELINESS**

**Chair: Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

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The Inauguration Ceremony of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem - Was it an Academic Event or a National One?

**Assaf Selzer**, University of Haifa

Public Attitudes toward the Israeli Citizenship Law (1952)

**Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Labor Zionism

**Martin Laskin**, Southern Connecticut State University

Separate But Equal? The Palestine Broadcasting Service and the Racialization of Zionism in Mandatory Palestine

**Mili Leitner**, University of Chicago

**10:30-11:00      Coffee Break**

**11:00-12:30      PLENARY SESSION I: 50 YEARS SINCE '67**

Location: Usdan Student Center, Levin Ballroom

**Moderator: David Ellenson**, Brandeis University

**Anita Shapira**, Tel Aviv University

**Dan Kurtzer**, Princeton University

**Husam Zomlot**, Chief Representative of the Palestinian General Delegation to the United States (tentative)

**12:45-13:45      General Assembly (box lunch provided to first 100 attendees)**

**14:00-15:30      Session C**

**TC1    ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Aziza Khazzoom**, Indiana University

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Land Privatization in the Negev: Tribes, Sheikhs and Administration in the 19th and 20th Century

**Havatzetlet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Involvement of Nakba's Third Generation Bedouin Women in the Land Conflict in the Naqab\Negev: Between State Dispossession and Social Patriarchy.

**Safa Abu-Rabia**, Harvard University and Avinoam Meir, Ben-Gurion University

Being a Muslim in an Ethnic Jewish State: Culture, Identity and Minority Status Internalization

**Nohad 'Ali**, Western Galilee College and University of Haifa

## **TC2 ISRAELI CINEMA**

**Chair: Dina Roginsky**, Yale University

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`Revenge of the Jobniks`: Daily Resistance of Soldiers As Represented in Contemporary Israeli Cinema

**Oren Barak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Daphne Inbar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Hanging by a Thread: Israeli Cinema in the International Arena

**Nava Dushi**, Lynn University

The Brichah (1945-49) in History and Film

**Uta Larkey**, Goucher College

## **TC3 DEFINING THE TENT: PERSPECTIVES ON SUPPORT OF, ENGAGEMENT WITH, AND CONNECTION TO ISRAEL**

**Chair: Sarah Anne Minkin**, Just Vision

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Are We All One Happy Family? American and Israeli Jews

**Ariela Keysar**, Trinity College and **Sergio DellaPergola**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Politics of the Israel Discourse within the Academy

**Rachel Fish**, Brandeis University

Who Supports AIPAC and J Street? A Community Divided  
**Janet Krasner Aronson** and **Matthew Brookner**, Brandeis University

Use, Misuse, and Missing: Survey Data in Jewish Communal Discourse on the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal  
**Matthew Boxer** and **David Manchester**, Brandeis University

#### **TC4 PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONALITIES**

**Chair: Sonja Wentling**, Concordia College  
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Arafat, Barak and Clinton at Camp David: Clashes of Characters and Conduct  
**Raphael Cohen Almagor**, University of Hull

Unofficial Israeli Diplomats in the Israeli-Arab Conflict - A Historical Perspective  
**Lior Lehrs**, New York University

Electoral System Change in the Middle East: Threat and Elite Action across Regime Type  
**Zachary Smith**, University of Pennsylvania

Tracing Shimon Peres' Leadership Traits  
**Baris Kesgin**, Elon University

#### **TC5 FIELD RESEARCH AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISRAEL STUDIES CURRICULA ON NORTH AMERICAN CAMPUSES**

**Chair: Annette Koren**, Brandeis University  
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A "College Town" Embroiled in Ethnic Turmoil: Field Observations in Jerusalem 2015-2016  
**Julia Lieberman**, Saint Louis University

Field Immersion and the Teaching of Israeli Politics  
**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

Don't Boycott this Class  
**Gabriel Noah Brahm**, Northern Michigan University

#### **TC6 INFLUENCE OF RELIGION IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**



**Chair:** Joseph Ringel, Northwestern University  
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Uzi Meshulam`s "Mishkan Ohalim" Affair and the Influence of Radical Ultra-Orthodox Ideology

**Motti Inbari**, The University of North Carolina, Pembroke

From Defensive Conservatism to a Conservatism of Adaptation: Acculturation Strategies of ultra-Orthodox Academics in the Workplace

**Tehila Kalagy**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Examining the Notions of Secular and Religious Through the Case of Hasidic Women in Jerusalem

**Heather Munro**, Durham University

## **TC7 ISRAELI FOREIGN POLICY IN THE TRUMP ERA**

**Chair: Robert Freedman**, Johns Hopkins University  
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The Impact of Trump's Policy on Israeli Politics

**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College

The Policy of the Trump Administration toward Israel

**Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

Israeli Policy toward Iran under Trump

**Steven David**, John Hopkins University

## **TC8 ISRAELI ETHNICITIES REVISITED**

**Chair: Uri Ram**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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The Man of Honor Killings: The Racialized Space between Honor and Dignity

**Lihi Yona**, Columbia University

Hishtaknezut: Passing as White or Class Mobility

**Orna Sasson-Levy**, Bar-Ilan University

Inventing Gay Utopia: Gay Tourism to Tel Aviv and Israeli Ethnicities

**Gilly Hartal**, McGill University

## **TC9 GENDER AND ISRAELI SOCIETY**

**Chair: Shulamit Reinharz**, Brandeis University  
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Gender and Government Procurement in Israel: How do privatization contracts promote Gender inequality?

**Orly Benjamin**, Bar-Ilan University

Shaping of the Settler - Women in the First Wave of Settlements, 1967-1977

**Dikla Bar Orian**, Bar-Ilan University

Captivity and Gender: Female Prisoners of the Israel's War of Independence as a Case Study

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

## **TC10 REVISITING BALFOUR**

**Chair: Gershon Shafir**, University of California, San Diego  
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"A Century of Balfour Declarations"

**Gershon Shafir**, University of California, San Diego

State, Community & Nation on the Anvil of Political Theology

**Yehudah Mirsky**, Brandeis University

Preventive vs Proactive Policies: An Interpretation of Balfour Declaration's Political Vision

**Maria G. Navarro**, Universidad de Salamanca

Shifting Loyalties: The Balfour Declaration and the Transition towards British Orientation during and after First World War

**Avital Ginat**, Tel Aviv University

## **TC11 IMAGINING PALESTINE**

**Chair and Discussant: Yael Zerubavel**, Rutgers University  
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Imagining Palestine: Zionists' Political Imagination, 1917-1947

**Yael Zerubavel**, Rutgers University

What Would Palestine Look Like? Zionists Imagine Palestine on the Night of November 29, 1947

**Alon Confino**, University of Virginia, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From Recognition to Denial: The Palestinian Arabs in Ben-Gurion's Political Imagination in the British Mandate Period

**Dimitry Shumsky**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **TC12 SPIES, SEX AND SABICH: ISRAELI TELEVISION IN THE AGE OF NETFLIX**

**Chair: Sara Horowitz**, York University  
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The Office of Gender and Age Diversity: Mossad 101  
**Rachel S. Harris**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Violence and the Death of the Family in *Fauda*  
**Martin Shichtman**, Eastern Michigan University

*Srugim*  
**Shayna Weiss**, United States Naval Academy

**15:30-16:00      Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:30      Plenary Session II: Role of NGO's Inside/Outside of Israel**

Location: Usdan Student Center, Levin Ballroom

**Moderator: Rachel Fish**, Brandeis University

**Peter Beinart**, City University of New York

**Alisa Doctoroff**, Past President, UJA-Federation of New York

**Gerald Steinberg**, Bar-Ilan University

**17:30-18:30      Wine and Cheese Reception**

Hosted by Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)

Location: Usdan Student Center Courtyard

**20:00-21:30      Film Screening**

**BEN-GURION, EPILOGUE**

Location: Shapiro Campus Center Theater

**Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

**8:30-12:45      Registration Open**

Location: Mandel Center for the Humanities Atrium

**9:00-10:30      Session A**

**WA1 ISRAELI CULTURE**

**Chair: Arie Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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The Play's the Thing: ha-Bimah and the Cameri—Israeli Society through the Lens of Theater

**Jerome Chanes**, CUNY Graduate Center

"There were Shepherds Abiding in the Field": Origins of Israeli Folk Dance Costumes  
**Alec Mishory**, Independent Scholar

U.S.-Israel Relations: Israeli Cultural Development in the Early Years of the State  
**Nina Spiegel**, Portland State University

**WA2 ROUNDTABLE: BETWEEN THE RULE OF LAW AND STATES OF EMERGENCY: THE FLUID JURISPRUDENCE OF THE ISRAELI REGIME**

**Chair: Nitzan Lebovic**, Lehigh University  
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**Nitzan Lebovic**, Lehigh University

**Ian Lustick**, University of Pennsylvania

**Ilan Peleg**, Lafayette College

**Yoav Mehozay**, University of Haifa

### **WA3 ISRAEL AND ARMED NON-STATE ACTORS: A SHIFTING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT**

**Chair: Peter Krause**, Boston College  
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Victory Hanging in the Balance: Why Zionist Armed Groups Competed, Fought and Won

**Peter Krause**, Boston College

Israel's Triadic Coercion: Persistence and Changes

**Boaz Atzili**, American University

What do we Talk about when We Talk about Military Adaptation? Israel in South Lebanon, 1985-200

**Ehud Eiran**, University of Haifa

A Comparative Look at Israel's Conflicts with Hezbollah and Hamas Over the Past Decade

**Daniel Sobelman**, Harvard University

Defending Ourselves against the Wild Beasts: A Defensive Turn in Israel's Offensive Military Strategy

**Oren Barak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA4 ISRAEL AND ASIA**

**Chair: Yoram Peri**, University of Maryland  
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The Reaction of the Asian Nations to the Balfour Declaration

**Meron Medzini**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Southwest Asia's Ominous Climate Future: The End of an Ancient Heart(h)land?

**James (Jim) Norwine**, Texas A&M University, Pinhas Alpert, Tel Aviv University, Michael Jennings, University of Idaho, and Brent Hedquist, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

A Century of Zionism in China: The Harbin Jewish Community since 1917  
**Ming Hui Pan**, Concordia University

#### **WA5 ISRAEL AND THE UN**

**Chair: Paul Scham**, University of Maryland  
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Israel and UNESCO Resolution (2016) on Jerusalem  
**Ankesh Kumar Sahu**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Arab Support for the UN Plan to Internationalize Jerusalem and its Decisive Weight in the Passage of the 1949 Resolution to Do So  
**Elad Ben-Dror**, Bar-Ilan University

"Um Shmum"? The Role of the UN in the Perpetration of Palestinian Refugee Status  
**Katherine Harbord**, Liverpool John Moores University

#### **WA6 ISRAELI FOREIGN RELATIONS**

**Chair: Berkay Gulen**, University of Washington  
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Institutional Change in the Middle East: Turkish Foreign Policy towards Israel between 2002 and 2014  
**Berkay Gulen**, University of Washington

Israel and Spain: are they rival or complementary countries?  
**Alfred Tovias**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Peripheral Zionism: Ambiguities of History of Zionism in Brazil (1900-1930)  
**Michel Gherman**, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

#### **WA7 INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE ON THE JEWISH STATE**

**Chair: Gabor Balazs**, Budapest University of Jewish Studies  
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Inclusion through exclusion: young Russians in the Yisra'el Beitenu party actively construct a sense of belonging  
**Anja Schmidt-Kleinert**, University of Bielefeld

The Influence of the Balfour Declaration in Hungary  
**Gabor Balazs**, Budapest University of Jewish Studies

Indian National Movement and Zionism: In the Light of Balfour Declaration  
**Khinraj Jangid**, Jindal Global University

## **WA8 PERCEPTIONS OF ISRAEL**

**Chair: Sara Airoidi**, State University of Milan  
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Home, Nation, State? Political Wording and the Meaning of Jewish Nationhood in Italy (1917-1938)  
**Sara Airoidi**, State University of Milan

Israeli and Jewish Proposals to Resettle Palestinian Refugees in the Wake of the Six-Day War: The Case of Brazil  
**Jonathan Grossman**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Israel and the Israeli-Arab Conflict in the Eyes of Romanian Communists (1948-1975)  
**Felicia Waldman**, University of Bucharest

“The Territories”: Ambiguities and (dis)Continuities in Israel’s Civil-Military Relations  
**Marwa Maziad**, University of Washington

## **WA9 INFLUENCE OF WOMEN ON STATE FORMATION**

**Chair: Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University  
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Women Defense Service in the Palmach, 1942-1945  
**Meir Chazan**, Tel Aviv University

Gender, Professional Identity, and Familial Life in the Yishuv Area: The Married Women Teachers, 1880`s-1930`s  
**Tali Tadmor- Shimony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Nirit Raichel, Kinneret College

The Leading Women’s Zionist Organizations in the US, 1912-1948: Identities, Vision and Ideologies – A Comparison  
**Mira Yungman**, The Open University of Israel

From Collectivity to Personalization: The Historical Retrogression of Female Politicians`

Media Image in Israeli Newspapers

**Sam Lehman-Wilzig**, Bar-Ilan University and Gilad Greenwald, Bar-Ilan University

## **WA10 SOCIETAL CHALLENGES IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Nahum Karlinsky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
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Consumer Modernity, Citizenship, and the Everyday in 1960s Israel  
**Oz Frankel**, New School for Social Research

Neoliberal-Environmentalism in Israeli Legislation: The Case of the Law for Regulation of Organic Produce  
**Rafi Groszlik**, Brandeis University

The Health Gap: Understanding Access to Healthcare in Israel  
**Divya Malhotra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Grandparents Demanding Genetic Grandchildren: What Can Posthumous Reproduction Teach Us About Israeli Family Norms?  
**Zvi Triger**, The College of Management and Yael Hashiloni-Dolev, The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

## **WA11 ETHIOPIANS IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Sharon Shalom**, Brandeis University  
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Between Subjective Identity and Objective Identify - A Case Study of Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel  
**Sharon Shalom**, Brandeis University

From a Whisper to a Scream: The Politicization of the Ethiopian Community in Israel  
**Alon Burstein**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Liora Norwich, Brandeis University

The Beta-Israel Migration and Israel's Continued Predicament  
**Solomon Getahun**, Central Michigan University

## **O-s 116 WA12      ROUNDTABLE: THE CULT OF THE OCCUPATION**

**Chair: Richard Landes**, Bar-Ilan University



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**Joshua Muravchik**, Institute of World Politics

**Gilead Ini**, CAMERA

**Kenneth Levin**, Harvard University Medical School

**Elhanan Yakira**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**10:30-10:45      Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:15      Session B**

**WB1   TWO DECADES PLUS SINCE “FOREIGNERS DESERVE RIGHTS?”: WHAT RIGHTS DO THEY DESERVE AND WHAT ARE COMMON THEMES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND GERMANY?**

**Chair and Discussant: Galia Sabar**, Ruppin College and Tel Aviv University  
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Case 1: Israel

**Hadas Cohen**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Case 2: Germany

**Dani Kranz**, Bergische Universität Wuppertal

Let My People Stay: Seeking Asylum in the Jewish State

**Oded Oron**, University of Washington

**WB2   ROUNDTABLE: INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES TO TEACHING FILM IN ISRAEL STUDIES**

**Chair:** Rachel Harris, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
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IDF on Screens: New Genres, New Values

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

Teaching about Post-1967 Settlers through Film

**Assaf Harel**, Rutgers University

The History of Zionism and Israel Through Short Educational Documentary Videos

**David Starr**, Brandeis University

Teaching Palestine in Israel Studies Through Palestinian Film  
**Oren Kroll-Zeldin**, University of San Francisco

### **WB3 POLITICAL USAGES OF HOLOCAUST MEMORY IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Elkhanan Yakira**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
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The “Eichmann Controversy” in Israel: Reading of Hannah Arendt’s Eichmann in Jerusalem through the Lens of *The Origins of Totalitarianism*  
**Ayala Paz**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Motherhood as Resistance?: Representations of Mothers in the Holocaust during the 50’s in Israeli’s Newspapers  
**Liraz Yaffe**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **WB4 AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE BALFOUR DECLARATION**

**Chair: David Ellenson**, Brandeis University  
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From the Balfour Declaration to Cleveland: The 1921 ZOA Convention Reconsidered  
**Judah Bernstein**, New York University

Eliezer Livneh: The Israeli Translator and Adapter of American Neo-Conservative Political Thought in the 1970s  
**Eva Gurevich**, Brandeis University

Stephen S. Wise and the Balfour Declaration  
**Mark Raider**, University of Cincinnati

The Influence of Judah Magnes on American Liberal Protestant Interpretations of the Balfour Declaration  
**Walker Robins**, University of Oklahoma

### **WB5 GHETTOS, CAMPS AND IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL**

**Chair: Avinoam Patt**, University of Hartford  
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Ghetto in Flames: Zionists, Bundists and the Meaning of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

**Avinoam Patt**, University of Hartford

Internment Camps in Palestine: British Staff, Jewish Guards, German Internees.

**Lior Yohanani**, Rutgers University

Experts, Camps and Immigration to Israel – The Joint and the OSE in South France 1947-1951

**Benny Nuriely**, Emek Israel College and Sapir Collage

## **WB6 RELIGION AND SOCIETY IN ISRAEL**

**Chair: Motti Inbari**, The University of North Carolina, Pembroke  
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The Monopoly of Jewish Orthodoxy in Israel and Its Effects on the Governance of Religious Diversity

**Raphael Cohen Almagor**, University of Hull

Women's Rights and Gender -Theologians Challenges in Jewish and Democratic State

**Sara Levinger**, University of Haifa

Rabbi Joseph Carlebach's (1883-1942) non-Zionist Zionism

**Meir Seidler**, Ariel University

Counter-Culture within a Counter-Culture: Religious Humanist Education and Thought in the Gush Emunim Movement

**Joseph Ringel**, Northwestern University

## **WB7 ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS**

**Chair: As'ad Ghanem**, University of Haifa  
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Rekindling the Dilemma of Arab Labor in the New Borders of the Jewish State, 1967-1973

**Omri Shafer Raviv**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

"The Logic of the Defeated": The Attempts to Reach an Agreement between Israel and Egypt in 1971

**Yehuda (Udi) Blanga**, Bar-Ilan University

A Century of Palestinian-Israeli Joint Nonviolence

**Sheila Katz**, Berklee College of Music

Erasing Borders: The Ottoman Dream of Avi Mograbi.  
**Rocco Giansante**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **WB8 ISRAELI GEOGRAPHY AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Chair: Yael Zerubavel**, Rutgers University  
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Desert Development Towns and the Central Place Theory  
**Avi Picard**, Bar-Ilan University

Urban kibbutz and Developmen-Town - the story of Migvan and Sderot  
**Moti Gigi**, Sapir Academic College

Walking the Israel National Trail (INT): Political, Sociological and Cultural Aspects  
**Tamar Hermann**, The Open University of Israel

Ancient Trails, Modern Hikers: Israeli Waymarking in the Sinai Peninsula  
**Shay Rabineau**, State University of New York, Binghamton

## **WB9 PALESTINIAN ISRAELI CITIZENS AND POLITICAL AWARENESS**

**Chair: Safa Abu-Rabia**, Harvard University  
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The Impact of Israeli-Palestinian Inter-religious Dialogue: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives  
**Ben Mollov**, Bar-Ilan University and Chaim Lavie, Bar-Ilan University

The Power-Sharing Model and Israel's Arab Minority  
**Eliezer Don-Yehiya**, Bar-Ilan University

The Arab-Palestinian Minority in Israel: The Municipalities' Crisis  
**Rami Zeedan**, The Open University of Israel

Is Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians Viable? Analyzing Theories of Peace in International Relations  
**Dana Gold**, University of Western Ontario

## **WB10 SIX DAY WAR IN RETROSPECTIVE: 50 YEARS LATER**

**Chair: Ehud Eiran**, University of Haifa

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Six Day War or the Seven Years War?

**Nimrod Hagiladi**, IDF Command and Staff College

An Unintended War? The Jordanian Front in 1967

**Sagi Torgan**, IDF Command and Staff College

The German Influence on the Israeli 'Blitzkrieg' in 1967

**Omri Adomi**, IDF Command and Staff College and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Learning to Win, Learning to Lose: The IDF, the Egyptian Army, and the Lesson-1 Learning Process before the Six-Say War".

**Yagil Henkin**, IDF Command and Staff College

## **WB11 ISRAEL ON THE WORLD STAGE**

**Chair: Rohee Dasgupta**, O.P. Jindal Global University

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Between Two Homelands: Jewish-Argentines` Return Migration from Israel, 1960-2005

**Adrian Krupnik**, Tel Aviv University

"I Stepped out from a 3.5 Year Long Relationship by Getting on the Plane." Ethnic Returnees or Migrants? The Relationship between the Hungarian Jewry and Israel

**Ráchel Suranyi**, Eötvös Loránd University and University of Haifa

The Privatized Arena of Jewish Conversion and Immigration from Mestizo-America

**Renen Yezerky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Meaning of Israel in Contemporary Reality and Imagination of Central European Jews: Case of the Czech Republic

**Marcela Zoufala**, Charles University

**12:15-12:45          Lunch - paid on own**

**12:45-14:00          Session C**

## **WC1 ANTI-ZIONISM(S) IN AMERICA: DEFINITIONS AND HISTORICAL**

## **EVOLUTIONS**

**Chair: Geoffrey Levin**, New York University  
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Israelis, Arabs, and the Palestinianization of American Jewish Anti-Zionism  
**Geoffrey Levin**, New York University

“Israel Guidelines” and the Shifting Definition of American "Zionism" and “Anti-Zionism”

**Noam Pianko**, University of Washington

American Anti-Zionism: When Does Criticism of a Jewish State Become a Form of Antisemitism?

**Amy Weiss**, College of Saint Elizabeth

Julius Rosenwald’s Rejection of Zionism

**Hasia Diner**, New York University

## **WC2 POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES: ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS**

**Chair: Gannit Ankori**, Brandeis University  
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The Role of Israel’s Labour Party on Palestinian Question since 1967-1993  
**Sunil Kumar**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Joint List After Two Years: Expression of a New Discourse among Israeli Palestinians?

**Paul Scham**, University of Maryland and **Thair Abu-Ras**, University of Maryland

Toward a New Genealogy of the Camp in Israel-Palestine

**Irit Katz**, University of Cambridge

## **WC3 ROUNDTABLE: CAMPUS WARS AND INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY IN ACADEMIA**

**Chair: Richard Landes**, Bar-Ilan University  
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**Charles Jacobs**, Americans for Peace and Tolerance

**Cary Nelson**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Andrew Pessin**, Connecticut College

**Jeffrey Herf**, University of Maryland

**Jim Wald**, Hampshire College

**Lucien Oulahbib**, Membre du CLESID

#### **WC4 ZIONIST IMAGININGS AFTER BALFOUR**

**Chair: Katherine Harbord**, Liverpool John Moores University  
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“The Jews Survive it!”: The Arch of Titus in Zionist Imagination and Ritual: 1882-1947  
**Steven Fine**, Yeshiva University

Rainbows Built of Bitter Tears: Anglo-Jewish Zionism Before the Balfour Declaration  
**Lindsay Katzir**, Louisiana State University

*Deus ex Machina*: The Metaphors Underlying Ze'ev Jabotinsky's Conception of the Jewish Nation  
**Eliran Zered**, Bar-Ilan University

#### **WC5 ISRAEL AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Chair: Liron Shani**, Brandeis University  
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The Regional Influence of Israel's Water and Energy Resources  
**Yoram Cohen**, University of California, Los Angeles

Israel's Pursuit of Regional Energy Partners: A Historical Review  
**Gabriel Mitchell**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Israel's Blue Revolution: The Road to Middle East Water Tech Interdependence  
**Jeffrey Sosland**, American University

#### **WC6 HEBREW LITERATURE**

**Chair: Philip Hollander**, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
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The Image of Women in Modern Hebrew Feminist Poetry: A Century of Evolution  
**Menna Abukhadra**, Cairo University

Not the Mythological Sabra--Reexamining Hanoch Bartov's Fiction  
**Philip Hollander**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"The Sinai is Boiling": Avigdor Hameiri and the Balfour Declaration  
**Miriam Neiger**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Universal vs. the Local: Lea Goldberg's Writings for Children During the *Yishuv* Period  
**Ayelet Gil-Ronen**, Tel Aviv University

## **WC7 RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**

**Chair: Yehudah Mirsky**, Brandeis University  
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Zionism, Identity and Kabbalah: Decoding the World and Works of Isaiah Tishby  
**Andrea Gondos**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jew-Age among Israeli Celebrities: Jewish Spirituality as Discourse of Citizenship  
**Asaf Lebovitz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Ariel University

Like a Bridge over Troubled Waters: The Impact of Joint Mediation and Study Programs on Secular-Haredi Relations  
**Ephraim Tabory**, Bar-Ilan University and Rachely Ashwall, Bar-Ilan University

## **WC8 ISRAEL-CHINA RELATIONS**

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Diaspora Jews in China and Their Contributions to Zionism and the State of Israel  
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The Development of Hebrew Teaching and Israel Studies in China  
**Yang Yang**, Shanghai International University

Who's Making Israel's China Policy? From the Perspective of Structural Analysis  
**Guangmeng Chen**, Brandeis University

The Other Side of the Israeli Innovation Myth ---From the Sino-Israeli Perspective  
**Meng Yang**, Peking University and Free University of Berlin



## **WC9 JERUSALEM: A MICROCOSM**

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Between Local and National Politics: The Jerusalem Municipality, 1948-1955  
**Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky**, Zefat Academic College

Sharing Colonial Space?: Palestinians and Israelis in the French Hill Neighborhood of Jerusalem  
**Marik Shtern**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## **WC10 BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND JAFFA:**

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Reconsidering Urbicide: the Case of Jaffa/Tel Aviv  
**Arnon Golan**, University of Haifa

The Jewish neighborhoods of Jaffa and the question of annexation to Tel Aviv 1940-1944  
**Tamir Goren**, Bar-Ilan University

The Educational System of Tel Aviv in the Transition from Mandate Rule to Independence  
**Eran Eldar**, Concordia University

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## **WD1 TEACHING AND ISRAEL STUDIES**

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Recruiting Scientists to the Weizmann Institute on the 30th Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration: Global or Local Considerations?  
**Pnina Abir-Am**, Brandeis University

Upgrading Disciplinary Education to Discipline-Cultural One  
**Igal Galili**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Israel Studies: Teaching History through Experiential Learning at the Centennial of the

Balfour Declaration  
**Miriam Shenkar**, Ohio State University

## **WD2 VIOLENCE AND REVENGE IN ISRAELI LITERATURE**

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Aharon Megged's *The Buried Treasure* and the Buried Trauma of the Zionist Left  
**Lior Libman**, State University of New York, Binghamton

Irony and Revenge in Yehuda Amichai's Early Writings  
**Hannan Hever**, Yale University

Jealousy and Revenge in Yuval Shimoni's *The Salt Line*  
**Tamar Hess**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **WD3 IMAGINING ZION**

**Chair: Luna Goldberg**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
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The Emergence of the Swiss Roof in the Holy Land: Politicized Readings of Gal  
Weinstein's *Roof* at the 25th International Biennial of Sao Paulo  
**Luna Goldberg**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Man and Nature in Kibbutz Ceremonies: Biblical, Palestinian and German influences  
**Dina Roginsky**, Yale University

What was "Kongressdeutsch"? On Language Problems in the Zionist Congress  
**Marc Volovici**, Princeton University

## **WD4 THE HOLOCAUST IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**

**Chair: Zbyněk Tarant**, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen  
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"No Borders, No Guarantees" – The Munich Conference as a Threat to Balfour  
Declaration and The Roots of 'Munich Trauma' in the Zionist Discourse  
**Zbyněk Tarant**, University of West Bohemia in Pilsen

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and the Holocaust: What role did the Holocaust Play in  
Educating Israeli Soldiers since the First Palestinian Intifada (1987)?

**Lea Ganor**, Bar-Ilan University

Israeli Concept of the Holocaust as a Reflection of a Changing National Ethos

**Eyal Lewin**, Ariel University

## **WD5 ISRAEL AND THE WORLD**

**Chair: Baris Kesgin**, Elon University

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Israel's Relations with Anglophone West Africa

**Michael B. Bishku**, Augusta University

Rethinking Israel-Taiwan Relations

**Christopher Schilling**, University of the West of England

Japan and the Zionist Movement: From the Russo-Japanese War to the Balfour

Declaration and Its Aftermath

**Naoki Maruyama**, Meiji Gakuin University

## **WD6 SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ISRAELI SOCIETY**

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The Combat against Sex Trafficking in Israel: Revisiting the Role of International Actors in Norm Localization

**Dana Zarhin**, University of Haifa and **Ofir Abu**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A Calling or Resume Building: Volunteering and Social-Involvement Processes of Students in Israeli Universities

**Nadia Belkind**, Tel Aviv University

Organizing Dissent in Israel: The Influence of Militarist Culture on Social Protests

**Aya Shoshan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

New Elite in the Israeli Student Movement: The Arising of the "Herut" Movement and the Right-Wing on Campuses, 1965-1977

**Doron Timor**, Tel Aviv University

## **WD7 ISRAEL AND POPULAR CULTURE**

**Chair: Rachel Harris**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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"Haven't the Jewish People suffered enough?": Television sketches and the normalization of traumatic collective memory

**Eyal Zandberg**, Netanya Academic College

Star Power: Kirk Douglas, Hollywood and Israel

**Tony Shaw**, University of Hertfordshire and **Giora Goodman**, Kinneret College

## **WD8 BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL: TRANSFORMING DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT WITH ISRAEL**

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Birthright Israel's Education Platform

**Zohar Raviv**, Taglit-Birthright Israel

Connection to Israel among Young Adult U.S. Jews: Strength and Fragility

**Michelle Shain**, Brandeis University

Making a Homeland, Constructing a Diaspora: The Case of Taglit-Birthright Israel

**Yehonatan Abramson**, Johns Hopkins University

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