

Unacknowledged Kinships: Postcolonial Studies and the Historiography of Zionism

Conference Program

Sunday, June 17, 2018 (Casino 1.801)

- 17.30 Welcome, greetings and introduction
- 18.00 Keynote lecture
Chair: Christian Wiese (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)
Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto/Harvard University): Declarations of (In)Dependence: Dialectics of Zionist Statecraft
- 19.30 Reception

Monday, June 18, 2018 (Seminarhaus 3.105)

- 9.00 Coffee
- 9.30 Session 1: Conceptualizations
Chair: Tilmann Gempp-Friedrich (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)
Manja Herrmann (Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg): Zionist Concepts of Authenticity as Counter-Narratives
Abraham Rubin (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main): Thinking Zionism with Postcolonialism in the Writings of Albert Memmi and Jacqueline Kahanoff
Stefan Vogt (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main): Zionism as "Positioning": Re-Conceptualizing Zionist Identity Politics
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 Session 2: Looking East
Chair: Claudia Willms (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)
Scott Spector (University of Michigan): Habsburg Zionisms between East and West
Malgorzata Maksymiak (University of Rostock): Mapping Zionism: The Term "Ostjude" in Zionist History and Historiography
- 13.20 Lunch break
- 15.00 Session 3: Looking West
Chair: Johannes Becke (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg)
Michael Berkowitz (University College London): Marcus Garvey and Black/Jewish Relations: What's Zionism Got to Do with It?
Mark H. Gelber (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): Early Zionists and the "Negro Question" in the United States
Liora Halperin (University of Washington): Narrating and Commemorating Zionist "Firsts": Insights from the Study of American Settler Colonialism
- 17.00 Coffee break and transfer to Casino building
- 18.00 Public keynote lecture (Casino 823)
Chair: Stefan Vogt (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)
Ato Quayson (University of Toronto/New York University): Postcolonialism and Diaspora: Encounters, Interactions and Intersections
- 20.00 Reception

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 (Seminarhaus 5.101)

8.30 Coffee

9.00 Session 4: Confrontations

Chair: Stefanie Fischer (Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg)

Orit Bashkin (University of Chicago): Jews in the Middle East during World War II

Christian Wiese (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main): The Predicaments of Non-National Nationalism: Hannah Arendt's, Hans Kohn's, and Robert Welsch's Anti-Colonial Thinking during and after World War II

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Session 5: Culture

Chair: Mark H. Gelber (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Na'ama Rokem (University of Chicago): The Hebrew University on the World Map

Gilad Shenhav (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main/Tel Aviv University): The Eye, the Tongue, and the Fatherland: Gershom Scholem and Postcolonial Critique

Dafna Hirsch (Open University of Israel): Feeding Zionist New Men: Between Westernization and "becoming Native"

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Session 6: Palestine and Israel

Chair: Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto/Harvard University)

Arieh Saposnik (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): The Shaping of an East-West Hebrew Indigeneity in Palestine

Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev): A Mandate to Forget: Representations of Mandatory Palestine in British Culture after 1948

Johannes Becke (Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg): Between Monumentalism and Miniaturization: Israel's Settlement Project and the Question of Third World Colonialism

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Session 7: Decolonization

Chair: Manja Herrmann (Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg)

Hanan Harif (Hebrew University Jerusalem): South-Asian Muslim Frameworks for Western-Jewish Good Intentions: Hyderabad, Karachi and "Jewish Orientalism"

Rephael Stern (Harvard University): Uncertain Comparisons: Zionist and Israeli Views of India and Pakistan in the Age of Partition and Decolonization

Arie M. Dubnov (George Washington University): From New Delhi to Bandung: Zionists and Jewish Territorialists Facing the Emerging "Third World"

18.30 Final discussion and conference wrap-up: Potentials of an Unacknowledged Kinship

19.00 End of the conference