

EAIS 11th Annual Conference on Israel Studies

Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Day 1, Sunday (Sde Boker)

October 8

- 10.30 Bus from Beer Sheva North station to Sde Boker
- 12.00-14.00 Ben Gurion Archive & Tomb** (with a guide)
- 14.00-14.45 Lunch & Registration
- 14.45-15.00 Official opening of the conference**
- 15.00-16.00 Keynote speech**
Andrea Pető, *The Illiberal Script of De-Democratisation: Lessons and Strategies*,
Central European University
- 16.00-17.30 Opening Roundtable: *Israeli State and Society Facing a Political Upheaval***
Chair: Hila Zahavi (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Sara Hirschhorn (Oxford University & Northwestern University)
Uri Keidar (Israel Hofsheet)
David Tal (University of Sussex)
Ilan Troen (Brandeis University/Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Alla Zakharchenko (Odesa Mechnikov National University Ukraine)
- 17.30-17.45 Coffee break
- 17.45-19.15 Plenary Session: Rethinking Israeli Politics via Ben-Gurion's Political Thought**
Chair: Gilat Gofer (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Avi Bareli (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Paula Kabalo (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)
Ofar Shiff (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

Bus to Beer Sheva

Day 2, Monday (Beer Sheva)

October 9

09.15 – 10.45	Session 1
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.45	Session 2
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Session 4
18.00	Dinner (“Hodu HaKtana” restaurant)

Day 3, Tuesday (Beer Sheva)

October 10

8.15 – 9.15	General Assembly of the EAIS
09.30 – 11.00	Session 5
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	<i>Israel: A History in 100 Cartoons</i> – Colin Shindler (SOAS)
12.30 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 15.15	Session 6
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 – 18.15	Movie screening & discussion
18.15	Closing remarks

Beer Sheva venue rooms:

The **registration desk** and **coffee breaks** will be in the Senate Lobby, building 71.

Panels A, book talk with Colin Shindler and **General Assembly** of the EAIS will take place in the Senate Hall, building 71.

Panels B will take place in The Barkan Hall, building 70.

Panels C will take place in Room 136, building 71.

Panels D will take place in Room 301, building 74.

Panels E will take place in Room 316, building 74.

The **movie screening** will take place in Room 109, building 74.

The Monday **dinner** will take place in “Hodu HaKtana” restaurant (15 Ringelbloom St.)

The **lunches** will be served at the “Capiot” cafeteria, building 70.

Detailed Programme

Day 2, Monday (Beer Sheva)

9 October

09.15 – 10.45 Session 1

A. Convergences and Divergences in the US-Israel Relationship

Chair: Amnon Aran, City, University of London

Natan Aridan, *The Israeli Diplomacy and Nixon's Attempts to Rein in the Israel Lobby*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Jonathan Rynhold, *Institutionalization: The Fourth Pillar of the Special Relationship*, Bar Ilan University

David Tal, *Kissinger's Wrath: Henry Kissinger and the March 1975 Reassessment*, University of Sussex

B. Israel and European States

Chair: Joanna Dyduch, Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Olaf Glöckner, *"Zion" and the "Humanitarian Superpower": Particularities in the Relations Between Sweden and Israel Against the Backdrop of Human Rights Policy*, Moses Mendelssohn Center/University of Potsdam

Maria Owiredu, *"Ideology or Religion": How Left-Right Ideology Plays a Key Role in Attitudes toward Israel and Palestine: The Case of Sweden*, Linnaeus University

Orna Almog, *Beyond Uzo and Bouzouki: Israeli- Greek Relations in Times of Upheavals*, ATNIER

Alon Helled, *Unstable Political We-Feelings in Israel and Italy: Cyclical Decivilizing Parabolae?*, University of Turin

Daniel Gheorghe, *Populism and de-Europeanization of the EU Foreign Policy in Relation to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The Cases of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania*, SNSPA Bucharest

C. Bedouin in the Negev: Tribalism, Politics and Criticism

Chair: Itamar Radai, Open University of Israel

Havatzelet Yahel, *The Negev Bedouin and Israel-Delegitimization*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Emir Galilee, *Changes in Landscape Perception of Negev Bedouins in Sedentarization Processes*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev & Kaye Academic College

Tomer Dekel, *Critique, Progress and the Politics of Knowledge in the Planning of Bedouin Settlement in the Negev*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rachel Katoshevski, Shlomit Tamari, Steven C. Dinero, Yuval Karplus, *Urban Tribble: Structure, Functioning and Residency in the Bedouin Towns of the Negev*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

D. Art and Populism in the art field of Israel

Chair: Merav Yerushalmy, Independent Researcher

Merav Yerushalmy, *Art, Populism and the Case of the Painted House in Shlomi*, independent researcher

Roni Tzoreff, *"You will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea": A Populist-Feminist Option of Repentance in the Work of Shula Keshet*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Yael Guilat, *Populism, Antagonism, and the Arts: What Role Does Realism Play in Today's Israeli Painting Scene for Female Artists from Non-Privileged Groups?*, Oranim Academic College

Ami Steinitz, *No-Walls Curating*

E. New Universities in Beirut, Cairo and Jerusalem: Toward a Comparative Intellectual History

Chair: Cedric Cohen-Skalli, University of Haifa

Cedric Cohen-Skalli, *Beirut, Cairo and Jerusalem Universities and the New Middle East*, University of Haifa

Niv Perelsztejn, *"Gentlemen do not spit:" Leon Roth's Philosophy for a Future Jewish Society*, University of Haifa

Margherita Ledro, *Italian Scholars in the Making of Cairo University*, University of Haifa

Christoph Hopp, *The Origin of the Debate About the Semitic Character of the Modernized Hebrew Language: Linguistics in Transition from the European Scholarly World to British Mandatory Palestine*, University of Haifa & University of Potsdam

11.15 – 12.45 Session 2

A. Roundtable: EU-Israel Relations- Quo Vadis?

Chair: Hila Zahavi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Sharon Pardo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Sara Kahn-Nisser, Open University of Israel

Yuval Reinfeld, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Ronny Leshno-Yaar, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

B. Evolution of the Israeli Polity

Chair: Karolina Zielińska, Vistula University in Warsaw

Csaba Nikolenyi, *The Israeli Presidency: Institutional Change in Historical Perspective*, Concordia University

Aharon Ariel Lavi, *The Conservative Evolution: How American Neoconservatism Made Aliyah to Israel, 1985-2015*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Ben Herzog, *Amending the Grandchild Clause of the Law of Return – The Politics of Demography and Citizenship in Israel*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Lev Grinberg, *Regime Rupture and Resistance – Prospects for the Emergence of Democratic Visions of the Future*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

C. Role of Religion in Israel

Chair: Sara Hirschhorn, Oxford University & Northwestern University

Tehila Gado, Rebecca Kook, Ayelet Harel, *The Politics of Belonging: A Study of Modern Orthodox Women in Israel*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Yosef Salmon, *The Hareidic Society in the Mandatory Period*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani, *Relationship of Religious Affiliation Group Norms to Israeli Men's Participation in Household Duties: Changes over Ten Years*, Yezreel Valley College & Kinneret Academic College

Nurit Kirsh, Yael Hashiloni-Dolev, *Who is a Jew, 2.0: The Contemporary Conflict Around the Use of DNA to Determine Jewishness*, Open University of Israel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

D. Arab-Jewish Relations: A Historical Perspective

Chair: Johannes Becke, Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies

Meir Chazan, *The View of Haim Arlosoroff Regarding Jewish-Arab Relations in Palestine*, Tel Aviv University

Adi Schwartz, *The Babylonian Dreyfus: The Hanging of Shafiq Adas and the End of the Jewish Community in Iraq*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Itamar Radai, *The Emergency Committee and the Planning of the Future of Israel's Arab Minority, 1947-1948*, Open University of Israel

Moshe Naor, *Iraqi Jewish Immigrants and Palestinian Refugees in Ma'abarat Tira*, University of Haifa

E. Bureaucracy in Israel – Public Administration Reforms and Modifications in Times of Political Upheaval

Chair: Niva Golan-Nadir, Reichman University

Niva Golan-Nadir, *Socio-Political Cleavages Leading Local Politicians and Bureaucrats to Become Agents of Change: The Case of Religion and State in Israel*, Reichman University

Zehavit Levitats, *Revisiting the Problem of Causality Between Trust in Government and Public Service Performance in Times of Political Upheaval in Israel*, Bar-Ilan University

Saar Alon-Barkat, *Civil Servants' Endogenous Response to Political Initiation of Democratic Backsliding*, University of Haifa

Ofek Edri-Peer, *Social Equity in Public Administration: Lessons from the Street-Level*, University of Haifa

14.00 – 15.30 Session 3

A. Dynamics of the Arab-Jewish Relations

Chair: Moshe Naor, University of Haifa

Marcela Menachem Zoufala, *The Role of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in the Jewish-Arab Interactions in Prague*, Charles University in Prague

Liora Sion, *Privileged Passing: Jewish Men Who Pass as Palestinians*, The University of Copenhagen

Abbasi Mustafa, *Tiberias: Why the Model of Coexistence Between Arabs and Jews Collapsed*, Tel-Hai College

B. Theorizing Jewish-Arab Transculturation in Israel/Palestine

Chair: Johannes Becke, Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies

Lily Eilan, *Like Two Photos Taken on One Film: Palestinian Bassa and Israeli Shlomi 1940-1960*, Heidelberg University

Uri Rosenberg, Chen Bram, *"In the Caucasus, Muslims Were Like our Brothers, but We Were in our Place, and They Were in Theirs": Remembering Jewish-Muslim Relations in Acre*, Heidelberg University, Hadassah Academic College

Ari Engelberg, *Jewish-Arab Transculturation in Israel's Extreme Right-Wing*, Hadassah Academic College

Johannes Becke, *Learning from the Enemy: Israel's Temple Movement*, Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies

C. Israeli-Arab Peace Negotiations and Accords

Chair: David Tal, University of Sussex

Louise Fischer, *The Fissures Widen: Challenges to the Israeli Leadership During Negotiations with Syria, 1974*, former editor, Israel State Archives

Karolina Zielińska, *Israel as a Participant of Regional Environmental Cooperation: Prevention and Response to Marine Pollution at the Mediterranean Sea on the Basis of REMPEC Documents*, Vistula University

Rafał Soroczyński, *The Impact of the Abraham Accords on the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002 and Palestinians' Position in the Middle Eastern Peace Process*, Academy of Applied Sciences in Poznań

Ido Yahel, *New Agreements, Old Reality: Analysis of the Media Discourse in Lebanon of the Gas Agreement and the Abraham Accords*, Tel Aviv University

D. History of Zionism and Jewish Diaspora

Chair: Olaf Glöckner, Moses Mendelssohn Center/University of Potsdam

Fred A. Lazin, *Israeli Diaspora Relations: The Ambivalence Among Jews of China About Resettling in Israel, 1945-1951*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Khinvraj Jangid, *David Ben-Gurion and his Socialist Comrades in India: A Non-Diplomatic Engagement*, OP Jindal Global University Delhi and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Joanna Guzik, *Japan's Support to Zionism*, Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Channa Zaccai, *Israelis in the Netherlands between 1960 and 2020: A Historical Study of Diaspora and Jewish Identity*, University of Amsterdam

E. Culture and Education

Chair: Timea Crofony, Charles University in Prague

Ofra Arieli Backenroth, *Dance, Ideology and Education: The Formation of New Culture*, The Jewish Theological Seminary

Noga Raved, Havatzelet Yahel, *Changing Shifts: From Hegemony to Sectoral Cultures in Museums and Exhibition Centres*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Maya Kahanoff, Tamar Hager, *Teaching in a Diverse and Divided Space: Lecturers Coping with Conflictual Realities in Israeli Academia*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Hadassah Academic College

Jagoda Budzik, *Why Does Hebrew Literature Need the Goy? The Motif of the non-Jewish Other in Contemporary Hebrew Literature*, University of Wrocław

16.00 – 17.30 Session 4

A. Jewish Identity and Israeli Democracy

Chair: Artur Skorek, Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Arieh Saposnik, *Nationalist Humanism, Particularist Universalism?: The Paradoxical Zionist Thought of Joseph Klausner*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Menachem Klein, *How Jewish Sovereignty Changed Judaism*, Bar Ilan University

Sara Hirschhorn, *New Day in Babylon and Jerusalem: Zionism, Jewish Power, and Identity Politics Since 1967*, Oxford University & Northwestern University

Ofir Abu, *The Current Regime Crisis in Israel and the Changes in Israel's Citizenship Regime*, Kinneret Academic College

B. The Perils of Regime Change in Israel (part 1)

Chair: Oded Haklai, Queen's University, Kingston (Canada)

Oded Haklai, *Democratic Backsliding in Israel: A Process, Not an Event*, Queen's University in Kingston

Suzie Navot, Guy Lurie, *An Attack on the Rule of Law in Israel*, The Israel Democracy Institute

Carmela Lutmar, *One Step Forward, Three Steps Back: Judicial Reforms, Governance, and the Quality of Democracy*, Haifa University

Doron Navot, *Israeli Government's Deconstruction of the State*, Haifa University

Lihi Ben Shitrit, Meirav Jones, *Sovereignty in Hebrew and the Path to Democratic Decline*, McMaster University

C. Different Dimensions of Security

Chair: Anders Persson, Linnaeus University

Alla Zakharchenko, *Russia's War in Ukraine: Strategic Implications for Israel*, Odesa Mechnikov National University Ukraine

Alberto Priego, *Netanyahu's Legacy: From Revisionist Zionism to Securitized-Revisionist Zionism*, Comillas University

Kobi Peled, *Popular Poetry and Verbal Violence: Listening to Negev Bedouin Voices during the 2021 Israel-Palestine Crisis*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Migena "Megghi" Pengili, *Deciding the Transformation of Defence- Public Private Partnerships and Organisational Learning*, University of Leeds

D. Origins and Dynamics of the Contemporary Protests

Chair: Amnon Aran, City, University of London

Avi Kay, *Israeli Economic Actors and the Public Debate Regarding the Legal System: A Preliminary Analysis*, Jerusalem College of Technology

Adi Ravash, Gal Gerson, *What Liberalism is Populism Reacting to? The Case of Judge Aharon Barak*, University of Haifa

Hicham Lahouiri, *Local Leaders Mobilising for Israeli Democracy*, Sciences Po

Oren Kalman, *Roots of Polarization: The Distribution of Jurisdictions in Israel's Periphery during Its Early Years*, Open University of Israel

E. Jewish Immigrants in Israel

Chair: Olaf Glöckner, Moses Mendelssohn Center/University of Potsdam

Sylvie Fogiel-Bijaoui, *The Politics of Othering: The F.S.U Immigrants in Israel*, The Israel Academic College in Ramat Gan

Paula Kabalo, Hila Shalem Baharad, *Newcomers Reclaim Belonging Immigrants' Writings to David Ben-Gurion 1953-1963*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Tel-Aviv University

Daniel DeMalach, *Fraud Based on False Documents: The State Commission of Inquiry Report Addresses the Complaints About Disappearance of Children from Rosh Ha'Ain Immigrants' Camp*, Sapir Academic College

Day 3, Tuesday (Beer Sheva)

October 10

9.30 – 11.00 Session 5

A. The Perils of Regime Change in Israel (part 2)

Chair: Adia Mendelson Maoz, Open University of Israel

Sammy Smooha, *The De-Democratization Plan as a Reinforcer of Political and Social Divisions in Israeli Society*, University of Haifa

Yuval Benziman, Tom Levizky, *The Legitimization Process of the Hilltop Youth: A Journey from an Outcast to the Israeli Cabinet*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dana Arieli, *Protest Art in Israel: The Case of 2023*, Holon Institute of Technology

Gal Ariely, *Democratic Erosion, the Controversy About the Definition of the Israeli Regime and the Mobilization Force of "Regime Imagination"*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

B. Palestinian-Israeli Relations

Chair: Daniel Gheorghe, SNSPA Bucharest

Liora Sion, *'Ahmed, My Son, How They Killed You'; Israeli Combat Soldiers Sing about Palestinians*, University of Copenhagen

Alexander Koensler, *Affective Frontiers: Negotiating Contested Lands and Settling Enterprises in the Israeli Periphery*, University of Perugia

Clarisse Genton, *Settlements in the Occupied Territories, a Frontline Outpost of the Israeli Regime Crisis*, Paris-Est University

Galit Yanay Ventura, Smadar Ben-Asher, Moshe Sharabi, Ilan Shdema, *Jewish-Arab Volunteering for Refugees on Lesbos as a Groundbreaking Event Reflected in Volunteer Stories*, Yezreel Valley College, Achva Academic College

C. Sociocultural Divide in Israel: Identity and Values

Chair: Marcela Menachem Zoufala, Charles University in Prague

Ari Engelberg, *"Religion of Democracy": What the Protest Movement Can Teach Us about Worldviews of the Israeli Secular Liberal Center*, Hadassah Academic College

Jenny Hestermann, *Putting Israel Studies into Practice: Notes on the Promotion of Civil Society in Israel*, Heinrich-Boell-Foundation

Timea Crofony, *"We Need a New Independence Day." Israeli Identity Reflexions in the Midst of Judicial Overhaul*, Charles University in Prague

Dana Zarhin, *The Pull into Wakefulness: How Sociocultural Categories Intersect to Shape Sleep Opportunity and Sleep Ability in Israel*, University of Haifa

D. Arab Women

Chair: Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani, Yezreel Valley College and Kinneret Academic College

Moshe Sharabi, Ilan Shdema, Galit Yanay-Ventura, Doaa Manadreh, *Muslim Working Women in Israel: The Effect of Cultural Values and Religiosity Degree on Work, Family and Other Life Domains Centrality*, Yezreel Valley College

Abbas Fahime, *The Intersectional Crisis Implications of the Housing Crisis on Arab Women in Israel*, Adva Center

Ilan Shdema, Moshe Sharabi, Galit Yanay-Ventura, *Level of Religiosity and Labour Market Outcomes of Arab-Muslim Women in Israel*, Yezreel Valley College

Galit Yanay-Ventura, Moshe Sharabi, Ilan Shdema, *Civic Service as Agency: The Case of Young Arab Women in Israel*, Yezreel Valley College

E. Israel and the Jewish Diaspora in the Anglophone World

Chair: Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Suzanne D. Rutland, *Israel's Political Turmoil and its Impact at Edge of the Diaspora*, University of Sydney

Joyce Dalsheim, *On Living in Different Worlds: Ontological Conflict and Religious Nationalisms in the U.S. and Israel*, University of North Carolina

Amir Segal, *North American Jewish Philanthropy and Israeli Conservative Civil Society: Critical Community and Transnational Transference*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11.30 – 12.30

Colin Shindler, *Israel: A History in 100 Cartoons*, SOAS University of London

13.45 – 15.15 Session 6

A. Dynamics of the European-Israeli Encounters: Culture, Values and Interests

Chair: Joanna Dyduch, Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Sharon Pardo, *Fame in Contemporary Israeli-European Affairs*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Hila Zahavi, *External Perceptions of the EU in Israel – The Role of Norms and Culture*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Anders Persson, *The Two-State Impasse in Israel/Palestine – the EU Caught between Egalitarian Norms and Expansionist Realpolitik*, Linnaeus University

Axinte Teofan Narcis, *European Union and Israel: A Strategic Partnership*, SNSPA Bucharest

B. Sociocultural Challenges in Israel

Chair: Timea Crofony, Charles University of Prague

Avi Kay, Moshe Sharabi, *Women's Centrality of Life Domains: The Israeli Case*, Jerusalem College of Technology, Yezreel Valley College

Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani, Moshe Sharabi, *Work-Family Conflict Among Married Women in Israel*, Yezreel Valley College and Kinneret Academic College

Dotan Brom, *Where Will We Be? Queer Community Archives, the Police & Politics of Visibility*, Tel Aviv University

Veronica Lion, *Between Peripherality and Privilege – Women Wage Peace as a Case Study for the Analysis of Intersectional Practices in Women's Movements*, Bar Ilan University

C. Politics of Welfare and Poverty: Turning Points in the History of Social Policy in Israel

Chair: Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gilat Gofer, *Complete and Total Equality for Women – the First Coalition and Women Welfare Policy*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Azrieli Center for Israel Studies

Boaz Garfinkel, *The Dissolution of the Histadrut's Cooperative Housing*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Azrieli Center for Israel Studies

Inbar Livnat, *On the Cusp of Poverty: COVID-19 as a Turning Point in Social Policy?*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Azrieli Center for Israel Studies

Amir Aizenman, *The Structural Reform in Education, 1968-1974: The Missing Opportunity for a Significant Turning Point in the Israeli Public Education*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Azrieli Center for Israel Studies

D. History of Israel

Chair: Fred A. Lazin, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Anat Kidron, *Politics, Protest, and Radicalism among High School Students in Israel 1948-1977*, Tel-Hai College

Arnon Golan, *Tchich vs. Rabinovich: The 1973 Municipal Elections in Tel-Aviv*, University of Haifa

Amir Goldstein, *The Double Movement of the Israeli Right in the Sixties*, Tel-Hai College

Yossi Kugler, *From Understanding to Resentment: Coping with Hostility in the Yishuv and in Israel*, Yad Vashem

15.45 – 18.15 Session 7

“The Delegation”: movie screening and discussion (room 109, building 74)

Chair: Joanna Dyduch, Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Rebecca Kook, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Asaf Saban, director of the movie “The Delegation”