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International Conference on 'Jews in Diaspora: A Study of the Jewish Diaspora experience in the Middle East after the Establishment of the State of Israel'

Tuesday 24 - Wednesday 25 September 2019, Festsaal, Sigmund Freud University, Vienna, Austria

Conference Organizers
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 24 September 2019, Festsaal, Sigmund Freud University, Vienna at 10:00 am - 18:00 pm

09:30 Registration & Coffee

10:00 Welcome Speeches

Moderator: **Dr. Christian Cwik**, Center for Inter-American Studies, Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz

- The vice- Rector of Sigmund Freud University, **Univ.-Prof. Dr. Brigitte Sindelar**
- **Professor Armin Lange**, Professor for Second Temple Judaism at the University of Vienna, Institute for Jewish Studies
- **Professor Wolfgang Treitler** - Vice-Director of Studies - Catholic Theology Directorate of Studies, Department of Systematic Theology and Ethics, University of Vienna: **Dreams and Reality. Aharon Appelfeld's Transformation of his Jewish-Assimilated Childhood to the Jewish State of Israel**
- **Mr. Eric Frey**, publicist, editor of der Standard

Lunch Break: 12:00 - 13:00

Panels

First Panel: 13:00 - 15:00 The Jewish Diaspora in Iran

Panel chair: Dr. Thomas Schmidinger, Lecturer at the Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna and the University of Applied Sciences, Vorarlberg.

- **Dr. Alessandra Cecolin**, Lecturer, History and Philosophy, University of Aberdeen: **Jews in Iran**
- **Dr. Farhad Gohardani**, Postdoctoral researcher at York St. John University: **Local and global forces at play in the critical interactions between Jewish and non-Jewish communities: the phenomenology, genealogy and archaeology of a glocal crisis *through Skype***
- **Dr. Ariane Sadjed**, Post-doctoral Researcher at the Institute for Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences: **Narratives of being Jewish in Iran**
- **Dr. Yasser Mirdamadi**, PhD candidate in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Edinburgh: **The Reception of Martin Buber as a Jewish philosopher in post-revolutionary Iran - *through Skype***

Coffee Break: 15:00 - 15:30

Second Panel: 15:30 - 17:00 - The Jewish Diaspora in the Middle East

Panel Chair: Dr. Philipp Bruckmayr, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Vienna

- **Dr. Bahiya Alamin Kanoun**, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Martyrs, Missing and Social Affairs in the transitional government of Libya
- **Dr. Yoann Morvan**, CNRS (Idemec) Aix Marseille University: **Istanbul Jewish minority: Between diasporic identity, Turkish national society and Zionism**
- **Khairuldeen AL Makhzoomi**, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University: **The Forgotten Minorities: The History of Iraqi Jews from 1948-1971 - *video presentation***

17:00 - 18:00: Special Event: Azadeh Givtash will introduce **Mr. Edwin Shuker**, Vice-President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and former Vice- President of the European Jewish Congress, **Projection of the acclaimed documentary: 'Remember Baghdad'**

First Panel: 09:30 - 11:00 - The Jewish Diaspora in the Middle East / 2

Panel Chair: Mag. Emma MacNally, Director of the English Programme - Psychotherapy, Sigmund Freud University

- **Dr. Esther Webman**, senior research fellow at the Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies and the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism in Tel Aviv University: **Manifestations of Solidarity - The Egyptian Jewish Community Responds to the Nazi Persecution of German Jews**
- **Faisal Jeber**, Geologist & Archaeologist.. co-founder and director of Gilgamesh Center for Antiquities and Heritage Protection: **The effect of Establishing Israel on Jewish Community in Mosul City - video presentation**
- **Dr. Shilan Fuad Hussein**, independent scholar, PHD University of Urbino, Italy: **The Jews Diaspora in the Middle-East: the case of Iraqi Kurds.**

11:00 - 12:00 Special event: **Dr. Azadeh Givtash** will introduce **Mr. Avraham Grant**, football manager, will talk about his own family's experience through Holocaust till present time.

Lunch Break: 12:00-13:00

Second Panel: 13:00 - 15:00 - The Jewish Diaspora and northern Africa

Panel Chair: Dr. Michael Platzer, President, International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges, Chair at Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice

- **Professor Emanuela Trevisan Semi** - Ca' Foscari University of Venice: **Did the birth of the State of Israel strongly impact the Jewish Moroccan Diaspora? For a more nuanced narrative**
- **Professor Michèle Baussant** - CNRS Paris: **Three wars and three exiles: the Jews of Egypt**
- **Dr. Piera Rossetto** - Hertha Firnberg Research Fellow Centrum für Jüdische Studien, University of Graz: **The multiple legacies of the departure of Jews from Libya (1948-1952).**
- **Dr. Hersh Abdalla Hama Karim**. Lecturer in the University of Sulaymani. College of Humanity and science, Department of History / Associate Dean College of Humanities: **Oral History of the Trip of the Jews of Kurdistan to Israel - video presentation**

Coffee Break: 15:00 - 15:30

Third panel: 15:30 - 17:00 The Jewish Diaspora and the Middle East / 3

Panel Chair: Marie-Pauline Wiebe, B.A. MA, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna

- **Nadia Malinovich**, Associate Professor of American Studies, Groupe Sociétés Religions Laïcités, CNRS/EPHE, PSL Research University: **Between Integration and Discrimination: Jewish life in Beirut, 1948-1975**
- **Dr. Anzi Menashe** - Lecturer, Department of Jewish History Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **Jews in Yemen, Yemenites in Israel (1951-1962): Diaspora of Yemenite Jews**
- **Prof. Dr. Birgit Amman**, Professor of Political Sciences at Potsdam University of Applied Sciences: **Kurdish Jewry rediscovered - *video presentation***

17:00-17:30 Special Event: Dr. Azadeh Givtash will introduce **Mr. Raphael Luzon**, Chairman of the Union of Libyan Jews, **Projection of the documentary: "Jews of Libya"**

Concluding Remarks: 17:30 - 18:00

- **Professor Wolfgang Treitler** - Vice-Director of Studies - Catholic Theology Directorate of Studies, Department of Systematic Theology and Ethics, University of Vienna