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
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**

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 Gtvash 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