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The Shoah: A Turning Point?

The Challenge to Concepts and Paradigms in Jewish, Christian, and Humanist Thought

Tuesday-Thursday 14-16 June, 2016
Bar-Ilan University

Tuesday, 14 June 2016

Beck Hall (Bldg. # 410) Bar-Ilan University | Ramat-Gan

15:00-15:30 | Registration and refreshments

15:30-16:00 | Greetings

Rabbi Prof. Daniel Hershkowitz, President

Prof. Shifra Baruchson-Arbib, Dean

Dr. Hilda Nissimi, Chair of the General-History Department

16:00-17:30 | Session I | Conceiving the Unconceivable

Chair: **Zohar Maor** (Bar-Ilan University)

Zohar Maor | Introduction

Keynote | Dan Diner (Hebrew University) | An Epistemological Crisis: The Conceptual Meaning of the Holocaust

Keynote | Steven Aschheim (Hebrew University) | The Ongoing Quest for Holocaust Lessons and Meaning

17:30-18:00 | Coffee break

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18:00-19:40 | Session II | Jewish-Christian Discourse – Post Holocaust Perceptions of
Jewish-Non-Jewish Relations

Chair: **Deirdre White** (Duke University)

Julie Mell (North Carolina State University) | Hannah Arendt, the Court Jew, and
the Holocaust: Reified Antisemitism?

Claude B. Stuczynski (Bar-Ilan University) | Changing Views on Iberian “Laws of
Purity of Blood” and the Impact of the Holocaust

Malachi H. Hacoheh (Duke University) | Post-Holocaust Transformations of Jacob
and Esau: The End of a Two-Millennia Paradigm?

Discussion

Wednesday, 15 June 2016

Beck Hall (Bldg. # 410) Bar-Ilan University | Ramat-Gan

9:00-9:30 | Refreshments

9:30-11:30 | Session III | Christianity and Reform

Chair: **David Steinbrenner** (Duke University)

Keynote | John Connelly (University of California, Berkeley) | John Oesterreicher
and Nostra Aetate: How a Jewish Catholic Missionary Ended the Catholic Mission
to the Jews

Alexander Deeg (Leipzig University) | A Breakup and New Ways: The Influence of
the Shoa on Christian Theology and Church Praxis in Germany

Yaakov Ariel (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) | The Impact of the
Holocaust on Conservative Protestant Thought and Literature

Discussion

11:30-12:00 | Coffee break

12:00-13:10 | Session IV | Jewish Reaction to the Holocaust

Chair: **Malachi H. Hacoheh** (Duke University)

Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan University) | Between Hiob and Jacob Frank: Buber and the
Holocaust

Hanoch Ben-Pazi (Bar-Ilan University) | Levinas – Ethics and the End of Theodicy
Discussion

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13:10-14:00 | Bar-Ilan University campus tour for conference guests

14:00-15:30 | Lunch break

15:30-17:15 | Session V | Museums: Halls of Memory, Agents of Change

Chair: **Dan Michman** (Bar-Ilan University/Yad Vashem)

Avril Alba (University of Sydney) | Secular or Sacred? Revisiting the Roots of the Holocaust Memorial Museum

Hilda Nissimi (Bar-Ilan University) | The Holocaust in the Israel Museum: A Microcosm of the Jewish-Israeli Identity Discourse

Dina Porat (Tel-Aviv University/ Yad Vashem) | "A Poem in Stone": Abba Kovner and Holocaust Museums

Discussion

17:15-17:45 | Coffee break

17:45-18:30 | Keynote lecture

Chair: **Steven Aschheim** (Hebrew University)

Anson Rabinbach (Princeton University) | Concepts that Came in from the Cold: Genocide and Totalitarianism

19:30 | Dinner for conference guests

Thursday, 16 June 2016

Weisfeld Hall, Feldman Bldg. (# 301) Bar-Ilan University | Ramat-Gan

9:00-9:30 | Reception

9:30-11:10 | Session VI | Memory and Identity

Chair: **Iael Nidam-Orvieto** (Yad Vashem)

Suzanne Rutland (University of Sydney) | Australian Generational Changes and Holocaust Commemoration: March of the Living

Jacques D. Barth (University of Southern California and Leiden University) and **Maria van Beurden Cahn** (Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies) | Trauma and the Changing Face of the Shoah

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Maura Hametz (Old Dominion University) | The Risiera di San Sabba in Trieste and Italian National Memory

Discussion

11:10-11:40 | Coffee break

11:40-13:20 | Session VII | Universalizing the Lesson

Chair: **Suzanne Shanahan** (Duke University)

Zehavit Gross (Bar-Ilan University) | Holocaust Education, Cosmopolitan Awareness, Global Citizenship and Human Rights Literacy: International Perspectives

Jenna Zhang (Duke University) | Transcending Law: Legalism in Transitional Justice

Matthew T. King (Duke University) | Imaginative Complicity: Assessing Artists' Responsibility for the Holocaust and other Genocides

Discussion

13:30-15:00 | Lunch break

15:00-16:00 | Session VIII | Conclusion

Chair: **Malachi H. Hacoen** (Duke University)

Alon Confino (University of Virginia/Ben Gurion University) | Provincializing the Holocaust: What Kind of a Turning Point was It, and to Whom?

Dan Michman (Bar-Ilan University/Yad Vashem) | Concluding Remarks

Organizing committee:

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