

New Thoughts about the 'New Culture': Reconsidering the 'May Fourth' (1919) at its Centenary

Organizers: Asaf Goldschmidt and Ori Sela

1-2 April 2019

Tel Aviv University, Gilman Bldg. 496

Monday, April 1:

09:30 Coffee and Registration

09:45 Greetings

Chair, Department of East Asian Studies

Director, Confucius Institute at TAU

10:00-12:15

Panel#1: Language and Identity, c. 1919

Joan Judge, York University

"The Other Vernacular: Commoner Knowledge Culture Circa 1919"

Janet Chen, Princeton University

"National Language, Local Pronunciation: Learning to Speak 'Mandarin' in the May Fourth Era"

Iair G. Or, Tel Aviv University

"Hebrew Language Reforms and Language Reality in British-Ruled Palestine in the 1920s"

12:15-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30

Panel#2: Perspectives from Japan and Europe

Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa

"A Year of Transformation: The Japanese View of China in 1919"

Christina Till, University of Hamburg

"Nation, Music, and Youth Activism: the European Sojourn of Wang Guangqi"

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00-18:15

Panel#3: Ideology, Conservatism, and Radicalism

Kuo Ya-pei, University of Groningen

"May Fourth and Global Conservatism"

Shakhar Rahav, University of Haifa

"Ideology & Utopia in May Fourth China"

Gad Isay, Tel Hai College

"Where is the Balance? Reconsidering Moderates and Radicals in the May Fourth Movement"



Tuesday, April 2:

09:30-11:45

Panel#4: Between Renaissance and Legacy

Selena Orly, Hebrew University

"Hu Shi's May Fourth Feminism: a Chinese Renaissance Perspective"

Gal Gvili, McGill University

"Transregional Metonymy: China-India Literary Connectivity in the May Fourth"

Wu Yang, Renmin University of China

"Lives of the Adherents of Qing Empire such as Sheng Zengzhi and Wang Guowei during the May 4th Movement"

11:45 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30

Panel#5: Technology, Revolution, and Global Concerns

Ori Sela, Tel Aviv University

"The Chinese Question and China's Answers: Sun Yat-sen's *The International Development of China* and its Aftermath"

On Barak, Tel Aviv University

"The Telegraphic dis\connects of Egypt's 1919 Revolution"

13:30-15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:30

Panel#6: Individualism and Individuals

Yang Nianqun 杨念群, Renmin University of China

"The neglected side of May 4th New Culture Movement—the 'Individualism' in China"

Zhang Jieyu 张洁宇, Renmin University of China

"Changing Career from Teaching to Writing for Lu Xun and the Career Switching for Chinese Intellectuals in Post May 4th Period"

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00-18:00

Round Table Discussion:

The May Fourth, a Century Later