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THE STEPHEN ROTH INSTITUTE

FOR THE STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM

Newsletter 2017

Seventy Years since World War II: Seven Decades of Shifting Boundaries in Eastern Europe

December 16-17, 2015 / Tel Aviv University



Thursday, December 17, Tel-Aviv 161, Room 103
10:00 AM: Introduction by Prof. Hillel Kieval, Tel Aviv University
10:30 AM: Panel Discussion: The Eastern European Jewish Diaspora in the Twentieth Century
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The Department of Jewish Studies | The Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism

Theodor Herzl: Study of Antisemitism, Race, and Empire



Prof. Derek Penslar

University of Toronto and Oxford University

Chair: Dr. Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University
Wednesday | March 16, 2016 | 14:00
Carter Building | Room 203 | Tel Aviv University
Light refreshments will be served before the lecture at 13:45

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An pleased to announce the opening event in the lecture series
HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THE LIMITS OF SOVEREIGNTY

Prof. Ariela Gross
Gould School of Law, University of Southern California

The "New Abolitionism," International Law, and the Memory of Slavery

Chair: Prof. Leora Bilsky
Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights
The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

The lecture will take place on Monday, 29 February, 14:00
Ergo Cogan Conference Room (101) The Buchmann Faculty of Law

Please register by emailing Minerva@post.tau.ac.il

יהודים ומוסלמים במהלך הדורות

Jews and Muslims Through the Ages

Gilman Building, Room 458

Monday / December 7 / 16:00
Medieval
Chair: Gold Shaker, Tel Aviv University
Guest: Yoram Tshuva, Tel Aviv University
Book: Gertzel, Tel Aviv University

Monday / March 20 / 16:00
Modern
Chair: Gold Shaker, Tel Aviv University
Guest: Yoram Tshuva, Tel Aviv University
Book: Gertzel, Tel Aviv University

Monday / May 22 / 14:30
Contemporary
Chair: Scott Strassler, Tel Aviv University
Guest: Hillel Kieval, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Book: Lerner, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Brian Horowitz

Prof. Horowitz specializes in East European Jewish Literature and History. He is the author of *Jewish Philanthropy and Enlightenment in Late-Imperial Russia* (2009), *Empire, Jews, and the Work of A. S. Pankin in Russia's Silver Age* (1999). His research focuses on the Russian intelligentsia in late imperial Russia.

S. Ansky: Between Jews and Russians

Prof. Horowitz traces the writer, activist and folklorist, Semyon Ansky, in the period from 1905-1920. Horowitz contends the idea that after 1905, Ansky led the revolutionary movement and became a Jewish nationalist. He discovers that Ansky's Jewish writings formed a dialogue with his revolutionary activity and that expressions of aggression and passivity in Ansky's writings reflect Ansky's dual role as a Jewish nationalist and Russian revolutionary.

March 17, 2016, 12:00 – 14:00
Gilman building, room 458
*The lecture will be held in English

Tel Aviv University
The Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East-European Studies
The Cummings Center for Russian and East-European Studies
The Department of History
The Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism

תוכנית "דוד אנול" אונברסיטת ניו יורק

Prof. David Engel
New York University

התקוות בשיתוף פעולה ומשפט המנתק שלום

תורגבר בראי המוליקה האוקראינית 1927-1926

יו"ר: תפי' דוד אסף, אוניברסיטת תל אביב

2015, דצמבר 30 14:00
אונברסיטת תל אביב
בנין קרטר, חדר 203

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The Assassination of Symon Petliura and the Trial of the Assassin Sholom Schwartzbard in Light of Ukrainian Politics, 1926-1927

Chair: Prof. David Aסף, Tel Aviv University

הרצאה תיעודית ב-14:00
Light Refreshments will be served

Elie Schechter, Emory University

"Killing Converts: A New Ritual Murder Accusation in Late-Imperial Russia"

Abstract: An unusual legend relating the ritual of the Russian state and regional subjects to conversion to a minority country during the long nineteenth century. Many Jews related conversion to Christian (and/or Muslim) subjects, Jewish converts, and conversions for many centuries and their critical and administrative roles were often understood as endorsed by the violence of Jewish law and community and ultimately as a form of Jewish nationalism. The legend traces and points to the conversion to the state in the period to mark Jews as the "infidel" or "heretic," whose violent actions toward converts to reveal their underlying of Jewish nationalism. In particular, conversion to the state in the late imperial period is understood as a form of Jewish nationalism in the legend that marks converts to a new faith as the "infidel" or "heretic," whose violent actions toward converts to reveal their underlying of Jewish nationalism.

April 3, 2016, 18:00 – 20:00
Gilman Building, room 202
**The lecture will be held in English

Prof. Johannes Becke

Center for Jewish Studies, Heidelberg

The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities
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The Whitening of Israel: Occidentalism and Self-Occidentalization on the Israeli Left

Chair: Dr. Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University

Respondents: Dr. Hanan Harif, Tel Aviv University; Dr. Erica Weiss, Tel Aviv University

Thursday | June 2, 2016 | 12:00
Gilman Building | Room 458 | Tel Aviv University

Light refreshments will be served before the lecture

NEIGHBORS? JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN URBAN SPACES

AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP | JANUARY 13-14, 2016

1 Wednesday, January 13, 2016
10:00 AM: Opening Event
10:30 AM: Panel Discussion: Jews and Non-Jews in Urban Spaces
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Blood Incriptions: Science, Modernity, and Ritual Murder in Fin de Siècle Europe

Prof. Hillel Kieval
Washington University in St. Louis

Wednesday | April 13, 2016 | 14:00
Carter Building | Room 203 | Tel Aviv University
Light refreshments will be served before the lecture at 13:45

Images of Jews in the Early Age of Print

Prof. Elisheva Carlebach
Columbia University

Chair: Prof. Miriam Eban-Feldon
Tel Aviv University and Chair of the Historical Society of Israel

January 10, 2016 / 18:00-19:30
Tel Aviv University / Gilman Building / Room 281
Light refreshments will be served

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Recent events have demonstrated that antisemitism and racism continue to be serious social and political problems that plague a wide range of societies.

As one of the world's leading academic centers for the study of antisemitism, racism and other forms of prejudice, Tel Aviv University's Stephen Roth Institute is dedicated to advancing our understanding of the historical sources, contemporary expressions and potential amelioration of these and related phenomena.

Towards that goal, the Roth Institute supports academic research by faculty and graduate students at Tel Aviv University, organizes international workshops and conferences, hosts scholarly visits and exchanges, and cooperates with universities in Israel and abroad on a range of academic projects dedicated to the study of antisemitism, prejudice and racism.

These and related activities not only advance our understanding of these critical problems but the

ongoing study and discussion of these issues in Tel Aviv, in Israel and abroad contribute to our efforts to ensure the types of values and societies that will, ultimately, serve as the most effective antidotes to antisemitism, racism and other forms of prejudice.

Dr. Scott Ury
Director, Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism, Tel Aviv University

RECENT EVENTS AT THE ROTH INSTITUTE

Over the course of the 2015-2016 academic year, the Roth Institute hosted a number of presentations and seminars by scholars from leading institutions in North America and Europe.

In addition to a public lecture by Prof. Elisheva Carlebach of Columbia University on "The Image of the the Jew in Early Modern

Print," the Roth Institute also hosted a presentation by Prof. Hillel Kieval of Washington University, St. Louis, on blood libel trials in the turn of the century Central Europe, a seminar by Prof. Derek Penslar of the University of Oxford and the University of Toronto on the place of race in Theodor Herzl's journalistic pieces, and numerous other events.

These and other presentations organized by the Roth Institute not only introduce scholars and students at TAU to cutting-edge research in today's academic world, but also help promote scholarly discussion and exchange regarding antisemitism and racism among a wide variety of students, researchers and community members in Israel.



JEWIS AND MUSLIMS THROUGH THE AGES

As part of its efforts to promote research and discussion on the relationship between antisemitism and other forms of racism, the Roth Institute co-organized a series of symposia on Jewish-Muslim relations over the course of the 2015-2016 academic year. Organized in cooperation with TAU's Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, each symposium brought together a range of speakers from TAU and other institutions in Israel to discuss various aspects of Jewish-Muslim relations from the Middle Ages to contemporary times.



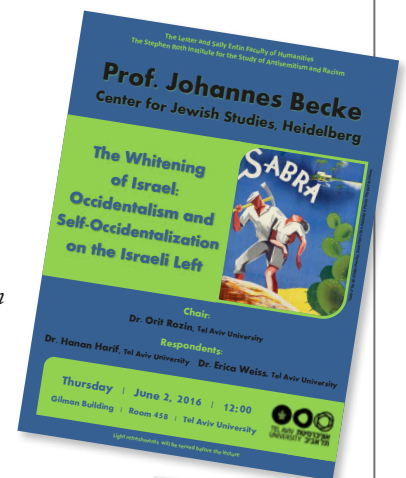
In addition to discussions regarding relations between Jews and Muslims in medieval times,

speakers also addressed the impact of colonial rule on relations in nineteenth- and twentieth-century North Africa, the experiences of Jews and Muslims in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Europe, and representations of members of both groups in contemporary public and political debates in America, Europe and Israel.

Attended by a wide range of students, scholars and community members, these symposia sparked much discussion regarding the long and fascinating history of relations between Jews and Muslims.

RECENT LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES HOSTED BY THE ROTH INSTITUTE AT TAU

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THE ROTH INSTITUTE RESEARCH GROUP ON INTER-GROUP RELATIONS

Through the support of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in Tel Aviv and Berlin, the Roth Institute sponsored a two-year Research Group on inter-group relations in urban environments.

Starting in early 2015, the research group offered five TAU graduate students from a number of departments and faculties a regular forum in which they were able to gain exposure

to the latest studies in different fields, advance their own MA or PhD projects, and meet with leading scholars.

In January, 2016, members of the group presented their research as part of an international workshop hosted by the Roth Institute on the topic of “Neighbors? Jews and Non-Jews in Urban Spaces.” Other workshop participants included scholars from Brown University, Central European University in Budapest, SUNY Binghamton, and the University of Wrocław in Poland.



THE ROTH INSTITUTE PROJECT ON TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Over the course of the 2015-2016 academic year, TAU’s Project for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East continued its work monitoring Arab-language media for expressions and manifestations of antisemitic attitudes and opinions as well as discussions of Muslim-Jewish relations.

Under the direction of Dr. Esther (Esti) Webman, one of the world’s leading experts in the field, the dedicated staff identify, catalogue and analyze a wide range of print, visual and social media sources from across the Arab world.

Relevant items are then summarized in English and entered into TAU’s Database on Antisemitism and Racism, where they are available and accessible to scholars, students and community members via TAU’s central library system.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Roth Institute mourns the passing of longtime board member and leading scholar of human rights, **Prof. Sir Nigel Rodley**, and notes his many contributions to the Roth Institute’s academic activities and research projects.