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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
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. Hacohen (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. Hacohen (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
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
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. Hacohen (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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