

## 14.00 **Session 6: Palestine and Israel**

Chair: Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto/Harvard University)

**Arieh Saposnik (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):** The Shaping of an East-West Hebrew Indigeneity in Palestine

**Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):** A Mandate to Forget: Representations of Mandatory Palestine in British Culture after 1948

**Johannes Becke (Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg):** Between Monumentalism and Miniaturization: Israel's Settlement Project and the Question of Third World Colonialism

16.00 Coffee break

## 16.30 **Session 7: Decolonization**

Chair: Manja Herrmann (Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg)

**Hanan Harif (Hebrew University Jerusalem):** South-Asian Muslim Frameworks for European-Jewish Good Intentions: Hyderabad, Karachi and "Jewish Orientalism"

**Rephael Stern (Harvard University):** Uncertain Comparisons: Zionist and Israeli Views of India and Pakistan in the Age of Partition and Decolonization

**Arie M. Dubnov (George Washington University):** From New Delhi to Bandung: Zionists and Jewish Territorialists Facing the Emerging "Third World"

18.30 Final discussion and conference wrap-up: Potentials of an Unacknowledged Kinship

19.00 End of the conference

# UNACKNOWLEDGED KINSHIPS:

## Postcolonial Studies and the Historiography of Zionism

Concepts developed in the field of postcolonial studies have repeatedly been applied to analyze Jewish history. They have helped to understand the influence of colonial concepts and practices on the situation of the Jews in Europe, and that Jews in many respects were a colonized minority within Europe. Only in a limited way, however, has this been the case for the study of the history of Zionism. European Zionism, in particular, has only very rarely been analyzed from such a perspective. This is true although Zionism can be understood as a project to overcome the marginalization, denigration, and at times persecution of European Jewry. At the same time, there are many complex and contradictory connections between Zionism and European colonialism. All of this indicates that it would be productive to apply postcolonial concepts to the history of Zionism, and to consider the history of Zionism within the framework of postcolonial studies, without reducing Zionism to nothing more than a variant of European colonialism. The reasons for the failure of this conversation to develop are more political and historical than scholarly in nature. The conference, in contrast, searches for possible linkages and affiliations between the historiography of Zionism and postcolonial studies. Its aim is to explore how postcolonial concepts can be used in the historiography of Zionism and what perspectives for future research this can generate. To that end, the conference seeks to facilitate direct debates and exchange between scholars of the history of Zionism and scholars of postcolonial studies.

**Attendance is free.**

**No registration required.**

**Conference language is English.**

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## SUNDAY, JUNE 17 (CASINO 1.801)

**17.00** Welcome, greetings and introduction

### **18.00** KEYNOTE LECTURE

Chair: Christian Wiese (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)

**Derek J. Penslar (University of Toronto/ Harvard University):** Declarations of (In)Dependence: Dialectics of Zionist Statecraft

**19.30** Reception

## MONDAY, JUNE 18 (SEMINARHAUS 3.105)

**9.00** Coffee

### **9.30** Session 1: Conceptualizations

Chair: Tilmann Gempp-Friedrich (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)

**Manja Herrmann (Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg):** Zionist Concepts of Authenticity as Counter-Narratives

**Abraham Rubin (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main):** Thinking Zionism with Postcolonialism in the Writings of Albert Memmi

**Stefan Vogt (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main):** Zionism as "Positioning": Re-Conceptualizing Zionist Identity Politics

**11.30** Coffee break

### **12.00** Session 2: Looking East

Chair: Claudia Willms (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)

**Scott Spector (University of Michigan):** Habsburg Zionisms between East and West  
**Malgorzata Anna Maksymiak (University of Rostock):** Mapping Zionism: The Term "Ostjude" in Zionist History and Historiography

**13.20** Lunch break

### **15.00** Session 3: Looking West

Chair: Johannes Becke (Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg)

**Michael Berkowitz (University College London):** Marcus Garvey and Black/Jewish Relations: What's Zionism Got to Do with It?

**Mark H. Gelber (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev):** Early Zionists and the "Negro Question" in the United States

**Liora Halperin (University of Washington):** Narrating and Commemorating Zionist "First": Insights from the Study of American Settler Colonialism

**17.00** Coffee break and transfer to Casino building

### **18.00** KEYNOTE LECTURE (Casino 823)

Chair: Stefan Vogt (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)

**Ato Quayson (University of Toronto/ New York University):** Postcolonialism and Diaspora: Encounters, Interactions and Intersections

**20.00** Reception

## TUESDAY, JUNE 19 (SEMINARHAUS 5.101)

**8.30** Coffee

### **9.00** Session 4: Confrontations

Chair: Stefanie Fischer (Selma Stern Center for Jewish Studies Berlin Brandenburg/ Fritz Bauer Institute)

**Orit Bashkin (University of Chicago):** Jews in the Middle East during World War II

**Christian Wiese (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main):** The Predicaments of Non-National Nationalism: Hannah Arendt's, Hans Kohn's, and Robert Weltsch's Anti-Colonial Thinking during and after World War II

**10.30** Coffee break

### **11.00** Session 5: Culture

Chair: Mark H. Gelber (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

**Na'ama Rokem (University of Chicago):** The Hebrew University on the World Map

**Gilad Shenhav (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main/Tel Aviv University):** The Eye, the Tongue, and the Fatherland: Gershom Scholem and Postcolonial Critique

**Dafna Hirsch (Open University of Israel):** Feeding Zionist New Men: Between Westernization and "becoming Native"

**13.00** Lunch break