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Modern Jewish Spaces

From the Venice Ghetto to
Contemporary Classifications

**Summer Workshop for Young Researchers
in Jewish Culture and Identity**

In conjunction with the University of California,
Santa Cruz

**Monday-Wednesday
30 June–2 July 2014**

at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

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Contemporary globalization brings to the forefront the relation between identity and spatial location; it highlights new and multiple cross-cutting transnational allegiances that bear on central aspects of Jewish identity, which some contemporary writers and researchers have begun to explore and elaborate. The Venice Ghetto raises a range of questions about Modern Jewish Spaces that have played central roles in Jewish and European culture since the Jews were sequestered in the Ghetto at its founding in 1516. The history of the Ghetto, its image and its symbolic resonances have generated different models that have become subtexts of several Modern Jewish Spaces, often implicitly reverted to in desperate Jewish historical moments. A broad range of questions arise from the study of Modern Jewish Spaces, such as the following:

- Are there sets of necessary and sufficient conditions that constitute different paradigmatic Modern Jewish Spaces?
- What do Modern Jewish Spaces mean for those who live in them, or for those outside?
- What roles do political, social and cultural power play in and for these Modern Jewish Spaces?
- What was/is the influence of the State of Israel on contemporary definitions of Jewish people?
- What roles do minority cultures in Modern Jewish Spaces assume and fulfill?

The summer workshop will provide an opportunity to investigate these and other related questions.



Monday, June 30, 2014

10:00–10:30 Gathering and Registration

10:30–13:00

Opening Session: What is "Jewish Space"?

Chair and Opening Remarks: **Naftali Rothenberg**
Shaul Bassi, Reinventing a Jewish Space: The Ghetto of Venice (1516-2016)

Haviva Pedaya, Blind Spaces and Dimensional Fullness

13:00–14:15 Lunch Break

14:15–16:15

In and Out

Chair: **Shai Wozner**

Sarah Mandel, Early Modern Jewish Spaces: Jewish Law in the English Courtroom in the Long Eighteenth Century

Serena Di Nepi, Performing Identity in a Jewish Space: A Case Study in the Roman Ghetto (1572)

Hila Ben-Eliyahu, The Community as Place – The Sixteenth-Century Applicability of Law Revolution

Respondent: **Suzanne Last Stone**

16:15–16:30 Break

16:30–18:30

19th Century: A View from Three Continents

Chair: **Netanel Fisher**

Sue Silberberg, Jewish Space in a New Land

Alex Valdman, Going without Leaving: Time and Space in the Late Nineteenth-Century Jewish Pale of Settlement

Avi-ram Tzoreff, "Flaneur" in Baghdad: The Wandering Experience in One of R. Yosef Haim's Talmudic Commentaries

Respondent: **Shlomo Tikochinski**

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

10:00–10:30 Gathering

10:30–12:30

Literary Spaces

Chair: **Yotam Benziman**

Tamir Karkason, From Center to Periphery: Circulation of Ladino Literature in Jerusalem in the Early Twentieth Century

Katharine (Katie) Trostel, Cities of Jewish Memory: "Multi-Directional Memory" and Monumental Spaces in 20th- and 21st-Century Argentina and Peru

Chen Bar-Yitzhak, Literary Haifa as a "Modern Jewish Space" – Between Herzl's *Altneuland* and Later Israeli Works

Respondent: **Elisheva Baumgarten**

12:30–13:45 Lunch Break

13:45–15:45

Defining Jewish Spaces under the British Mandate

Chair: **Chaim I. Waxman**

Hadas Fischer, "In Tel Aviv, Frenzied by the Terror of War":

The Second World War in the First Hebrew City

Elia Etkin, The Formation of Tel-Aviv Neighborhoods in Mandate Palestine: Observations from Above and Below

Sara Airoidi, "And I Finally Understood the Emek": Italian Jews and the National Semantics of Palestine (1927-1948)

Respondent: **Uzi Rebhun**

15:45–16:00 Break

16:00–17:30

Images of Space

Chair: **Debra Kaplan**

Shawna Vesco, The Space of Community in Franz Rosenzweig

Amanda Sharick, Dreaming Presently: A Modern Representation of Contested Histories in Motti Mizrahi's Sculpture "Herzl meets Emperor Wilhelm II at Mikve Israel"

Respondent: **Yehoyada Amir**

Wednesday July 2, 2014

10:00–10:30 Gathering

10:30–12:30

Identities in Transition

Chair: **Avinoam Rosenak**

Aviad Moreno, The Spatial Meaning of Jewish-Moroccan Identity: From Morocco to Venezuela

Gal Engelhard, The REXINGEN "Roots" Trip – Re-staging German-Jewish Spaces

Rivka Brot, Transitional Jewish Space: Law in the Displaced Person Camps, Germany, 1945-1950

Respondent: **Nissim Leon**

12:30–13:45 Lunch Break

13:45–15:15

Contemporary Hasidic Spaces

Chair: **Dafna Schreiber**

Noga Baror-Bing, Center and Periphery in Contemporary Hasidic Communities in Israel

Roni Barlev, "Uman Rosh HaShana" as a Modern Jewish Space

Respondent: **Menachem Friedman**

15:15–15:30 Break

15:30–16:45

Concluding Session

Manuela Consonni

Murray Baumgarten

Moderator: **Naftali Rothenberg**

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