Cold Break 16:30-17:15

Gershom Scholem in Turbulent Times
Chair: David Fishman (Ben-Gurion University)
David Bar (University of California, Davis)
Gershom Scholem: Emeritus and After
Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan University)
Death or Birth: Scholem and Secularization
Marie-Louise Knott (independent author)
The Friendship between Hannah Arendt and Gershom Scholem as Reflected in their Correspondence

Organization:
Arie M. Dubnov, Adi Gordon, Lidi L. Greenberg, Rehav Sag

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Culture & Catastrophe in Modern European History

9:30

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10:00-10:30

Gatherings
Moshe Malinovsky, Chair of the History Department (Hebrew University)
Erez Mendelson (Hebrew University)
Adi Gordon (University of Cincinnati)

10:45-12:00

Beyond the Border, Part I: The Transformations of Leo Strauss
Chair: Dan Diner (Hebrew University)
Jerry Muller (The Catholic University of America)
Leo Strauss: A Portrait of the Political Philosopher as a Young Zionist
Adi Arnon (Hebrew University)
How to Begin to Study Leo Strauss in the Age of the Cold War
Moshe Halbertal (Hebrew University)
Hannah Arendt and Leo Strauss, on Concealment and Transparency

12:45-14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-16:00

Historicism, Enlightenment and Myth
Chair: Michael K. Silber (Hebrew University)
Arie M. Dubnov (Stanford University)
What is "Counter-Enlightenment"?
Jeffrey Barzak (University of Picardie)
East/Canaan, Zion/Biblical and the Politics of Myth
Martin Joly (University of California, Berkeley)
Historicism and the Event

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:30

Beyond the Border, Part II: Jewish Intellectuals and the European Catastrophes
Chair: Nitzan Lebovic (Tel Aviv University; Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
Assaf Rahmiah (Brigham Young University)
The Frankfurt School and "The Jewish Question" after 1945
Vladan Ljuka (University of Amsterdam)
A Glorious Legacy: Walter Benjamin's Farewell to Europe

9:00-11:00

DAY II 10 June 2010

Brothers and Strangers
Chair: Richard L. Cohen (Hebrew University)
Yisrael Weiss (Hebrew University)
Post-Soviet Jews in a Post-Soviet Republic
Hanan Hanri (Hebrew University)
Assia's Brothers, European Strangers: Jewish and Japanese Intellectuals on Fan-Araki
Pierre Emboiun (Université Paris 1)
"Brothers" and "Strangers": the American Example

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

Catastrophe in Retrospect: Trial, Memory, and Reconciliation
Chair: Moshe Zimmermann (Hebrew University)
Christoph Browning (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Holocaust History and Survivor Testimony: Challenges, Limitations and Opportunities
Michael R. Mann (University of Toronto)
Three Jewish Emigrants at Nuremberg: Robinson, Luttwopch and Lenk
Guy Avron (Selver Institute of Jewish Studies & Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem)
Bridging the Abyss: Jewish Historiography and Holocaust Historiography

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:30

Intellectual Biographies, Political Lives
Chair: Ahina Grossman (Cooper Union)
Shulem Volk (Tel Aviv University)
Walter Kaufmann's "Delusions of Modernity and the Human Soul"
Adi Gordon (University of Cincinnati)
Harn's Political Idols: Why Staff's Man Metz Didn't Again
Ute Frevert (Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin)
Jewish and/or Minority Intellectual Choices and Feelings of Belonging in the DDR