


 The Third International Conference on the Return of Palestinian Refugees

Monday, March 21, 2016

- 9:30 **Registration**
- 10:00 **Opening address**
- 10:15 **Keynote speaker: Prof. Ilan Pappé**
Imagining the Post-Return Space
Prof. Ilan Pappé Haifa-born historian, University of Exeter, UK
- 11:00 **The current situation of Palestinian refugees**
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem
- 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 12:00 **"Thy children shall come again to their own border": Learning from refugee returns in the world**
Chair: Dr. Anat Leibler A fellow of the Science, Numbers and Politics research project, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- **"They are doing it for themselves": Lessons learned from Self-Organized Return in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Dr. Selma Porobić Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo
 - **Repatriation and Reintegration: Lessons from Rwanda**
Justine Mbabazi Rukeba International lawyer and development practitioner, expert in transitional justice, peace and security, and community integration; Team Leader, Deloitte/USAID, Juba, South Sudan
 - **How Can the Return be realized: Learning from International Precedents**
Muhammad Kayyal Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
- Q&A
- 13:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 **The Return of Palestinian Refugees in the local Civil Society Discourse**
Chair: Liat Rosenberg Director of Zochrot
- **1967 And Not 1948? On the language, Space and Time of Human Rights Organizations in Israel: Lifta as a Metaphor**
Prof. Daphna Golan Director of Human Rights Fellowship Program, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - **Visibility, Documentation, Testimony and the Big Elephant**
Yudit Ilany sociopolitical activist and freelance documentarist; photojournalist and correspondent for the Israel Social TV; parliamentary advisor for Member of Knesset Haneen Zoabi
 - **Practical Return in Palestinian Civil Society: Challenges and Opportunities**
Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem
 - **The Intensified Political Activism to Promote Return in Palestinian Society Within 1948**
Nadim Nashif Director of Baladna, Association for Arab Youth, Haifa
- Q&A
- 16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:30 **Between Mizrahim and Palestinians: The Tension Between Exclusion and Responsibility**
Chair: Dr. Tom Pessah-Yonatan Shapira postdoctoral fellow at the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University
- **Ashkenazi Privileges, the Nakba and the Mizrahim**
Tom Mehager Mizrahi activist and blogger at Haoketz website
 - **The Mizrahim and the Nakba: Analyzing the Problematic Conjunction**
Dr. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite Professor of history and Chair of the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, NYU
 - **"We? We Weren't Even Here": Between Ethnic Identity and Collective Responsibility**
Adi Livny PhD student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, member of Zochrot's Mizrahi Struggle and the Nakba group
 - **Holon Project: In search of the Mizrahi Heritage of 1948**
Dr. Hilla Dayan Amsterdam University College, co-founder of the Academia for Equality and gate48 - platform for critical Israelis in the Netherlands
- Respondent: Hana Amoury**
 Palestinian activist from Yaffa, involved in struggles for public housing and against the occupation; member of Tarabut; previously Director of Sadaka-Reut, an NGO that provides bi-national education
- Q&A
- 18:30 **End of first day**

9:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Ongoing Palestinian Refugeehood and the Demand to Return**

Chair: Badil - Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem

- **Double Displacement and Partial Protection: The Paradox of Palestinians as Constant Refugees, as in the Cases of Syria and Iraq**
Nadya R. Tannous MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, University of Oxford, England
- **Hoping For Return, Planning for Migration: The Complex Coexistence of Dreamed and Assumed Futures Among Palestinian Refugees in Southern Lebanon**
Tiina Järvi Activist and doctoral student in social anthropology, University of Tampere, Finland
- **The Struggle for Return of Internally Displaced Palestinians in Israel**
The Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally displaced persons
- **Imagining Return: Landscapes of Hope in Recent Israeli and Palestinian Films**
Yulia Gilichinskaya Media artist and theorist, her works deals with border landscapes, marginality, and trauma

Q&A

11:30 **Coffee break**

12:00 **Return Now! Local Models (Part 1)**

Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot

- **Return to Majdal Asqalan**
Ideas and Challenges for Return
 - **Return to Al-Birwa**
A Post-Return Model of the Village
 - **Return to Al-Ghabisiyya**
3D film of the reconstructed village
 - **Return to Al-Lajjun**
Visiting the village as a practice of return
- Respondent: Justine Mbabazi Rukeba**

Q&A

13:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 **Return Now! Local Models (Part 2)**

Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot

- **Community Power at Iqrit**
Shadia Sbait coordinator of the Iqrit NGO and activist in the struggle of the Iqrit displaced persons for 20 years
- **From the Palestinian Jamassin Al-Gharbi to the Israeli Givat Amal B: Critical Reading of a "historical taboo"**
Dr. Uri Davis Anti-Zionist of European-Jewish descent, born in Jerusalem in 1943, citizen of Apartheid Israel, Member of the Palestinian National Council and Fatah
- **Uncovering the Role of Displaced Women in the Return to Kozarac**
Dr. Selma Porobić Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo

Q&A

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Cracks in Zionism? The Implications of Return for Zionist Ideology and Practice**

Chair: Elisha Baskin - Archival researcher and Zochrot activist

- **Bi-Nationalism in a Nation-State? The Demand for Refugee Return and Criticism of the Nation State in the Writings of Rabbi Binyamin in the Journal "Ner"**
Avi-ram Tzoreff Doctoral student of Jewish history, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- **Embracing the Fear: Jewishness That Celebrates Cultural Autonomy Instead of Territorial Sovereignty**
Jewdas: Radical voices for the alternative diaspora: Nimrod Evron & Tali Janner-Klausner
- **From Banning the Nakba to Bridging Narrative: Law and Collective Memory of 1948**
Jeremie Bracka Australian/Israeli human rights lawyer, PhD Candidate at Monash University and Visiting Scholar at Tel Aviv University
- **The key for living together: To each his share**
Shuli Dichter The author of "On Tensions and Good Intentions" and the Executive Director, Hand In Hand for Bilingual Education

Q&A

18:30 **Coffee break**

19:00 **Concluding discussion with the audience: Return - from the margins to the mainstream**

20:00 **End of conference**

Address: Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Aviv - The Rothschild Auditorium, 2 Haim Levanon street, Tel Aviv

* The conference is held in three languages, Hebrew, Arabic and English and simultaneously translated into all languages

* The conference is open to the public and free of charge, please register using the registration form, [click here](#)



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