



Australian Association for Jewish Studies

28th Annual Conference, 14-15 February 2016. Conveners: Professor Deborah Cao & Dr Antonio Gariano

JEW, JUDAISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2016

8:30 – 9:10 Registration (S07_1.23 - Graduate Centre building, Room 1.23)

9:15
~ 9:45

Conference Opening (S07_1.23, Griffith University South Bank Campus)
Welcome and Opening Remarks by Professor Deborah Cao and Dr Antonio Gariano
Welcome by Len Mahemoff, Jewish National Fund of Australia
Welcome by Professor John Flood, Director of Law Futures Centre, Griffith Law School

9:45
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10:45

AAJS President's Report
Dr Michael Abrahams-Sprod

Pratt Keynote Address:

Chair: Suzanne D. Rutland

Dr Jeremy Benstein, The Heschel Sustainability Centre, Tel Aviv

So Much More than Nature: The Complex Relation Between Jewish Thought and the Environmental Movement

10:45-11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

	S07_1.23 (Building S07 – Graduate Centre Building, Room 1.23)	S07_2.16 (Building S07 – Graduate Centre Building, Room 2.16)	
11:15 ~ 12:45	<p>SESSION 1: THE ENVIRONMENT AND SACRED SPACE IN THE BIBLICAL & POST-BIBLICAL PERIOD</p> <p>Chair: <i>Jeremy Benstein</i></p> <p>Stephen Cook, <i>The Prophet Yona and God's Concern for Plants and Animals</i></p> <p>Marianne Dacy, <i>The Pilgrimage Feasts at the Time of the Second Temple and Jerusalem's Water Supply</i></p> <p>Aviva Kipen & Philip Kreveld, <i>"and the bush ... was not consumed"</i></p>	<p>SESSION 2: LANDSCAPES OF TRAUMA</p> <p>Chair: <i>Sonja Hedgepeth</i></p> <p>Hannah Smith, <i>Monks, Miracles, and Jews: The Emergence and Development of Ritual Murder Accusations in England during the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries.</i></p> <p>Rebecca Lobel, <i>Seeking Shelter under the Wings of the Shekhinah: Geographical and Metaphysical Implications of the Spanish Expulsion in Sixteenth Century Sephardi Responsa Texts</i></p> <p>Weiwei Xing, <i>Traumatic Memories in Unnatural Space Narratives in Michael Chabon's Novels</i></p>	

12:45-14:00 LUNCH

1.30-2.00 AGM

14:00 ~ 15:30	<p>SESSION 3: AUSTRALIAN ISSUES</p> <p>Chair: <i>Michael Abrahams-Sprod</i></p> <p>Suzanne D. Rutland, <i>Meeting the challenges of the Development of Israel and Common Environmental Issues: The Jewish National Fund in Australia</i></p> <p>Joshua Nash, <i>Am I a half Jew? Jewish Identity, Architecture, and Libeskind's Jewish Museum</i></p> <p>Jennifer Creese, <i>A Settlement Geography of Jewish Brisbane</i></p>	<p>SESSION 4: ISRAEL: PLACES AND SPACES</p> <p>Chair: <i>Annabel Herzog</i></p> <p>Helen Webberley, <i>Birobidzhan: Russia's Jewish Autonomous Oblast: Is this a place for Jews?</i></p> <p>Panayiotis Diamadis, <i>Cyprus and the Re-birth of Israel</i></p> <p>Ghil'ad Zuckermann, <i>Jews and Hybridic Toponyms in Hebrew and Israeli</i></p>	
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15:30-16:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16:00 ~ 17:30	<p>Session 5: COMMUNITY PANEL</p> <p>Chair: <i>Antonio Gariano</i></p> <p>Len Mahemoff, Rabbi John Cooper, Ari Heber, Peta Briner, John Goldman, Gary Goldman Jeremy Benstein</p>	
18:30 ~	<p>Conference Dinner</p> <p>98 Margaret Street Memorial Hall, Brisbane</p>	

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016

S07_1.23 (Building S07 – Graduate Centre Building, Room 1.23)

09:00 **SESSION 6: ART AND LITERATURE IN THE ENVIRONMENT**

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Chair: Ghil'ad Zuckermann

10:30 **Anna Rosenbaum**, *Jews and the World of Art – at large*

Sonja Hedgepeth, *Between Myth and Reality: Biblical Landscape in the Writing and Art of the German-Jewish Poet Else Lasker-Schüler*

Alexandru Bar, *Tristan Tzara and Benjamin Fondane – between Jewishness, Art and Ideology*

10:30-11:00 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

11:00 **SESSION 7: JEWS, MUSEUMS AND JUDAICA**

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Chair: Deborah Cao

12:30 **Anna Hirsh**, *Divine Nature in the Jewish Museum of Australia's Judaica Collection*

Bruna Krimberg von Muhlen, *A Study about Three Generations of Jewish Women*

Orna Triguboff, *A Kabbalistic Perspective on the Human Relationship with the Environment: Working the Land and leaving it Fallow – A Cyclic Process*

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **SESSION 8: HALACHAH AND TALMUD**

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Chair: Myer Samra

15:00 **Jeremy Benstein**, *Of Tragedies and Crises: Talmudic Views on Managing the Commons*

Nadav Berman Shifman, *R. Hayyim Hirschensohn and the Pragmatic Maxim*

Annabel Herzog, *Nature in Levinas's Talmudic Readings*

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