



The Liwerant Center
for the Study of Latin America, Spain,
Portugal and Their Jewish Communities
at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem



The Liwerant Center Interdisciplinary Researcher's Seminar (29806) **Second Semester, 2015**

Seminar coordinator: Dr. Leonardo Senkman

Main subject: Institutional, Cultural, Religious, Transnational and Intellectual Networks of Latin American Jews: a Comparative Perspective.

In the first sessions of the Liwerant Researcher's Seminar, colleagues and doctoral students active in the Center will present their current work in the field of Latin American Jewry in the present and the past.

Research subjects will address a variety of issues such as the concept of literary and cultural representations among Cuban artists; Analysis of adult community centers in Chile and Uruguay; the transnational development of a Sephardi ethnic and Zionist institution; Argentine Jewish Orthodoxy spread comparative perspective with conservative Muslim communities in the country; Impact of Globalization on the Brazilian Jewish community; Brazil- Israel relations and the role of the local Jewish community.

To conclude the seminar, the Center will hold a **workshop**, with the participation of a group of renowned Israeli academics, and distinguished writers and journalists, alongside Israeli intellectuals, which will focus on the subject-

Latin American Intellectuals Looking at themselves, the Middle East and the State of Israel

The aim of the workshop is to allow a depth discussion among intellectual groups from Israel and abroad about the patterns of attitudes on the part of intellectuals to the conflict in the Middle East and the state of Israel, especially in light of the worsening position of intellectuals following the events of the past year, in Israel and abroad.

We will focus on understanding the roots and manifestations of these references from a comparative perspective. We will examine the role of the intellectuals' personal, professional, national and ethno-religious identities, and patterns of integration - or lack of integration –in their respective Jewish communities and broad societies.

We will also deal with **the intellectual's commitment to human rights in a trans-national world**, in the current context of violence, terrorism and counter-terrorism in the Middle East, on a global and regional level. In addition, we will discuss the issue of "double standard", of the moral condemnation and the unilateral de-legitimization in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



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Second semester program:

March 12: Opening session of the Researcher's Seminar:

Prof. Gabriel Horenczyk and Dr. Marcelo Dorfsman-

Intentions and Concerns of a Threatened Minority: the Case of Introducing Christianity in the Jewish Museum in Chile

Comments: Dr. Yosi Goldstein

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

March 19: MA Florinda F. Goldberg-

Extraña pareja: la paridad identitaria entre judío y cubano en la narrativa cubana y cubano-norteamericana reciente

Comments: Prof. Ruth Fine

Lecture will be held in Spanish

April 16: Jonathan Grossman (doctoral student, Liwerant Center and Davis Institute)-

Who gave the order? Brazil and the Endorsement of the 3379 Anti-Zionist Decision in the UN General Assembly, November 1975

Comments: Prof. Arie Kacowicz

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

April 30: Dr. Margalit Bejarano-

Analysis of a Transnational Zionist and ethnic Sephardi Institution: the development trajectory of FESELA

Comments: Prof. (Emeritus) Sergio DellaPergola

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

May 14: Dr. Silvia Schencolewski-Kroll-

Non-Formal Jewish Education in Community Centers in Uruguay and Chile- a Comparative Perspective

Comments: Prof. Gabriel Horenczyk

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

May 28: Dr. Batia Siebzener-

Adoption and institutionalization of religious trends: Towards a comparative framework between Judaism and Islam in Argentina

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

June 4: Dr. Martina Weisz (Vidal Sassoon, International Center for the Study of Antisemitism)-



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Splitting the Soul: Spanish Conservatives, Anti-Secularism and the "Enemizing" of Islam, (1997-2006)

Comments: Dr. Silvina Shammah Gesser

Lecture will be held in English

June 11: Dr. Efraim Zadoff-

Involvement of Latin American consuls in saving Jews during the Holocaust: The Case of Paraguay consul

Dr. Yosi Goldstein-

Between personal and collective memory: Holocaust Survivors in Argentina and Uruguay-comparative analysis of memoirs

Comments: Dr. Avraham Milgram (Yad Vashem)

Lecture will be held in Hebrew

June 18: Prof. Marta Topel (USP Brazil)-

The Brazilian Jewish Communities: Globalization and Glocalization

Comments: Prof. Dov Shinar

Lecture will be held in English

June 25: A workshop on the subject-

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The **workshop** will be attended by professors and researchers at the Hebrew University and guest lecturers from other Israeli universities.