

Asia as an Idea / Asia as a Consolidating Unity
The 12th Biennial Conference of Asian Studies in Israel
The University of Haifa
25-26 May 2014

Sunday (25 May 2014)

Session I (10:00-12:00)

Panel 1) Room 101

Memory Politics in Asia

Chair: Shakhar Rahav and Guy Podoler, University of Haifa

Discussant: Vera Schwarcz, Wesleyan University, USA

1. Arik Moran, University of Haifa
Ideal Types and Willful Blindness in West Himalayan Historiography
2. Ornit Shani, University of Haifa
Paradoxes and Tensions in the Social Memory of Nonviolent Struggles in India
3. Noa Nahmias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Commemoration of the May 4th Movement in Tianjin's Museums
4. Shakhar Rahav, University of Haifa
Visualizing an Icon: Changing Images of May Fourth
5. Ran Shauli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Fish, the Pond, and the Fishermen: Chinese Villagers and British Veterans Remembering Massacres and anti-Chinese Violence During the "Emergency" (1948-1960)
6. Guy Podoler, University of Haifa
A Park for Park? Remembering a Dictator in South Korea

Panel 2) Room 134

Tantric Buddhism – Part I

Chair: Yael Bentor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

1. Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim, University of London, UK
On the Notion of Channels (*rtsa*) in the Tibetan Medical Manuscripts from Dunhuang
2. Dan Martin, Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem
The Queen of Sheba in Tibet & the Meanings of Yantra
3. Eran Laish, Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem
Spiritual Exercises in the Non-dual Tradition "The Great Perfection" (rDzogschen)
4. Yan Yaozhong, Fudan University, China
The Arising of the Mahāyāna: Buddhism vis-à-vis Indian Religions and Philosophies

Panel 3) Room 107

China – Issues Under Contention

Chair: Nimrod Baranovitch, University of Haifa

1. Nimrod Baranovitch, University of Haifa
The 2011 Protests in Inner Mongolia: A Comparative Analysis of Their Origins and Outcome
2. Michela Bonato, Ruprecht-Karls-Universitaet, Germany
On the Way to an Asian Greater China? New Chinese Foreign Policy in Pacific Area Between Nationalism and Economic Issues
3. Tatiana Nikolaevna Kuchinskaya, Transbaikal State University, Russia
Asia from a Sub-Regional Perspective: Chinese Cultural Regionalism in Globalizing Asia and the World
4. Richard Hardiman, Eu-China Environmental Governance Program
A Change in the Air? China's New Environmental Protection Law

Panel 4) Room 132

Thought and Images in China - Tradition and Continuity

Chair: Mark Gamsa, Tel Aviv University

1. Gad C. Isay, Tel-Hai College and the University of Haifa
Confucian Continuity in Modern Chinese Thought/מחשבת סין המודרנית וההמשכיות הקונפוציאנית
2. Gideon Elazar, University of Haifa

- Back to Jerusalem: A Chinese-Christian Vision of a New World Order**
- Sophia Katz, Tel-Hai College
- Images of Diviners in Traditional Chinese Literature/המסורתית בספרות העתידות במגיד דמותו של**
- Juliette Schwak, Sciences Po (Paris Institute of Political Studies), France
- Before the West: East Asia as a Pre-Westphalian Confucian Society**

Panel 5) Room 202

Asian Connections and Nationalism

Chair: Giora Eliraz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Ithamar Theodor, University of Haifa and The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
The Emergence of Asian Identity Based Upon an Indo-Chinese Cultural Unification
- Alvite Singh Ningthoujam, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
Israel-Asia Relations: The Military Dimension and Its Implications
- Chie Sakai, Kansai University, Japan
Nationalism and Transnationalism within Northeast Asia: From Cases of the Transnational Migration between Japan and China
- Roland B. Wilson, George Mason University, USA
The Future of Northeast Asia: Historical and Cold War Legacy Conflicts and Nationalism threaten Prosperity and Cooperation

Panel 6) Room 225

The Current Asian Region and Its Security Challenges (Hebrew)

Panel 7) Room 273

Japan – Politics, Law and Business (Hebrew)

Session II (13:30-15:30)

Panel 8) Room 101

Asia and Its Images Overseas

Chair: Arik Moran, University of Haifa

- Benita Stambler, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, USA
Popularizing the Idea of Asia: The Case of the American Circus
- Samuel F. Velarde, Technological Institute of Juarez City, Mexico
The Korean Studies in Latin America
- Mei-feng Wu, Chinese Culture University, Taiwan
Why the Manchu People Shaved Their Head?

Panel 9) Room 134

Tantric Buddhism – Part II

Chair: Yael Bentor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Meir Shahaar, Tel Aviv University
The Chinese Cult of the Horse King and its Indian Origins
- Lü Jianfu, Shaanxi Normal University, China
The Evolution and Circulation of Tantric Spells (*Dhāraṇīs*) Across Asia
- Li Ling, National Museum of China, China
The Bodhisattva Avalokiteśvara Assisting Women in Labor: The Evidence of Dunhuang Printed and Hand-Written Manuscripts
- Jampa Samten, IIAS, Jerusalem
***Bodhicitta* (Altruistic Aspiration) Morality as a Distinctive Feature of Buddhist Tantra**

Panel 10) Room 107

Indonesian Society and Politics

Chair: Ran Shauli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Yoshimi Miyake, Akita University, Japan
Woman Victims of September 3^{0th} Incident of Indonesia
- Mitsuko Nanke, Okayama University, Japan
Dreams Made of Bricks and Tiles: International Migration, Conspicuous Consumption, & Social Changes in Rural East Java
- Hanna Tri Maharani, University of Brawijaya, Indonesia
Training Management Emergency Cases to Change Traditional Methods in Community Rural Area Indonesia
- Giora Eliraz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Indonesia as a Comparative Case Study for Thinking About post-Arab Spring and Tunisia

Panel 11) Room 132

"Eastward, From Here": The early 20th Century Jewish Gaze towards Asia (Hebrew)

Panel 12) Room 202

<p>A Special Panel Celebrating the Publication of New Books on Hinduism (Hebrew)</p>
<p>Panel 13) Room 225 Between Discourses: South Asian Islamic spaces Negotiating the Exterior and the Interior (Hebrew)</p>
<p>Session III (16:00-18:00)</p>
<p>Panel 14) Room 101 Family, Gender and Marriage in Asia Chair: Irit Averbuch, Tel Aviv University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avital Binah-Pollak, Tel Aviv University "The Birth is Only the Beginning": Cross-border Marriages Between China and Hong-Kong 2. Jooyeon Rhee, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Popularizing the Unpopular: Foreign Brides, Migrant Workers, and the Politics of Recognition in Korean Popular Culture 3. Yi Jo-lan, National Taiwan University, Taiwan Married Women's Surname Practice in East Asia 4. Ofra Goldstein-Gidoni, Tel Aviv University <i>Ikumen</i>: "New Fathers" and the Corporate Gender Contract in Postbubble Japan 5. Mary Jane Ainslie, University of Nottingham Malaysia, Malaysia Conflict between the Global and the Local: A case study of the 2009 Malaysian Female Circumcision Fatwa
<p>Panel 15) Room 134 Buddhist Puzzles and Paradoxes Chair: Yael Bentor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rupert Gethin, Bristol University, UK In Quest of the Historical Buddha 2. Roy Tzohar, Tel Aviv University The Life of the Buddha in Late Nineteenth Century Scholarship and the Creation of Buddhism as a World Religion 3. Eviatar Shulman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem The Buddha as the Pole of Existence 4. Keren Arbel, Tel Aviv University Joy (<i>pīti</i>) and Pleasure (<i>sukha</i>) in the Early Buddhist Path of Awakening: Some Reflections on the Phenomenology & Liberative role of the first <i>Jhāna</i> 5. Oren Hanner, University of Hamburg, Germany Vasubandhu on the Problem of Personal Identity and Ethics
<p>Panel 16) Room 107 Literary Glimpses of Tōhoku: Nature, Marginality, and the Accident Chair: Miki Daliot-Bul, University of Haifa</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ben Grafström, Akita University, Japan The Formation of Tōhoku's Literary Identity 2. Yoshimi Miyake, Akita University, Japan "Talking about Tōhoku after March 11th, 2011" 3. Akira Murakami, Akita University, Japan Kusano Shinpei: Ecologist without Ecology
<p>Panel 17) Room 132 Vietnam – War and Jewry (Hebrew)</p>
<p>Panel 18) Room 202 The Upaniṣads in Hebrew: New Translation (Hebrew)</p>
<p>Panel 19) Room 225 Korean History and Society Chair: Guy Podoler, University of Haifa</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chai Sung Lim, Seoul National University, South Korea The Rise of Empire and Colonial Contradiction: "Healthy" Korean Cattle in the Japanese Empire 2. Evgenia Lachina, Moscow State Linguistic University, Russia Finding data for Asian Studies: the story behind Korean sports statistics 3. Irina Lyan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Imagining "Korea" in International Collaborations between Israeli and Korean Firms 4. Nataliya A. Chesnokova, Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia The concept of <i>phungsuchiriseol</i> 風水地理說 in Yi Chunghwan's "T'aengniji"

Monday (26 May 2014)

Session IV (09:00-11:00)

Panel 20) Room 101

Using the Past to Justify or Inform the Present

Chair: Asaf Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv University

1. Dror Weil, Princeton University
Between Form and Contents: Producing legitimacy for Islamic history in early Qing China
2. Asaf Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv University
"Ancient Canons Modern Practice - The Role of the Shanghan Lun in Medical Practice during the Twelfth Century"
3. Ori Sela, Tel Aviv University
"Ancient Learning" for the Early-Modern Age
4. Florence Hodous, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Judging by Another's Law: the Transfer of Legal Principles Under the Mongol Empire

Panel 21) Room 134

Resisting Marginalization in Pre-modern and Modern India

Chair: Pnina Motzafi-Haller, Ben-Gurion University

1. Pnina Motzafi-Haller, Ben-Gurion University and Khinraj Jangid, Indian Society of International Law, India
Performing Tribals: The Gawari folk theater of Rajasthan
2. Pnina Motzafi-Haller, Ben-Gurion University
The Dilemma of a Native Activist: On Objectification, Representation, and Resistance
3. Gil Ben Herut, University of Southern Florida, USA
Complicating Equality: Egalitarian Values in Early *Vīraśaiva* Literature
4. Nurit Bird David, University of Haifa
The Social Life of an Ethnonym: The "Kattu Nayaka" of South India

Panel 22) Room 107

Action, Faith, Experience: A Cross-Cultural Perspective on 'Knowledge' in East Asia's Traditions (Hebrew)

Panel 23) Room 132

Disasters, Trauma, and Ecology in Contemporary Asia

Chair: Deborah Shmueli, Haifa University

1. Shira Taube-Dayan, University of Haifa
Coping with Trauma: Psychological Perspective on Mass disasters in Asia The Case of Fukushima/
2. Marjaana Mäenpää, University of Turku, Finland
Online Commemorations of the Wenchuan Earthquake
3. Itamar Baumer, University of Haifa
Politics and Trauma: Sanjay Gandhi's Rise to Power of during the 'Emergency' in India, 1975-1977, and Its Legacy/ פוליטיקה וטראומה: עליית כוחו של סאנג'יי גנדהי בזמן שלטון החירום בהודו, 1977-1975, ומורשתה
4. Chen-Tung Arthur Chen, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan
Asia in the Context of Future Earth Research: Core Values

Panel 24) Room 202

Culture Contact and Questions of Identity in China and Central Asia – Part I

Chair: Anke Hein, UCLA and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Discussant: Michal Biran, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

1. Gideon Shelach, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Palaces, Elite Interaction, and the Development of State-Level Society in China
2. Anke Hein, UCLA and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Metal, Salt, and Horse Skulls: Elite-level Exchange and Human Movement in Prehistoric Southwest China
3. Yuri Pines, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Diversity and Unity of Narratives: Early Chinese Historiography in Light of the Newly Discovered Chu Manuscripts
4. Francesca Fiaschetti, University of Munich and The Hebrew University
Han, non-Han and Common Bones: on the Political Construction of Identity in Yuan China

Panel 25) Room 225

Global Cities and the New Middle Classes in East Asia: Issues and Implications (Hebrew)

Session V (11:30-13:30)

Panel 26) Room 101

Plenary Session

Greetings

Chair: Arik Moran, University of Haifa

Reuven Snir, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa

Ornit Shani, Chair of the Department of Asian Studies, University of Haifa

Rotem Kowner, Conference convener, University of Haifa

The Asian Sphere: Trans-Cultural Flows in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Chair: Guy Podoler, University of Haifa

Discussant: Meir Shahaar, Tel Aviv University

1. Gideon Shelach, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Trans-Cultural Flows in Asia on the Eve of the Opening of the 'Silk Route'
2. Michal Biran, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Eurasian sphere as Seen from the Mongol Empire: Spatial Concepts at the Heyday of Trans-Cultural Flows
3. Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa
The Trigger for Continental Modernization? Asia and the Impact of European Mercantilism and Colonialism, 15th-20th Centuries
4. Yitzhak Shichor, University of Haifa and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Last man Standing: Asia and the Western Withdrawal from the Continent

Session VI (15:00-17:00)

Panel 27) Room 101

The End of the Global Anime Boom and Future Prospects for the Anime Industry

Chair: Daliot-Bul & Nissim Otmazgin, University of Haifa and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

1. Michal Daliot-Bul, University of Haifa
2. Ryotaro Makihara, Wit Studio, Japan
3. Naohiro Shichijo, National Institute for Science and Technology Policy (NISTEP), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan
4. Nissim Otmazgin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
5. George Wada, Anime producer at Production I.G., President of Wit Studio, Japan

Panel 28) Room 134

Nostalgia for the Villages: Rural Life in Contemporary China and South Korea (Hebrew)

Panel 29) Room 107

Ideology and Popular Culture in Asia

Chair: Arie Kutz, Tel Aviv University

1. Adiel Portugali, Tel Aviv University
"Made in China": Cosmopolitan (side) Effects in Shanghai's Contemporary Jazz Scene
2. Erez Golani Solomon, Waseda University, Japan, and Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design
Asian Architecture Laboratory
3. Maria Grajdian, Nagasaki University, Japan
Back to Asia: Love, Escapism and the Nostalgia of Identity in Takarazuka Revue
4. Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi, India
Buddhist's Idea of Asia: Pan-Asianism to Pacifism of Japanese Buddhism

Panel 30) Room 132

Culture, Art and Creativity in East Asia (Hebrew)

Panel 31) Room 202

Culture Contact and Questions of Identity in China and Central Asia – Part II

Chair: Michal Biran, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

1. Geoffrey Humble, University of Birmingham, UK, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
East Asian Readings of Inner Asian Lives? Editors, Ancestors and Status in Yuanshi Biographies
2. Kaiqi Hua, University of California Merced, USA, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Journey of Zhao Xian (1271-1323): From Chinese Emperor to Tibetan Monk
3. Lifeng Han, SOAS, UK
Transcending the Nation: Mountain Pilgrimage in Song China, the Khitan and the Jurchen during the 10th - 13th Centuries
4. Peiyong Lin, University of Oxford, UK, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Cultural Identities in the Ninth Century Buddhist World: A Comparison of Two Buddhist Writings from Japan and Korea

Panel 32) Room 225

Changing Interpretations of Asian Traditions: Myth, Ritual and Identity in India, Vietnam, China & Japan (Hebrew)

Panel 33) Room 273

Appayya Dīkṣita: A Sixteenth-Century Renaissance Man from South India (Hebrew)

Session VII (17:30-19:30)

Panel 34) Room 101

Screening of an Anime Show+Meet the Director

Chair: Michal Daliot-Bul & Nissim Otmazgin, University of Haifa and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

1. Ryotaro Makihara, Wit Studio, Japan

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