



# East(s): Rethinking Directions & Positions

December 27-29, 2022 | Gilman 496

Tel Aviv University

## Dec. 27 TUESDAY

### 16:00 Greetings and opening remarks

Mr. Ariel David

Prof. Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Head of the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

### 16:15 **Chairperson:** Miri Shefer-Mossensohn (Tel Aviv University)

Sheldon Garon (Princeton University) - Challenging Myths of Japanese Uniqueness from a Transnational Perspective

### 17:30 **Chairperson:** Miriam Nissimov (Tel Aviv University)

Prof. Rachel Gali Cinamon, Dean, The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities - Greetings

Iris Zaki - *Egypt, A Love Song* - screening and discussion

## Dec. 28 WEDNESDAY

### 9:00 East Looks at another East

**Chairperson:** Dina Moyal (Tel Aviv University)

Youval Rotman (Tel Aviv University) - Coming from the East: The Incredible History of Exchanging P.O.W.

Mikiya Koyagi (The University of Texas at Austin) - Reimagining Asia: Biographies of Muhammad in Imperial Japan

Ana Prashizky (Western Galilee College) and Nir Cohen (Bar-Ilan University) - Orientalization, or Sideways Assimilation of Second-generation Russian-speaking Migrants in the Israeli Periphery

Yoel Kornreich (Tel Aviv University) - Socialist Retrenchment: Rural Health Policies in China and Vietnam During the 1980s and 1990s

### 12:00 East in the Mirror of the West

**Chairperson:** Yaron Tsur (Tel Aviv University)

Noah Gerber (Tel Aviv University) - An Eastern Jewish Studies or What Solomon Schechter Missed

Dina Fainberg (City, University of London) - Dispatches from the Backward East: The Soviet Travelogues of American Foreign Correspondents, 1965-1985

Geir Sigurðsson (University of Iceland) - The Myth of the Chinese 'Group Self' and a Confucian Conception of 'Individuality'

### 16:00 Levantine Identities

**Chairperson:** Mira Tzoreff (Tel Aviv University)

Johannes Becke (Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies) - The Canaanite Origins of Israeli Kurdophilia

Hanan Harif (Tel-Hai Academic College) - Orient{ation}s: Zionism and the Struggle for Integration into the Middle East: 1880's-1950's

Yali Hashash (University of Michigan and Or Yehuda Academic College) - Mizrahi Feminist Theory and the Struggle against Messianic Evangelicalism in Israel

### 19:00 conference dinner for participants

## Dec. 29 THURSDAY

### 9:00 Transfer of Religious Ideas between East and West

**Chairperson:** Nurit Tsafrir (Tel Aviv University)

Hadar Feldman Samet (Tel Aviv University) - A Glimpse Behind the Veil: Missionaries' Encounters with the Clandestine Sabbatians in the Late Ottoman Empire

Inna Blaich (Brandeis University) - See you in court: Jurisdiction and Orientalism in the Early Soviet Period

Ronie Parciak (Tel Aviv University) - Shifting Sacred Geographies: East/West, Center/Periphery, India and the Hijāz

### 12:00 Eastern Cultural Productions

**Chairperson:** Galili Shahar (Tel Aviv University)

Michael Puett (Harvard University) - Theoretical, Geographical, and Historical Orientations: Theory from and about the East

Galia Dor (Tel Aviv University) - The Chinese Gate as a Case Study in East-West Comparative Thought: Spatiality, Body and Mind

Ketzia Alon (Gama publishing house) - "and now the east is shouting" - A Glimpse into Haviva Pedaya, Shva Salhoov and Tal Shohat's Works

### 16:00 **Chairperson:** Galia Patt-Shamir (Tel Aviv University)

A research seminar for Post-doc fellows and doctoral students with Michael Puett (Harvard University)

### 19:00 The Arab-Jewish Orchestra

The Buchmann-Mehta School of Music, Targ Auditorium