

Teaching and Learning Chinese as a Foreign Language in 21st Century: Challenges and Solutions

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Tel Aviv University, Gilman Bldg. 496

09:15 Coffee and Registration

09:30 Greetings

Ori Sela, Chair, Department of East Asian Studies

Asaf Goldschmidt, Director, Confucius Institute at TAU

9:45-11:15

Session #1: Teaching Chinese Language Around
the World

Chair: Ping Zhang Tel Aviv University

Joel Bellassen, National Institute for Oriental Languages and
Civilizations, France

“Rethinking Economy Principle in Pedagogy of Chinese as
second language”

Chih-p'ing Chou, Princeton University

“Yuen Ren Chao 赵元任 (1892-1982) and Chinese Language
Instruction in the United States”

Lih Yariv-Laor, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

“Teaching and Learning Chinese in Israel: Past Perspectives and
Future Prospects”

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

Session #2: Teaching Chinese Language in Israel

Chair: Asaf Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv University

Sophia Katz, Tel Hai College

“Keep Calm and 学中文 [Study Chinese]” : Challenges of
Teaching Chinese in a Changing World”

Tamar Kehat, Ministry of Education Israel

“Chinese language teaching in Israeli Schools”

Ping Zhang, Tel Aviv University

“To Speak or Not to Speak: When Chinese Language Meets
Jewish Tradition”



13:15-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45

Session #3: Workshop: Teaching Chinese
Language in Action

Chair: Ping Zhang, Tel Aviv University

Sample class of 45 minutes: Zuli Huang with a group of the first-
year Chinese language students

Additional brief teaching sessions of the class with Joel Bellassen
and Chih-p'ing Chou

15:45-16:30

Round table discussion on teaching Modern
Chinese

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-18:00

Session #5: Teaching Classical Chinese

Chair: Ori Sela (Tel Aviv University)

Elisa Levi Sabattini, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

“Teaching Classical Chinese in Italy”

Hua Jianguang, Renmin University of China

“Reconsidering the Teaching of Classic Chinese——A Case
Study of Classic Chinese Course in School of Chinese Classics in
Renmin University”

Asaf Goldschmidt and Ping Zhang, Tel Aviv University

“Teaching Classical Chinese in Israel: Structure vs. Text Oriented
Teaching”