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 **The Chaim Herzog Center for
Middle East Studies &
Diplomacy**



**The Department of Sociology &
Anthropology**



**The Centre for the Study of
European Politics and Society**

Food, Power & Meaning In the Middle East and the Mediterranean

International Conference

15 - 16 June 2010

Conference Program



Monday 14/6/2010 - Graduate Workshop: "Food and Power"

9:00- 10:00 – Registration

(The Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Bldg. 72, Floor 3)

10:00 – 13:00 - Students' Presentations

(The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

13:00-14:00 - Break

14:00 – 17:00 – Workshop: "Food and Power"

(The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

Chairs: Penny Van Esterik, Carole Counihan and Nir Avieli

Tuesday 15/6/2010 Day 1:

8:30 – 9:00 – Opening Session and Greetings

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

9:00 – 10:00 - Keynote Lecture - Penny Van Esterik (York University):

"Nurturing Power: Food and Commensality in a Globalized World"

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

10:00-10:15 – Coffee Break

Concurrent Sessions (A) 10:15 - 11:45

1. Representation of Food & Power in the Media and Arts

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Esmail Nashif (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Erga Heller (Kaye College of Education): "Do we have just Falafel? Local and Foreign Food in Literature and Movies for Children and Youth in Israel"
2. Sigal Flint (Tel-Aviv University): "Is Fat a Feminist Issue in Israeli Cinema?"
3. Cecilia Novero (University of Otago): "The Braided Colors of Miralda's Bread: How Food Empowers Art"

2. Historical Perspectives on Food and Power

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

Chair: Nitza Yanay (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University): "Bad Bread and the "Outrageous Drunkenness of the Turks": Food, Drink and Identity in the Early Modern Mediterranean"
2. Ruhama Weiss (Hebrew Union College): "Meal test -The Meal as an Expression of Struggle and Hierarchical Testing in the World of the Sages"
3. Joanita Vroom (University of Amsterdam) : "The Archaeology of Consumption in the Eastern Mediterranean During Byzantine Times (Ca. 10th-15th Centuries)"

11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break

Concurrent Sessions (B) 12:00 – 13:45

3. Feeding the Nation: State, Civil Society and Food Regulation

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

Chair: Nitza Berkovitch (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Relli Shechter (Ben-Gurion University): "The Taste of State Virtue: Halal Foods and Governmentality in Saudi Arabia"
2. Goor Somer (Tel-Aviv University): "Government Control of People's Food consumption and Daily Food Practices: Effect on Sense of Belonging"
3. Ilana Goldberg (Bar-Ilan University): "Philanthropy, Partnership, and the Power of Giving : the Case of an Israeli Food Bank"

4. The Culinary Negotiation of Israeli National Identity

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Fran Markowitz (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Dafna Hirsch (The Open University) & Ofra Tene (The Hebrew University):
"Hummus, National Identity and the Food Industry in Israel"
2. Zeynep Sertbulut (New York University): "The Culinary State: Shifting
Ingredients of Israeli Identity On Food, Politics of Representation and Identity
in Israel"
3. Nir Avieli (Ben-Gurion University) – "A Wall and a Grill: Israel's
Independence Day Barbeque in Jerusalem's 'Gan Sakker' Park"

13:45- 15:00 – Break

Concurrent Sessions (C) 15:00 – 16:30

5. Eating in Palestine during the British Mandate (1921-1948)

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Yoram Meital (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Yael Epstein (Bar Ilan University): "The Story of the Jewish European
Refugee Businessmen from the Nazi Regime in the 1930s and 1940s in
Palestine"
2. Nimrod Hagiladi (The Hebrew University): "The Meat Market in the Israeli
War of Independence"
3. John Gal & Mimi Ajzenstadt (The Hebrew University): "Poverty, Food and
Relief: The Straus Soup Kitchens in Mandatory Jerusalem"

6. Food, Religion and Class

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

Chair: Uri Ram (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Julia Bernstein (Goethe University): "*Would you like white meat?* :The Symbolic Meaning of Pork in the case of Russian Jews in Israel"
2. Joanna Freudenheim (Washington University) & Anael Levy (École Pratique des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales): "Halal Meat in Paris: Positioning Food and Minority Politics"
3. Dana Caplan (The Hebrew University & The Open University): "Feeding the Upper Middle-Class: Food and Distinctions in Israeli Weddings"

18:- 22:30 Culinary Excursion: The Urban Kibboutz of 'Kfar Hashalom', Dimona (Black Hebrews) + Lecture:

Shelley Elkayam (Bar-Ilan University): "Black Hebrew's Religious Nutrition - Utopian Meaning and Power"

(For conference and workshop speakers only)

Wednesday 16/6/2010 - Day 2:

9:00 – 10:00 Keynote Lecture - Daphne Barak-Erez (Tel-Aviv University):

"Symbolic Constitutionalism: On Sacred Cows and Abominable Pigs"

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Concurrent Sessions (D) 10:00 - 12:00

7. Eating in the Diaspora

(The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

Chair: André Levy (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Katerina Seraïdari (Saint-Louis University): "Breaking Boundaries: Turks and Greeks Sharing Food in Brussels"
2. Anne Harris (Warwick University): "Food, Power and Identity for Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Refugees in the UK"
3. Orit Manor (Haifa University): "Living Together or Living Apart: Food in The Jewish Family and the Arab Family in the Settlements of the Lower Galilee"

8. Who Eats Whom? Eating Globally

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Sarit Helman (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Gisela Welz (Goethe University): "Contested origins: The Case of Halloumi Cheese"
2. Rafi Groslik (Ben-Gurion University): "The Global Ingredient: Organic Hummus and Cultural Glocalization in Israel"
3. Stefan Stautner (University of Munich): "How to eat modern? - Fast Food and the West"

12:00 – 12:15 – Coffee Break

Concurrent Sessions (E) 12:15 - 13:45

9. Culinary Representations of Ethnic and Regional Identities

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Chair: Jackie Feldman (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Nimrod Luz (The Western Galilee College) & Uri Mayer-Chissik (Haifa University): "Metamorphosis of Food Taste and Desertification of Foodscape in Nazareth: The Construction of 'Authentic' Palestinian Fast Food"
2. Melissa Muller Daka (Columbia University): "Zaatar"

3. Vasiliki Kravva (Aristotle University): "Food Production and Consumption in the EU Context: the Case of the Greek Feta Cheese and Olive Oil"

10. Eat, Drink, Man, Woman

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Yishai Tobin (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Ruth Sirkis (Cookbook Writer & Publisher): "Is There a Difference between Masculine and Feminine Cooking?"
2. Inbal Cicurel (Ashkelon Academic College): "Karaite Cooking: Identity Construction among Marginalized Women Through Discussion of Cooking"
3. Tammy Davies (The University of British Columbia Okanagan): "The Power and language of Food: Changing Foodways of Bedouin Women in Northern Israel"

13:45- 15:15 – Break

15:15 – 16:15 Keynote Lecture - Carole Counihan (Millersville University):

"Food Voice, Activism, and Power in Italy's Slow Food Movement"
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 – Closing Session

(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

17:30 – 18:30 - Break

18:30-20:30 Public Panel : And we have falafel?

(Sonnenfeldt Auditorium, Bldg. 73)

Invited Speakers:

Ruth Sirkis (Cookbook Writer & Publisher)

Daniel Rogov (Food and Wine Writer - 'Haaretz')

Hila Alpert (Food Writer – 'Israel HaYom')

Dahar Zidani (Chef – 'Al-Rida' Restaurant, Nazareth)

Shmil Holland (Chef – 'Shmil at the Lab' Restaurant, Jerusalem)

Mika Sharon (Chef – 'Mika Bistro' Restaurant, Tel-Aviv)

Dohol Safedi (Chef – 'Diana' Restaurant, Nazareth)

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