Zochrot invites:

How to say 'Awda in Hebrew?

The Third International Conference on the Return of Palestinian Refugees

Monday, March 21, 2016

9:30  Registration

10:00 Opening address

10:15 Keynote speaker: Prof. Ilan Pappé

Imagining the Post-Return Space

Prof. Ilan Pappé Haifa-born historian, University of Exeter, UK

11:00 The current situation of Palestinian refugees

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 "Thy children shall come again to their own border": Learning from refugee returns in the world

Chair: Dr. Anat Leibler A fellow of the Science, Numbers and Politics research project, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

- "They are doing it for themselves": Lessons learned from Self-Organized Return in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina
  Dr. Selma Porobić Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo

- Repatriation and Reintegration: Lessons from Rwanda
  Justine Mbazi Rukeba International lawyer and development practitioner, expert in transitional justice, peace and security, and community integration; Team Leader, Deloitte/USAID, Juba, South Sudan

- How Can the Return be realized: Learning from International Precedents
  Muhammad Kayyal Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Q&A

13:30 Lunch break

14:30 The Return of Palestinian Refugees in the local Civil Society Discourse

Chair: Liat Rosenberg Director of Zochrot

  Prof. Daphna Golan Director of Human Rights Fellowship Program, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Visibility, Documentation, Testimony and the Big Elephant
  Yudit Ilany sociopolitical activist and freelance documentarist; photojournalist and correspondent for the Israel Social TV; parliamentary advisor for Member of Knesset Haneen Zoabi

- Practical Return in Palestinian Civil Society: Challenges and Opportunities
  Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem

- The Intensified Political Activism to Promote Return in Palestinian Society Within 1948
  Nadim Nashif Director of Baladna, Association for Arab Youth, Haifa

Q&A

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Between Mizrahim and Palestinians: The Tension Between Exclusion and Responsibility

Chair: Dr. Tom Pessah-Yonatan Shapira postdoctoral fellow at the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

- Ashkenazi Privileges, the Nakba and the Mizrahim
  Tom Mehager Mizrahi activist and blogger at Haoketz website

- The Mizrahim and the Nakba: Analyzing the Problematic Conjunction
  Dr. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite Professor of history and Chair of the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, NYU

- "We? We Weren’t Even Here": Between Ethnic Identity and Collective Responsibility
  Adi Livny PhD student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, member of Zochrot's Mizrahi Struggle and the Nakba group

- Holon Project: In search of the Mizrahi Heritage of 1948
  Dr. Hilla Dayan Amsterdam University College, co-founder of the Academia for Equality and gate48 – platform for critical Israelis in the Netherlands

Respondent: Hana Amoury
Palestinian activist from Yaffa, involved in struggles for public housing and against the occupation; member of Tarabut; previously Director of Sadaka-Reut, an NGO that provides bi-national education

Q&A

18:30 End of first day
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

9:30 Registration

10:00 Ongoing Palestinian Refugeehood and the Demand to Return

Chair: Badil - Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem

- Double Displacement and Partial Protection: The Paradox of Palestinians as Constant Refugees, as in the Cases of Syria and Iraq
  Nadya R. Tannous MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, University of Oxford, England

- Hoping For Return, Planning for Migration: The Complex Coexistence of Dreamed and Assumed Futures Among Palestinian Refugees in Southern Lebanon
  Tiina Järvi Activist and doctoral student in social anthropology, University of Tampere, Finland

- The Struggle for Return of Internally Displaced Palestinians in Israel
  The Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally displaced persons

- Imagining Return: Landscapes of Hope in Recent Israeli and Palestinian Films
  Yulia Gilichinskaya Media artist and theorist, her works deals with border landscapes, marginality, and trauma

Q&A

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 Return Now! Local Models (Part 1)

Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot

- Return to Majdal Asqalan
  Ideas and Challenges for Return

- Return to Al-Birwa
  A Post-Return Model of the Village

- Return to Al-Ghabisiyya
  3D film of the reconstructed village

- Return to Al-Lajjun
  Visiting the village as a practice of return

Respondent: Justine Mbabazi Rukeba

Q&A

13:30 Lunch break

14:30 Return Now! Local Models (Part 2)

Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot

- Community Power at Iqrit
  Shadia Sbait coordinator of the Iqrit NGO and activist in the struggle of the Iqrit displaced persons for 20 years

- From the Palestinian Jamassin Al-Gharbi to the Israeli Givat Amal B: Critical Reading of a “historical taboo”
  Dr. Uri Davis Anti-Zionist of European-Jewish descent, born in Jerusalem in 1943, citizen of Apartheid Israel, Member of the Palestinian National Council and Fatah

- Uncovering the Role of Displaced Women in the Return to Kozarac
  Dr. Selma Porobić Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo

Q&A

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Cracks in Zionism? The Implications of Return for Zionist Ideology and Practice

Chair: Elisha Baskin - Archival researcher and Zochrot activist

- Bi-Nationalism in a Nation-State? The Demand for Refugee Return and Criticism of the Nation State in the Writings of Rabbi Binyamin in the Journal “Ner”
  Avi-ram Tzoreff Doctoral student of Jewish history, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Embracing the Fear: Jewishness That Celebrates Cultural Autonomy Instead of Territorial Sovereignty
  Jerwood: Radical voices for the alternative diaspora: Nimrod Evron & Tali Janner-Klausner

- From Banning the Nakba to Bridging Narrative: Law and Collective Memory of 1948
  Jeremie Bracka Australian/Israeli human rights lawyer, PhD Candidate at Monash University and Visiting Scholar at Tel Aviv University

- The key for living together: To each his share
  Shuli Dichter The author of “On Tensions and Good Intentions” and the Executive Director, Hand In Hand for Bilingual Education

Q&A

18:30 Coffee break

19:00 Concluding discussion with the audience: Return - from the margins to the mainstream

20:00 End of conference

Address: Eretz Israel Museum, Tel Aviv - The Rothschild Auditorium, 2 Haim Levanon street, Tel Aviv
* The conference is held in three languages, Hebrew, Arabic and English and simultaneously translated into all languages
* The conference is open to the public and free of charge, please register using the registration form, click here

Hanna Farah - Kufr Bir'im - Re:Form - a model, 2007, photograph