

**Intersections between Jewish Studies and Israel Studies in the 21st Century
University of Graz, May 23-24, 2018**

(Location: ReSoWi, SZ 15.22)

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

9:00-9:15: Welcome and Opening of the Conference

9:15-9:30: Introduction: Carsten Schapkow (Norman, Okla.), Klaus Hödl (Graz)

9:30 – 10:30: Defining the Field: Bible Studies and Beyond

Alan Levenson (Norman, Okla.): Bible Studies as a Meeting Ground between Jewish and Israel Studies

Yossi Ben Harush (Jerusalem): Using Jewish Thought Methodology in Solving Religion and State Issues in Contemporary Israel

10:30 –11:00: Coffee break:

11:00-12:00: Defining the Borders of Israel Studies

Dzimitry Shavialiou (Minsk): Observing Israel Studies in the Post-Soviet Territory: Views, Trends, and Prospects

Matthew Xiaofei Wei (Shanghai): On the Present Situation of Chinese Studies on Jewry and Israel

**12:15 – 13:15: Lunch Discussion with Yaacov Yadgar (Oxford) and Yakov M. Rabkin (Montréal):
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13:45 – 14:45: The Place of Israel Studies Contested?

Aharon Klieman (Tel Aviv): The Threatened Displacement of Israel Studies

Nathan P. Devir (Salt Lake City): Emerging Jewish Movements and the State of Israel: Interactions and Intersections

14:45 –15:15: Coffee Break:

15:15 – 16:15: The Middle Eastern Angle

Achim Rohde (Marburg): Jewish Studies as Transdisciplinary Scholarship

Johannes Becke (Heidelberg): Israel Studies as Middle East Studies: The Canaanite Case for a Rupture with Jewish Studies

18:30 Dinner

Thursday, May 24 2017

9:00 – 10:00: Fields of Educating about Israel

Yehuda Bitty (Jerusalem): Understanding the Israeli Public Religious Education: A Complex Dynamic between Jewish Studies and Israel Studies

Shlomit Attias (Tel Aviv): Intersecting or Branching out – Israel Education and Jewish Education in the Diaspora

10:00 – 10:30: Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00: The Future of Israel Studies?

Dani Kranz (Wuppertal): Past, Present, Future: Jews, Israelis and the Study of Both/Neither in Germany

Rona Yona (Tel Aviv): Israel Studies without Jewish Studies? The Case of Socialist Zionism

Rhona Seidelman (Norman, Okla.): Israel Studies: Introspection and Global Relevance

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 Concluding Discussion