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# The Gender Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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# The Tenth Annual LGBT Studies and Queer Theory Conference

# Tel Aviv University, May 23-24 , 2010

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The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Association in Israel

**Sunday, May 23**

Trobovich Building (Faculty of Law), Kes HaMishpat Hall, Tel Aviv University

1:00-2:30PM

**First Session: Deciphering Written Testimonies**

Moderator: **Orly Lubin**, Chair, the Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies, Tel Aviv University

**Efrat Rotem**, The Literature Department, Tel Aviv University

**AIDS and homophobia in the streets: Testimony and action in Sarah Schulman’s *People in Trouble***

**Debbie Cohen**, Department of English Literature and American Studies, Tel Aviv University

**Hidden in Plain Sight: Lesbian Encoding in Virginia Woolf’s Narratives**

**Yael Hazan**, Department of Hebrew Literature, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**To Spy on Gender: Memoirs of Women Soldiers in the American Civil War**

2:30-3:00PM **Break**

3:00-5:00PM

**(Post)Trauma: LGBTQ Youth in the Aftermath of the Shooting at Bar-No’ar**

Moderator: **Guy Shilo**, The Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University; Head of Research Unit, *Israeli Gay Youth* (IGY)

Roundtable Discussants:

**Shlomi Einger**, Psycho-Social Services, *The Aguda* (the National Association of GLBT in Israel)

**Reut Guy**, Lawyer and LGBT Coordinator, *Youth* Association

**Noa Raz**, Sources Development, *Israeli Gay Youth* (IGY)

**Uri Shefer**, Social Worker, Tel Aviv Gay Center

**Sonya Soloviov**, Youth Club Counselor, *Israeli Gay Youth* (IGY)

**Shaul Gonen**, General Manager, *Bar-No’ar* Youth Center

**Roni Klein** and **Regev Bar-Ya’acov**, ‘Ambassadors’ Group Volunteers, Israeli Gay Youth (IGY)

5:00-5:30PM **Break**

5:30-7:45PM

**Plenary Session**

Moderator: **Aeyal Gross**, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

Opening Words: **Ayala Katz**, Mother of Nir Katz, Chairperson of *Tehila* Parents Organization

**On Hate and Love, On Life and Death**

Welcome:

**Amy Singer**, on behalf of The NCJW Women Studies Forum, Tel Aviv University

**Orly Lubin**, on behalf of The Porter Institute for Poetics and Semiotics, Tel Aviv University

Keynote Lecture:

**Heather Love**, **English and Gender Studies, University of Pennsylvania**

**Backwardness and the Future of Queer Politics**

**Respondent: Tal Arbel, Department of the History of Science and Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University**

**8:00-10:00PM Reception**

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**Monday, May 24**

Trobovich Building (Faculty of Law), Kes HaMishpat Hall, Tel Aviv University

10:00AM-12:00PM

**Second Session: From Margin to Margin: Absence and Alienation in LGBT Discourse(s)**

**‘Coherent Deviants’ Research Group**, The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**Gilly Hartal,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**From a Placeless Place**

**Rachely Hartal,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**From Margin to Margin - Four Decades of Israeli Lesbian Politics: Where Did It Disappear? Who Heard of It?**

**Alona Peleg,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**The Double Marginalization of Lesbian Families: Between the Regulatory Fictions of the Heteronormative Coherence and Homonormative Coherence**

**Ruth Preser,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**Queer Separations**

**Yael Rozin,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**Center and Margin in the Heartland of the LGBT Community**

**Gali Semibra,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**Marginal Parent**

**Elinor Sidi,** The Program in Gender Studies, Bar Ilan University

**Where is the Gender in Gender Studies?**

12:00-12:30PM **Coffee Break**

12:30-2:30PM

**Third Session: Zionism, Colonialism and Sodomy**

Moderator: **Dafna Hirsch**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

**Shai Gortler**, Department of Middle East Studies and Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**“And me you wished to bribe with money, women and young boys”: A queer reading of the Zionist gaze towards the Ottoman Empire**

**Ofri Ilany**, School of History, Tel Aviv University

**Oriental Vice: Representations of Sodomy in the Hebrew Press of the British Mandate**

**Yuval Yonay**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa

**"You Were Illegal": Violence against Gays and Institutionalized Homophobia, Israel before 1975**

**Eli Avidan Azar**,The Literature Department, Tel Aviv University

**Is the Zionist Body a Transgendered Body? Gender, Nationality and Militarism in Israel**

2:30-4:00PM **Lunch Break**

4:00-6:00PM

**From the Closet to the *Mechitza*? On Jewish Religious Pride**

Moderator: **Yasmin (Max) Sason,** School of Media and Cultural Studies, UEL London

Roundtable Discussants:

**Bat-ami Neumeier-Potashnik**, Board Member, *Bat-Kol* Religious Lesbian Organization

**Rabbi Ron Yosef**, Director, *Hod* Website for Religious Homosexual Jews

**Benny Elbaz**, Coordinator, *Havruta* - Religious Homosexuals in Israel

**Gidi Grunberg**, Board Member, *Shoval* for the Promotion of Tolerance in the Jewish Community; Religious Youth Counselor, Israel Gay Youth (IGY)

**Eden Arazi**, Board Member, *Shoval*; Activist in the Transgender Community

**Abigail Sperber**, Founder, *Shoval*; Founder, *Bat-Kol*

**Zehorit Sorek**, Founder, *The Proud Minyan*

6:00-6:30PM **Break**

6:30-8:30PM

**LGBTQ in Israel after the Shooting at Bar-No’ar: Between Community and Hatred**

Moderator: **Roy Wagner**, School of Computer Science, Tel Aviv-Yaffo Academic College; The Sidney M. Edelstein Center for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology, and Medicine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Roundtable Discussants:

**Baruch Oren**, *Sisha Tzva’im* Association

**Nora Grinberg**, Activist for the promotion of Rights for Transsexual and Transgender people in Israel

**Amit Kama**, Department of Communication, The Academic College of Emek Yezreel

**Adi Moreno**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

**Samira Saraya**, a proud gay Palestinian woman, *Aswat*

**Aeyal Gross**, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

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**Tuesday, May 25**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:15-11:30AM

**Fourth Session: Hebrew Mythologies**

Goldman Auditorium, Building M5 (The Faculty of Health Sciences)

Moderator: **Esmail Nashif**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Welcome:

**Moshe Justman**, on behalf of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Henriette Dahan Kalev**, on behalf of the Gender Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Amalia Ziv**, on behalf of the Lesbian & Gay Studies and Queer Theory Forum, Tel Aviv University

Papers:

**Henriette Dahan Kalev**, The Gender Studies Program, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Ahikam Ferber-Tzurel**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Sara was a Butch: Sexual Identity, Gender Practices and Sara's Place in The Jewish National Pantheon**

**Zvi Triger**, School of Law, The College of Management

**Ahasver, the Wandering Gay: Immigration, Sexuality and the Question of Recognition in Same-Sex Relationships in Law and Culture**

11:30-12:00PM **Coffee Break**

12:00-1:00PM

**Fifth Session: Who will take care of you when you’re old?**

Goldman Auditorium, Building M5 (The Faculty of Health Sciences)

Moderator: **Amalia Ziv**, The Program in Gender Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Department of Literature, Tel Aviv University

**Alon Oren** and **Adital Ben-Ari**, School of Social Work, University of Haifa

**The otherness of the ‘other’ parent in a 'co-parenting' model as practiced by a gay couple and a straight woman**

**Omer Sagie**, University of Haifa

**"Successful Aging" among Homosexuals & Lesbians in Israeli Society - Environmental Characteristics**

1:00-2:30PM **Lunch Break**

2:30-4:00PM

**Sixth Session: Queer Eye for The Israeli Media**

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Catherine Rottenberg**, The Program in Gender Studies, and the Department of Foreign Literatures and Linguistics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Itay Harlap**, Department of Film and Television, Tel Aviv University and Department of Film and TV, Sapir Academic College

**Queer as Dad: Representations of Gay Fatherhood in Popular Culture**

**Yasmin (max) Sason**, School of Media and Cultural Studies, UEL London

**Between Two Cities, Between Two Women**

**Gilad Padva**, Department of Film and Television and Department of Communication, Tel Aviv University; School of Education, Beit Berl Academic College

**Cause of Death: Homophobia**

**Sexuality, Death and a New Martyrologic Ethos in the Media Coverage of the Terrorist Attack on Tel Aviv GLBT Association**

4:00-4:30PM **Break**

4:30-6:00PM

**Seventh Session: Beyond Binaries**

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Rakefet Levkovich**, The Program in Gender Studies, and the Department of Politics and Governance, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Shiri Eisner**, Tel Aviv University; Panorama – Bi and Pansexual Feminist Community

**Repressed Bisexuality in Film**

**Esther Rapoport**, Lev HaSharon Medical Center

**Bisexuality and the Colonial Discourse on Primitivism**

**Lihee Rothschild**, Tel Aviv University; Panorama; Coalition of Pink Communities

**Compulsory Monogamy and Polyamorous Existence**

6:00-6:30PM **Break**

6:30-8:00PM

**Roundtable: Queer Peripheries**

Barkan Hall (Conferences B), Building 70 (The Student House)

Moderator: **Merav Amir**, The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University

Discussants:

**Yael Agmon**, Member, team for the promotion of LGBT community in the Eshkol local council; CEO, *Tehila* Organization

**Yossef(a) Mekyton**, From Beer-al-saba, Um-rash-rash and Mansheya (Jaffa), Friend of the Gothenburg Queer Institute, Sweden

**Dina Alterman**, FORA - Feminist Organization of Russian-Speaking Activists Women within the Coalition of Women for Peace

**Barak Attar**, Coordinator, Be’er Sheva and the South Branch, *The Aguda*

**Gil Peleg**, Youth Counselor, *Israel Gay Youth* (IGY), Eshkol Region

8:30-11:00PM **Party**

‘Ashan HaZman’ Club, 19 Ringelblum, Be’er Sheva

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