



הכנס הדו-שנתי החמישה-עשר ללימודי אסיה בישראל - ASI23

The 15th Biennial Conference of Asian Studies in Israel – ASI23

Sunday & Monday, June 4-5 2023, Tel Aviv University

Conference Venue: The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Tel Aviv University
12 Klausner Street, Tel Aviv

Conference Program and Schedule

June 4, 2023

8:00-8:45	Gathering and light refreshments
8:45-9:45	Opening Remarks & Opening Lecture
10:00-11:30	Parallel Panels 1, 2, 3
11:45-13:15	Parallel Panels 4, 5, 6
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:45	Parallel Panels 7, 8, 9
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:45	Parallel Panels 10, 11, 12
18:00-19:00	Indian Music Performance
19:00-20:15	Dinner

June 5, 2023

8:00-8:45	Gathering and light refreshments
8:45-10:00	Parallel Panels 13, 14, 15
10:15-11:30	Parallel Panels 16, 17, 18
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00-13:30	Parallel Panels 19, 20, 21
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-16:00	Parallel Panels 22, 23, 24
16:15-17:45	Parallel Panels 25, 26, 27
18:00-19:00	Cocktail

Organizing Committee: Ofra Goldstein-Gidoni, Udi Halperin, Galia Patt-Shamir, Liora Sarfati, Meir Shahrar

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June 4, 2023

8:45-9:45 Opening remarks: Milette Shamir Vice President of Tel Aviv University
Liora Sarfati Head of Department of East Asian Studies

Opening Lecture (in Hebrew)

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שישים שנות מעקב אחרי סין: מהתבשמות להתפכחות 1963-2023, אהרון שי, אוניברסיטת תל אביב

Opening Lecture (in Hebrew)

Sixty Years of China Watching – From Enchantment to Disillusionment 1963-2023

Aron Shai, Tel Aviv University

Parallel Panels

Session 1 10:00-11:30

1. Chinese Religion and the Environment

Chair: Meir Shahrar, Tel Aviv University

- Gods of the Sea: Religion, Profession, and Perception in Maritime Late-Imperial China, **Ilay Golan, University of Cambridge**
- The Preservation of the Gods' Ecumene: Religious Culture and Prohibitions in Early and Medieval China, **Johan Rols, University of Cambridge**
- The Relational Norms between Humans and Animals in the Morality Books of the Three Chinese Religions, **Laura Boyer, Ecole des Hautes Etude en Sciences Sociales**
- Bronze Art, Cultural Norms and Group Identity: A Group of Western Zhou He Vessels Analyzed in their Temporal and Spatial Context, **Hua Xia, The Hebrew University**

2. Modern Indian Genres

Chair: Rotem Geva, The Hebrew University

- Everyday Life and Satire in Nehruvian Delhi, **Rotem Geva, The Hebrew University**
- "Flying High" on Borrowed Wings: The Political Prisoner as Genre, **Ayelet Ben-Yishai, University of Haifa**
- Tropes of Agency in Kausalya Baisantri's Autobiography Doh'rā Abhiśāp, **Marina Rimscha, The Hebrew University**
- Hidden: Segregation of Ex-Untouchables in Ajmer, India, **Jusmeet Singh Sihra, The Hebrew University**

3. Global Trends in Modern Arts in Asia

Chair: Irit Averbuch, Tel Aviv University

- Power-Up, Pac-Man, Popeye: How a Japanese-American Cultural Dialogue Gave Birth to a Leading Digital Gaming Mechanic, **Raz Greenberg, Tel Aviv University**
- The Dawn of Modernist Dance in the Age of the Dancefloor: Japan and Global Modernism **Daria Solignac Melnikova, Hebrew University, and University of East Anglia**
- Jazz in Contemporary China: Current Trends and Transformations, **Adiel Portugali, Tel Aviv University**



Session 2 11:45-13:15

4. מורכבות חברתית רב-גונית באסיה – מקרי בוחן בעבר ובהווה

יושב ראש: יצחק יפה, אוניברסיטת חיפה

- לחץ אקלימי והשפעתו על היוצרות מודל חברתי אלטרנטיבי בתרבות חוגג-שאן בצפון מזרח סין, **גדעון שלח-לביא, האוניברסיטה העברית**
- מבט אלטרנטיבי על שינויים תרבותיים דרך עיניהם של אנשי הניאקה בדרום הודו, **נועה לביא, אוניברסיטת אנגליה-ראסקין ודוד פרי, אוניברסיטת חיפה**
- משנים כיוון - מחקלאות לציד בסין העתיקה, **יצחק יפה, אוניברסיטת חיפה**
- מסגידיה לאלה לקורבן אדם: שינויים במבנה הפולחן כמפתח להיסטוריה עממית, **אריק מורן, אוניברסיטת חיפה**

5. New Graduate Work on Buddhist Texts: What They Mean and Do

Chair: Eviatar Shulman, The Hebrew University

- The Human Buddha in the Pāli Canon and its Commentary, **Odeya Eshsel, The Hebrew University**
- Awareness, Critical Attention, and Wakefulness: The Different Aspects of Mindfulness as a Base for Meditation in the Pāli Nikāyas, **Aviran Ben-David, The Hebrew University**
- A Body of Learning: Patterns of Embodiment at Vedic initiation rite (Upanayana) and in the Mahayana Sutras, **Abigail Penn Levy, Tel Aviv University**
- Reading the Heart of Texts— Textual Model of Liberation according to Abhinavagupta, **Ma'ayan Nidbach, The Hebrew University**
- Respondent: **Roy Tzohar, Tel Aviv University**

6. Crisis as an Opportunity for Development of Japanese Society

Chair: Wered Ben-Sade, The Hebrew University

- Did the 2011 Tsunami Revitalize the Shrinking Rural Communities of Tohoku Region? **Omree Negri, The Hebrew University**
- Japanese MMORPGs: From a Source of Addiction to an Enhanced Mental Health Tool, **Ahmad Shiber, The Hebrew University**
- Mental Health Problems in the Japanese Workplace: A Deadly Invitation for Development, **Wered Ben Sade, The Hebrew University**

Session 3 14:15-15:45

7. New Directions in the Vernacular Millennium: Meter, Prose, and Aesthetics

Chair: Ilanit Loewy Shacham, Tel Aviv University

- Rewriting God in Javanese: Dharmaja's Smaradahana, **Danielle Chen Kleinman, The Hebrew University**
- Exploring Nannaya's Use of Meter in the Telugu Mahābhārata, **Ilanit Loewy Shacham, Tel Aviv University and Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University**
- Mangos, Coconuts, Scabbards, and Lime: Literary Lists in Premodern Prose from Kerala, **Sivan Goren-Arzon**
- Intimate Cosmopolitanism, **Talia Ariav, The Hebrew University**

8. Israel-Asia Relations in the Early 21st Century

Chair: Yoram Evron, Haifa University

- Contemporary Israel-Japan Relations: A Recent Promise that Has Yet to Materialize, **Rotem Kowner, Haifa University**
- Contemporary Israel-China Relations: Under the Shadow of Two Giants, **Eyal Propper, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
- Israel-Central Asia: A Retrospective View on 30 years of Diplomatic Relations, **Zeev Levi, Yad Ben-Zvi Institute and The Hebrew University**
- Israel-Asia Relations in the Early 21st Century: From Defense Connections to Complex Interdependence, **Yoram Evron, Haifa University**



9. From Capital to Periphery: New Perspectives on the Han History

Chair: Maria Khayutina, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich

- Between Ideology and Practice: Foundation of the Han Imperial Academy Taixue, **Andrei Gomouline, The Hebrew University**
- Han Apocryphal Text Mingliu and Its Connection to the Yizhou Region, **Anthony Terekhov, Russian Academy of Sciences, and St. Petersburg Polytechnic University**
- Image of Runan Region in Ying Shao's Treatise "Feng su tong yi" ("Penetrating to the Meaning of Traditions and Customs"), **Tatiana Klementeva, Russian Academy of Sciences**
- Maritime Frontier of the Continental Empire: Sea-Oriented Urban Economies in the Han Far South, **Maxim Korolkov, Heidelberg University**.

Session 4 16:15-17:45

10. North Korea - Internal and External Perspectives

Chair: Alon Levkowitz, Bar Ilan University

- Big Brother with Limits: Surveillance, Economic Policy, and North Korean State Capacity, **Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein, Tel Aviv University**
- Israel's Clandestine Diplomacy with North Korea, 1991-1992, **Pyung Hwa (Tim) Park, Bar Ilan University**
- North Korea Starts a New Regional Arms Race, **Alon Levkowitz, Bar Ilan University**
- "Kim Il-sung faction" in the Soviet Red Army (1942-1945), **Konstantin Tertitski, Tel Aviv University**

11. Haunted and Protected Places in the Mongolian and Chinese World of Supernatural

Chair: Elizaveta Volchkova, Higher School of Economics in Moscow

- Chinese Ghosts in Mongolian Steppes, **Alevtina Solovyeva, University of Tartu**
- Headless Horseman as a Protective Spirit: A Comparative Aspect, **Aglaia Starostina, Russian Academy of Sciences**
- Genius Loci Tudi in the Medieval Chinese texts, **Olga Mazo, Tel Aviv University**
- Safe as Houses: Home Protection Talismans on the Taiwan E-commerce Market, **Elizaveta Volchkova, Higher School of Economics in Moscow**

12. Visual Cultures in India: Imageries, Politics, Street Art

Chair: Ronie Parciack, Tel Aviv University

- Dustbin "Beauties": Visualizing Cleanliness, Development and a "Good Life," **Uwe Skoda, Aarhus University**
- In Love with the City: Aesthetics, Belonging and Visuality in Bhubaneswar, **Jyotirmaya Tripathy, Indian Institute of Technology Madras**
- Reading Caste Visually in the Bhimayana, **Rina Ramdev Delhi University**
- Re-writing the Bleeding Body of a Sacred Polity: Protest Art in Delh's 2020 anti-CAA Protests, **Ronie Parciack, Tel Aviv University**

Session 5 8:45-10:00

13. China's Science Curriculum Transformation: A Decade of Change

Chair: Nimrod Baranovitch, Haifa University

- "I Choose to Obey the Law Consciously": Citizenship and Legal Compliance in China's Contemporary Education, **Orna Naftali, The Hebrew University**
- The New Era of Science with Chinese Characteristics: Official Characterization of Science and Education in Contemporary China, **Shiran Yuan, Technion– Israel institute of Technology**
- A New Interpretation of China's "Crackdown" on Education Companies, **Avital Binah Pollak, Technion– Israel institute of Technology**



14. New Perspectives on Chinese and Tibetan Buddhism

Chair: Meir Shahrar, Tel Aviv University

- The Cult of Mahākāla according to the Tibetan Texts from Khara-Khoto, **Alexander Zorin, The Hebrew University**
- "With Serene Face and Soft Body": Lay Deathbed Rituals in Present-Day Minnan, **Avi Darshani, Tel Aviv University**
- Cantonese Death Rituals in Singapore, **Donald Hong Yin Chan, Tel Aviv University**

15. Blurring the Lines: Economic National Security in the New Era

Chair: Tamar Groswald Ozery, The Hebrew University

- China's Quest to Internationalize Cybersecurity and Data Protection Policies: An Integrative Approach to Power, **Doron Ella, Haifa University**
- Blurring the Lines: Economic National Security in the New Era - The Paradox of the Internationalization of Chinese Multinational Infrastructure Corporations and SDGs, **Hadas Peled, Bar Ilan University**
- China's Civil-Military Fusion Strategy: Policy, Implementation, and Interim Achievement, **Yoram Evron, Haifa University**
- Pawns in a Geopolitical Chess Game: The HFCA as Financial Lawfare in U.S.-China Rivalry, **Tamar Groswald Ozery, The Hebrew University**

Session 6 10:15-11:30

16. ה"אין" בדאואיזם ובמחשבה הסינית המוקדמת יושבת ראש: גליה פת שמיר, אוניברסיטת תל אביב

- אין (無 wu) כבסיס לאתיקה בדאואיזם המוקדם, **שרון סמול, אוניברסיטת תל אביב**
- קדימותו האפיסטמולוגית של האין והמקרה המוזר של ה- wuwei 無無, **רועי פורת, אוניברסיטת בראון ואוניברסיטת תל אביב**
- לתפוס את חוסר הצורה: קווים, שבירות ומשיכות מכחול בפילוסופיה ובאסתטיקה סינית, **גליה דור, אוניברסיטת תל אביב**

17. Individual Papers on China

Chair: Andrew Plaks, Tel Aviv University

- Ancient Canons vs. Contemporary Practices – Medical Practice in China during the Twelfth Century, **Asaf Goldschmidt, Tel Aviv University**
- The Sinicization of Religious Space: Xi Jinping's redrawing of China's Religious Landscape, **Gideon Elazar, Bar Ilan University**
- The Literary Empire: Emperors and Networks of Textual Production in Early Song China, **ijs Dunajevs, University of Würzburg and National Library of Latvia**

18. ImagiNation: South Korea's Developmental Miracles, Utopias, and Dreams

Chair: Irina Lyan, The Hebrew University

- Tourist Korea: Designing a "First World Nation of Tourism" in Park Chung Hee Korea, **Anna Jungeun Lee, The Hebrew University**
- South Korea in the World Media Gaze: Globalizing the Periphery, **Nissim Otmazgin, The Hebrew University**
- Ex-periphery: Korea's Imitation to Innovation Shift in the Post-Miracle Era, **Irina Lyan, The Hebrew University**



Session 7 12:00-13:30

19. Identity and Community in Asia

Chair: Ofra Goldstein-Gidoni, Tel Aviv University

- Writing Migrant Literature in Japan, **Irit Weinberg, Tel Aviv University**
- One Island, One House, One Woman, Layers of Identity - The Island as a Category of Identity in Zamami, Okinawa, **Roni Webber, Tel Aviv University**
- Fluid communities: Israeli Jews in China and Japan, **Dalit Bloch, Tel Aviv university, and Michal Assa- Inbar, Ono Academic College.**
- Kinship Terms in Tamil: Changes in Form and Meaning, **Anna Smirnitskaia, Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow.**

20. Indian Religion in Contemporary Everyday

Chair: Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University

- Divine Itineraries: Palanquin Rituals and Divine Presence in the West Himalaya, **Udi Halperin, Tel Aviv University**
- Tracing Well-Being: The Rise of Kalyāṇ in the Hindi-Hindu Public Sphere, **Michal Erlich, Tel Aviv University**
- In Dialogue with Sibaji Bandyopadhyay, **Shaked Eshach, Tel Aviv University**
- Her Yoga: Women Oriented Yoga in the Iyengar Tradition, **Agi Wittich, The Hebrew University**

21. Refractions of Socialist Word and Image: Art, Literature, and Transnational Interactions in Twentieth-Century China

Chair: Elizabeth Emrich-Rougé, Independent Scholar,

- Framing Labour: Transnational Socialist Aesthetics in Prints and Photographs, **Elizabeth Emrich-Rougé, Independent Scholar**
- Maoist Nationalism of PRC Literary History: Erasing Transnational Past in Early Socialist China, **Martin Blahota, Czech Academy of Sciences**
- Socialist Visual Vocabularies: Shaping Political Cartoons in the PRC, the USSR, and Czechoslovakia in the 1950s, **Mariia Guleva, Charles University**
- To Speak What Cannot Be Spoken: A Revisionist Reading of Chang Yao's Eternal and Momentary Borderland Poetry, 1960–1980, **Benjamin Landauer, Harvard University**

Session 8 14:30-16:00

22. Gandhi's Relevance Battling Climate Change: Environmental-Economic Aspects of Gandhian Thinking

Chair: Udi Halperin, Tel Aviv University

- Imperatives of Environmental Economics: Augmenting Gandhian perspective, **Pooja Sharma, University of Delhi**
- Countering the Profligacy of Scientific Forestry in India: Infusing the Gandhian Paradigm, **Shankar Kumar, University of Delhi**
- Gandhi's Ahimsa ("Non-Violence") – A New Economic Humanism for a Post-Capitalist Economic-Social Order, **Ricki Levi, Jindal Global University**
- Indian Constitution and Good Life, **Sudarsan Padmanabhan. Indian Institute of Technology Madras**

23. Conflict, Ideologies, and Tensions in Contemporary Asia

Chair: Mark Gamsa, Tel Aviv University

- Dialectology of Mongolian folklore, **Ilya Gruntov, Russian Academy of Sciences**
- The Ethno-Religious Repression in Xinjiang and Its Broad Implications for China, **Nimrod Baranovitch, Haifa University**
- The Gold Fever in Manchuria and the Russian Far East in the 1860s, **Mark Gamsa, Tel Aviv University**
- Localised Tropes of Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust in East-Asian Political Discourses: Three Case Studies, **Michal Zelcer-Lavid, Alon Levkowitz, and Ran Shauli, Bar Ilan University**



24. Welfare Policies in 21st Century China: Crises, Ideas, Institutions, and Implementation

Chair: Yoel Kornreich, Tel Aviv University

- The Multifaceted Roles of the Chinese Courts During the Pandemic, **Hadas Peled, Bar Ilan University**
- Pendulum Swings in Primary Healthcare Policies: from Mao till Now, **Alon Rasooly, Ben-Gurion University**
- Trapped in Involution: Rethinking the Chinese Policy Implementation Process, **Lior Rosenberg, Tel Aviv University**
- 'Going local': Policy Intellectuals' Adaptation Strategy During the Xi Era, **Yoel Kornreich, Tel Aviv University**

Session 9 16:15-17:45

25. Cultural Heritage in Korea

Chair: Guy Podoler, Haifa University

- Sports Heritage in South Korea: The Players, Matches, and Provisional Results, **Guy Podoler, Haifa University**
- Korean Martial Arts as Heritage: Causes, Functions, Results, **Eugenia Rozenfeld, Tel Aviv University**
- Digitizing the Cultural Heritage of Korea, **Guy Shababo, The Hebrew University**
- Preserving the Heritage of Traditional Korean Cuisine - From the Legislation to the School Lunch Tray, **Yael (Tevet) Birman, Haifa University**

26. The Secret Lives of Translation: Literature, Religion, and History of Knowledge Transmission in the Indonesian Archipelago (18th-20th c.)

Chair: Ronit Ricci, The Hebrew University

- Translating for this Life and the Next: Sex, Medicine, and Understandings of Creation and the Afterlife in Eighteenth-Century Ambon, **Genie Yoo, The Hebrew University**
- Literature Transcending Generations: Old Javanese Epic Poem Translated into Modern Javanese, **Keiko Kamiishi, The Hebrew University**
- Interlinear Translation in Didactic Contexts: Two Bilingual Manuscripts from Sumatra, **Aglaia Iankovskaia, The Hebrew University**
- Letters on Liberty: The Quran and its Sundanese Translation, **Taufiq Hanafi, The Hebrew University**
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27. Philosophy and Translation, Philosophy as Translation

Chair: Daniel Raveh, Tel Aviv University

- Translating the Buddhist Paradox of Fear, **Nir Feinberg, UC Berkeley**
- The Broad Narrative Gaze of Early Kannada Hagiographic Literature, **Gil Ben Herut, University of South Florida, Tampa**
- Philosophy and Translation as Energeiai: Reading Sri Aurobindo's Reading of Heraclitus, **Benedetta Zaccarello, CNRS/Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris**
- Philosophy as Translation: A Dialogue with Sri Aurobindo, **Daniel Raveh, Tel Aviv University**



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