

DAN DAVID PRIZE HISTORY DAY

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

History-themed panels
and conversations

09:15 - 17:15

Steinhardt Museum of Natural History
12 Klausner St, Tel Aviv-Jaffa

PROGRAM:

9:15 - 9:45

Registration and coffee

9:45 - 10:00

Greetings

10:00 - 11:30

History under the microscope: Science, medicine and past societies

Moderator: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn (Head of the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University)

Participants: Ana Antic, Elise K. Burton and Anita Radini

This conversation will focus broadly on historical methods by examining the different ways these three scholars approach their sources (psychiatric records, genetic science, dust on teeth), using them to ask much bigger questions about society (violence, nationalism, craft and occupations). Because the work of all three connects in different ways with scientific disciplines – whether through methods or sources – this will also be a chance to consider the wider relationship between history and science.

11:30 - 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 - 13:15

Digitizing the past: Using new technologies to preserve and communicate history

Moderator: Tim Cole (Professor of Social History, University of Bristol, and Dan David Prize Academic Advisor)

Participants: Chao Tayiana Maina and Adam Clulow

In recent years, digital humanities have utilized new technologies to permit innovative avenues of research and communication. This panel will explore how historians can use digital humanities methods to reach new audiences and expand the impact of their work. Chao Tayiana Maina and Adam Clulow will discuss the capacities of new technologies, the power relationships between the Global North and Global South and the ways that they see digital humanities methods having the potential to recenter power as well as engage a broader public in experiencing and understanding history.

13:15 - 14:15

Lunch

14:15 - 15:30

Histories of troubled and troubling relationships

Moderator: Rita Copeland (Sheli Z. and Burton X. Rosenberg Professor of the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania)

Participants: Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers and Karma Ben Johanan

This conversation will bring together two scholars who work on different contexts and use different methodologies: a social and economic history of North American slavery on the one hand, and an intellectual history of religion in the aftermath of the Holocaust on the other. Both scholars explore fraught and complex historical relationships – between Christians and Jews and between enslaver and enslaved. These relationships were at once close and yet filled with tension and conflict. What new understanding emerges about both groups when looking at the points of contact and conflict between them?

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:15

Citizens or subjects: Identity and the state in colonial Africa and the Soviet Caucasus

Moderator: Jim Grossman (Executive Director, American Historical Association)

Participants: Krista Goff and Saheed Aderinto

This conversation will take two different imperial contexts – colonial Africa and the Soviet Caucasus – to think about similarities and differences in experiences of subjecthood and identity. It will focus on how historians can use diverse sources and methods to understand the experiences and identities of individuals – and even animals – living under these conditions. In particular, how can researchers work beyond the state archive to uncover new and more nuanced understandings of the past.

Digital Humanities Showcase – Learn about African heritage and culture through video and 3D reconstructions, and take a virtual reality tour of the city of Angkor in the 13th century. Running all day during breaks.

History Day is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

To attend the event, please register at

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