Minorities in the Middle East Revisited
International Conference
March 27, 2019
Drachlis Hall (496), Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University

11:30–13:00
First Session – Overview: Minorities in a changing Middle East
Greetings: Prof. Uzi Rabi, MDC, Tel-Aviv University
Chair: Prof. Shimon Shamir, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, The Israel Institute From Minorities to Ethnicity
Prof. Asher Susser, MDC, Tel-Aviv University The Individual, Community and the State: Minorities in the Middle East
Dr. Yusri Hazran, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University Israel, Arabism and the League of Minorities – a Reevaluation

13:00–14:00
Lunch break

14:15–16:00
Second session – Minorities in limbo
Chair: Dr. Brandon Friedman, MDC, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Franck Salameh, Near Eastern Studies, Boston College Near Eastern Christians: Cultural Intermediaries or Coal Mine Canaries?
Dr. Mira Tzoreff, MDC, Tel-Aviv University The Copts of Egypt after the Arab Spring Revolution: from a New Dhimmi to Fully Fledged Citizens?

16:00–16:15
Coffee break

16:15–17:45
Third session – The Kurds: Game Changers in the Middle East?
Chair: Prof. Michael Eppel, University of Haifa

Prof. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, MDC, Tel-Aviv University To Play by the Rules, Or Not? Modern Amazigh identity in the Shadow of the Authoritarian State
Ms. Lisa Miara, Founder, Springs of Hope Foundation The Yezidis: The increasing crisis in the wake of a “sanitized genocide”

Prof. Mohammed Ihsan, Defense Study Department, King’s College London The Kurds in New Iraq: Opportunities and challenges
Dr. Arzu Yilmaz, Independent Scholar Turkey’s Kurdish Policy: Costs & Consequences
Prof. Ofra Bengio, MDC, Tel-Aviv University The Kurds of Syria: Survival on Shifting Sands

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