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Jewish Identity

Philosophical, Sociological and Political Dimensions

Sunday, November 23, 2025 | 08:30–13:00 (Tel Aviv) | 14:30–19:00 (Beijing)



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Opening Remarks

Chair: Prof. Fu Youde, Head, SDU-TAU Joint Institute for
Jewish and Israel Studies

Prof. Ariel Porat, President, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Cao Xianqiang, Vice President, Shandong University

Prof. Uriya Shavit, Head, SDU-TAU Joint Institute for Jewish
and Israel Studies

First Session: Reflections on Identity and Meaning

Chair: Dr. Yanyan Chen, SDU-TAU Joint Institute

Prof. Xu Xin, Nanjing University
Tradition Determines

Dr. Sophia Katz, Hebrew University
Martin Buber and the Jewish-Chinese Dialogue

Dr. Maya Shabat, The Open University, Israel
*From Bestseller to Outcast – Simon Bernfeld and the
Challenges of Modern Jewish Identity*

Dr. Carl Yonker, SDU-TAU Joint Institute
Being Christian in a Jewish State

Prof. Uriya Shavit, SDU-TAU Joint Institute
*Who Is a Jew? What is a Jewish State? The Riddle and Its
Implications*

Break

Second Session: Sociological and Cultural Dimensions

Chair: Prof. Racheli Haliva, Shandong University

Prof. Xiao Xian, Yunan University
Jewish Identity and the Nation State of Israel

Dr. Sara Zalcberg, SDU-TAU Joint Institute
Prolonged Singlehood in Israeli Religious Communities

Prof. Fu Xiaowei, Sichuan International Studies University
*Sustaining the Cultural DNA – The Influence of Traditional
Israeli Marital and Fertility Ethics*

Prof. Zhong Zhiqing, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
The Reception of Amos Oz in China

Dr. Sima Zalcberg-Block, Ariel University
A Field Study of Women in a Radical Hasidic Sect

Break

Third Session: Political and Geo-Political Perspectives

Chair: Dr. Carl Yonker, SDU-TAU Joint Institute

Prof. Wang Yu, Peking University
*Ultra-Orthodox Communities after October 7 – Attitudes
toward the State and Military Service*

Prof. Ai Rengui, Henan University
*Israel's Measures to Shape Its Image as an "Innovative Nation"
and Their Effects*

Prof. Yang Meng, Peking University
Israel's Diplomatic Predicament in China

Dr. Chen Yanyan, Shandong University
*Hybrid Identities and Jewish Boundaries – Messianic Jews in
Contemporary Israel*

Dr. Zhang Xuan, Shandong University
*From the "Promised Land" to "Greater Israel" – The Influence
of Religious Right in Israel*

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Uriya Shavit, Head, SDU-TAU Joint Institute for Jewish
and Israel Studies

Prof. Fu Youde, Head, SDU-TAU Joint Institute for Jewish
and Israel Studies