



Towards Reconciliation

Confronting the Past and Accepting Accountability in the International Arena

2–4 June 2015 Tel Aviv University
 The Wiener Library – Wiener-Gruss Building, second floor

Co-organizers: Wiener Library for the Study of the Nazi Era and the Holocaust (Sourasky Central Library), TAU | Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, TAU | Minerva Center for Human Rights, TAU | Minerva Institute for German History, TAU | Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Israel

Tuesday 2.6.2015

16:30

Gathering and Refreshments

17:00–18:30

Opening Remarks: **Roni Stauber**, Tel Aviv University

Greeting: **Aron Shai**, Rector of Tel Aviv University
Judith Stelmach, Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Keynote address: **Ruth Lapidot**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Search for Peace and Reconciliation – Jerusalem as a Special Case?

Wednesday 3.6.2015

09:00 Gathering

9:30–11:00

Reconciliation and Accountability – Theory and Reality

Chair: **Esther Webman**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Yoav Kapshuk, Tel Aviv University
Reconciliation as an Essential Element in Formal Peace Processes

Amal Jamal, Tel Aviv University
Maya Kahanoff, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Collective Trauma, Recognition and Reconciliation – Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives

Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Literature Facing History

Chair: **Uri S. Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Maya Michaeli, Tel Aviv University and Sciences-Po, Paris
French Literature as a Site of Reconciliation – The Fall of Camus and Such a Long Absence of Duras

Idit Alphandary, Tel Aviv University
Resentment Articulates the Unforgivable – Probing the Concept of “Pure Forgiveness”

Maya Guez, Tel Aviv University
Romain Gary’s Portrayal of Ambivalent Reconciliation Among Germans and Jews

Lunch

14:00–16:00

Confronting the Past and Realpolitik in East Asia

Chair: **Ori Sela**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Joonbum Bae, UCLA
Colonial Past, Popular Resentments and Security – Korea-Japan Relations

Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa
Divergent Reconciliations and Their Causes: Japan’s Postwar Experience with the United States and China

Meron Medzini, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Japan’s Avoidance of Assuming Responsibility for the Pacific War

Brian Hilton, Wiley College in Texas
Historical Accountability in the Sino-American Cold War

Coffee Break

16:30–18:00

Internal Conflicts, Transitional Justice and Reparations

Chair: **Leora Bilsky**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Derek Catsam, University of Texas of the Permian Basin
The Ambivalence of Forgiveness – South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Marcelo Torelly, University of Brasilia
Reparations in Brazil – A Different Path to Accountability in South America’s Transitional Justice

Leszek Koczanowicz, Wroclaw Faculty of the University of the Social Sciences and Humanities
Amnesty but Not Amnesia: Dilemmas of the Reconciliation with the Communist Past in Poland

Thursday 4. 6.2015

09:00 Gathering

9:30–11:30

In the Shadow of the Holocaust

Chair: **Rafi Vago**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Natan Sznajder, Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yafo
Ghosts of the Holocaust in Franco’s Mass Graves

Yifat Gutman, Tel Aviv University
Coming to Terms with the Jewish Past in Contemporary Poland

Hana Kubátová, Charles University
Expressing Remorse for the Holocaust in Slovakia: A Historical Perspective

Renana Keydar, Stanford University
Vengeance vs. Enlightenment: the Nuremberg Legacy and Post-Atrocity Justice

Coffee break

12:00–13:00

Denial versus Penitence and Remorse – Theological and Political Perspectives

Chair: **Jörg Klinner**, Goethe Institut

Speakers:

Urszula Pękala, Leibniz Institute of European History
Individual and Collective Dimensions of the German-Polish Reconciliation

Lily Gardner-Feldman, Johns Hopkins University
German-Israeli Reconciliation between Peoples and between States: Unique or Indicative?

Lunch

14:30–16:00

Conflicting Narratives, Diplomacy and Reconciliation

Chair: **Motti Golani**, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Annette Vowinckel, Humboldt University Berlin
Generation War: A New Version of the Old German Narrative “We-Suffered-Too”

Eyal Naveh, Tel Aviv University
Dual Narrative Approach to History – Education as a First Step toward Reconciliation: An Israeli Palestinian Project

Chen Kertcher, Tel Aviv University
Mediators, Memory and Political Reconciliation: Narrating the Past in Cambodia and Yugoslavia After the Cold War

Coffee Break

16:30–18:30

Roundtable – Confronting the Past and Accepting Accountability

Chair: **Dina Porat**, Tel Aviv University

Participants:

Daniela Segenreich, Journalist for German speaking media
Galili Shahar, Tel Aviv University
Georgi Verbeeck, Maastricht University and University of Leuven
Meir Litvak, Tel Aviv University