Mass Deportations: To and From the Levant during the Age of Empires

January 8–9, 2020
Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building

Wednesday | January 8

9:30  Introductory Remarks
       Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University

Part 1: Imperial Perspectives

9:45  Continuity and Change: Assyrian and Babylonian Deportation Practices
       Karen Radner | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

10:30 Between Monumental Landscape and Borderland: Using Occupied Populations to Manage the Land under the Babylonian and Achaemenid Empires
       Shai Gordin | Ariel University

11:15 Architecture and Images: Contextualizing Sennacherib's Deportations from the West
       Laura Battini | CNRS, UMR 7192 – Collège de France

12:00 Lunch Break

Part 2: Deportees in Mesopotamia

14:00 Socio-economic and Cultural Issues in the History of the Israelites and Judean Exiles in Mesopotamia
       Ran Zadok | Tel Aviv University

14:45 A Sketch of the Life of the Golah in the Countryside
       Angelika Berlejung | University of Leipzig

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Messaging Brothers in Distant Lands: Examining Biblical Texts in Light of Judean, Samaritan and Diaspora Target Audiences
       Cynthia Edenburg | The Open University of Israel

16:30 Isaiah 40-66: Evidence for Integration into Babylonian Society of Judahite Exiles?
       Shawn Zelig Aster | Bar Ilan University

17:15 Coffee Break

17:30 Ezekiel among the Exiles: Judean and Mesopotamian Nature Imagery (Literary and Iconographic) Utilized by a Dislocated, Peripheral, Judean Prophet
       Dalit Rom-Shiloni | Tel Aviv University

18:15 Did the Book of Ezekiel Emerge from a Refugee Camp? An Investigation
       Casey A. Strine | University of Sheffield

Thursday | January 9

Part 3: Deportees in the Levant

9:00  The Intellectual Background of Assyrian Officials and Assyrian Deportees in the Levant
       Eckart Frahm | Yale University

9:45  In Search of Deportees in the Southern Levant
       Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 In the Neighborhood of the Defeated: Everyday life in Neo-Assyrian Dan
       Yifat Thareani | Hebrew Union College Jerusalem

11:45 The Assyrian Interests in the Western Part of the Province of Samaria—A Case Study from Khallat es-Siḥrij and its Vicinity
       Gilad Itach | Israel Antiquities Authority

12:30 Identifying Assyrian Deportees at Ashdod and Ashdod-Yam?
       Alexander Fantalkin | Tel Aviv University

13:15 Lunch break

14:45 The Impact of the Babylonian Deportations and of the Persian Period "Return" on the Local Material Culture in Judah
       Oded Lipschits | Tel Aviv University

15:30 Memories of the Assyrian Exile in Persian-Period Yehud
       Yigal Levin | Bar Ilan University

16:15 Coffee break

16:30 Concluding Discussion