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, Samarian and Diaspora Target Audiences
    Cynthia Edenburg | The Open University of Israel

16:15 Isaiah 40-66: Evidence for Integration into Babylonian Society of Judahite Exiles?
    Shawn Zelig Aster | Bar Ilan University

17:00 Coffee Break

17:15 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

18:00 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-Sihrij 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