SEMITES: Towards the History of a Concept

9:45 Coffee and reception
10:00 Greetings and Introductory Remarks
Raanan Rein  Vice President, Tel Aviv University
Scott Ury  Director, Roth Institute, Tel Aviv University

10:15 Semites between Religion and Race
Chair: Miriam Eliav-Feldon
Chair, Historical Society of Israel
Tel Aviv University
Iris Idelson-Shein
Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Semites Avant la Lettre? Jews and Muslims
in European Imagination Before 1800
Julie Chajes
Tel Aviv University
Semites, Aryans, and the Invention of Monotheism
Ofri Ilany
The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Sons of Shem, Sons of Ham and
the Birth of Modern Racial Concepts

11:45 Coffee break
12:00 Semites, Pan-Semites and Zionists
Chair: Ela Bauer
Kibbutzim College, Tel Aviv
Hanan Harif
Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem
Ashkenazi Semites? Pan-Semitism
and the Question of Mizrahi Jews
Stefan Vogt
Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main
Zionist Theories of “Race”
Ahuvia Goren
Tel Aviv University
The Truth or a Trap? Religious-Zionist Reflections
on the Jews as a Race

13:30 Lunch break
14:45 Muslims and Jews in the Public Discourse
Chair: Yaron Tsur
Tel Aviv University
Gustavo Guzman
Tel Aviv University
The Chilean Right’s Changing Attitudes
Towards Jews and Arabs, 1938-1978
Marcus Funk
Centre for Research on Antisemitism,
Technical University, Berlin
A History of the Present: Semites vs. Europe and
the Reconfiguration of the Other
in the German “Abendland” Discourse
Yulia Egorova
Durham University, UK
Muslims and Jews in Britain Today

16:15 Coffee break
16:30 Semites between History and Language
Chair: Galili Shahar
Tel Aviv University
Felix Wiedemann
Freie Universität, Berlin
“Principal Actors of History”:
The Semites as Characters in Historiographical
and Philological Narratives (1781-1883)
Noah Gerber
Tel Aviv University
Judaism, Islam and the Limits of Fluidity:
Yemenite Jewry in the Historical Imagination
Almog Behar
The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Sister Languages? Bi-Lingual Authors
Imagining Hebrew and Arabic, Past and Future

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