Even a casual survey of different news outlets over the past year demonstrates that neither antisemitism nor racism have faded from the headlines, as both phenomena continue to plague a range of societies in Europe, North America and the Middle East. Dedicated to advancing our understanding of antisemitism and racism as well as the relationship between the two, Tel Aviv University’s Roth Institute organizes scholarly and public programs in Israel, supports academic research by graduate students and faculty at TAU on related topics, and strives to create an open, respectful public forum in Israel where these and related questions can be addressed and discussed.

The Roth Institute also cooperates with a range of academic institutions and scholars in Europe, Israel and North America as part of its efforts to increase discussion between academics in Israel and those abroad on antisemitism and racism. Towards these goals, the Roth Institute organizes international conferences at Tel Aviv University and institutions abroad and also hosts a number of visiting scholars each year at Tel Aviv University.

Since 2011, the Roth Institute has helped bring approximately 150 scholars from abroad to Israel. Through these and other activities, the Roth Institute not only advances our understanding of these critical issues but also helps promote discussion and awareness of these critical topics among students, scholars and community members in Israel and abroad.

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**LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES HOSTED BY THE ROTH INSTITUTE AT TAU**

- **Philosemitism and Antisemitism in Biblical Criticism**  
  *Prof. Hindy Najman, University of Oxford*  
  November 2017

- **Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Between Academic Research and Political Agendas**  
  *International Workshop*  
  December 2017

- **Holocaust and Genocide Studies**  
  *Symposium*  
  December 2017

- **Picturing Frederick Douglass**  
  *Prof. John Stauffer, Harvard University*  
  January 2018

- **Zionist Energies, Anti-Semitic Beliefs, Seeing Differently, and Thinking Politically: The Polish Jewish Crisis in Diasporist and Zionist Culture, 1928-1935**  
  *Prof. Kenneth Moss, Johns Hopkins University*  
  January 2018

- **Middleman Minorities and Ethnic Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms in the Russian Empire**  
  *Prof. Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Paris School of Economics*  
  January 2018

- **“Race” by David Mamet**  
  *A Student Theater Production*  
  January 2018

- **Confronting the Past in Post-World War II West Germany**  
  *Symposium*  
  March 2018

- **March 1968: Fifty Years after the Last Jewish Exodus from Poland**  
  *International Conference*  
  March 2018

- **A Mislplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek**  
  *Prof. Ari Kelman, University of California–Davis*  
  March 2018

- **Freedom Now: History, Memory, and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement**  
  *Prof. James Campbell, Stanford University*  
  April 2018

- **America’s Other Slave Market: Business and Politics in the Plantation Economy**  
  *Prof. Seth Rockman, Brown University*  
  June 2018

- **Germans, Jews and the Twentieth Century**  
  *International Graduate Student Workshop*  
  September 2018
In November, 2017, the Roth Institute hosted Prof. Hindy Najman, the Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oriel College, University of Oxford. A distinguished and prolific scholar, Prof. Najman delivered a presentation on the topic of “Philosemitism and Antisemitism in Biblical Criticism.” Available for viewing via the Roth Institute’s website, Prof. Najman’s engaging presentation analyzed the ways that both philosemitism and antisemitism have influenced the academic study of the Bible in Europe, the United States and even in Israel. Prof. Najman’s lecture was followed by a response from Dr. Ofri Ilany, a post-doctoral fellow at the Van Leer Institute’s Polonsky Academy for Advanced Studies.

In March 2018 the Roth Institute co-sponsored an international conference marking the fiftieth anniversary of the 1968 protests and anti-Jewish events in Poland that led to the emigration of roughly one-half of Poland’s remaining Jewish community. The conference coincided with a major exhibit on the topic at the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

As part of its efforts to promote scholarly research and public discussion on the topic of racism, the Roth Institute co-organized a lecture series over the 2017-2018 academic year on “Race and Racism in America.” Conducted in cooperation with TAU’s American Studies Program, presentations by visiting scholars from leading academic institutions like Brown, Harvard, Stanford and UC Davis addressed a variety of topics regarding the history of race and racism in the United States. Attended by a wide range of students, faculty and community members, a detailed list of the different presentations and guest lectures can be found on the Roth Institute’s website.
RESEARCH GROUP ON ANTI-SEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

As part of its efforts to promote research on anti-Semitism and its relationship to other forms of racism, the Roth Institute sponsored a two-year research group on “Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.” Supported by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Tel Aviv-Berlin, the research group was led by Dr. Lena Salaymeh of TAU’s Faculty of Law and Dr. Scott Ury, director of the Roth Institute.

The research group served as an ongoing academic forum in which graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and researchers convened to discuss recent academic studies, receive feedback on their research, and gain exposure to new scholarship and methodologies via guest lectures. The research group also convened an international workshop on the topic in December, 2017.

INTENSIVE SUMMER INSTITUTE

In July, 2018, the Roth Institute co-sponsored an intensive summer institute in cooperation with the University of Toronto and York University, Toronto on “Teaching about Anti-Semitism in the Twenty-First Century.”

Hosted by York University, the program offered fifteen graduate students from a range of universities the opportunity to learn about many of the central issues in the study of antisemitism. The summer institute also included sessions regarding some of the pedagogical problems that arise while teaching about anti-Semitism in different settings as well as strategies for addressing these and related issues.

THE ROTH INSTITUTE PROJECT ON TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year, TAU’s Project for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East continued its work of monitoring Arab-language media for expressions and manifestations of antisemitic attitudes as well as discussions regarding Muslim-Jewish relations.

Under the supervision of Dr. Esther (Esti) Webman, the dedicated project’s staff identify, catalogue and analyze a wide range of print, visual and social media sources from across the Arab world. Relevant items are then summarized in English and entered into TAU’s Database on Antisemitism and Racism, where they are open and accessible via TAU’s Central library system.

IN MEMORIAM

PROF. NATAN LERNER, z’l

The Roth Institute mourns the passing of Prof. Natan Lerner, a longtime supporter and dedicated member of the Roth Institute’s International Board. Born in interwar Poland and educated in Buenos Aires, Prof. Lerner served as the Director of the Israeli Office of the World Jewish Congress and taught courses on human rights and international law at TAU’s Law School and at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya.