

Nature and Jews

Approaching German-Jewish Environmental History

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Attention - The conference will take place on Zoom. For registration, click on the specific date you are interested in, below

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 26. January 2021

16:45-17:00: Opening & Greetings

Prof. Galili Shahar | Prof. Vivian Liska | Prof. Miriam Rürup

17:00-17.45: Roundtable: Approaching German-Jewish Environmental History

Dr. Irene Aue-Ben-David in conversation with Prof. Guy Miron, Dr. Dominik Hünniger and Prof. Miriam Rürup

18:00-19:30: Enlightenment, Nature and Jews

Chair: Prof. Shmuel Feiner

Prof. Carl Niekerk: Enlightenment Natural History and the Jew as a "Parasitic Plant"

Dr. Tal Kogman: Nature as Textbook: The Emergence of the Natural World as an Educational Topic in German-Jewish Haskala

Didi Van Trijp: The Fish Books of Marcus Élieser Bloch (1723–1799) and the Politics of Preservation in Eighteenth-Century Europe

Wednesday, 27. January 2021, 17:00-19:30

17:00-18:15: Perceptions of Nature in Palestine

Chair: Prof. em. Hagit Lavsky

Prof. Tal Alon-Mozes: Garden and Nature in the Work of Landscape Architect Haim Latte

Mona Bieling: Ideologies in Nature: The Hebrew University's Botanical Garden during the Palestinian Mandate Years

Tobias Mörike: Fields of Interest. Zionist Environmental Expertise and Arab Agriculture (1916– 1933)

18:30-19:30: Spatial Turn and Environmental History: New Perspectives on the Holocaust

Chair: Dr. David Silberklang

A conversation between Prof. Guy Miron and Prof. Helmut Walser Smith at the event of the international Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Thursday, 28. January 2021

16:30-18:45: Between *Heimat* and Exile

Chair: Prof. Vivian Liska

Dr. Yael Almog: Flipping Homelands: Jews' Affective Attachment to A Land's Soil

Prof. Philipp Nielsen: German Jewish Agricultural Settlement and the Question which "Heimat" should be cultivated

— 15 minutes break —

Dr. Ofri Ilany: Nature, Eros and the Youth Movement: Walter Moses's Gospel of Nature (1892-1955)

Dr. Anna-Dorothea Ludewig/Jan Maruhn/Nina Senger: Hugo Simon (1880-1950) and the Idea of Nature and Landscape

19:00-20:00: Concluding Session

Chair: Dr. Steffen Hagemann

Dr. David Schorr: Nature, the Material Turn, and German-Jewish History

Concluding Remarks

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