Food, Power & Meaning
In the Middle East and the Mediterranean

International Conference
15 - 16 June 2010

Conference Program
Monday 14/6/2010 - Graduate Workshop: "Food and Power"

**9:00- 10:00 – Registration**
(The Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Bldg. 72, Floor 3)

**10:00 – 13:00 - Students' Presentations**
(The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

**13:00-14:00 - Break**

**14:00 – 17:00 – Workshop: "Food and Power"**
(The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

**Chairs: Penny Van Esterik, Carole Counihan and Nir Avieli**

Tuesday 15/6/2010 Day 1:

**8:30 – 9:00 – Opening Session and Greetings**
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

**9:00 – 10:00 - **Keynote Lecture** - Penny Van Esterik (York University):**
"Nurturing Power: Food and Commensality in a Globalized World"
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

**10:00-10:15 – Coffee Break**

**Concurrent Sessions (A) 10:15 - 11:45**

1. **Representation of Food & Power in the Media and Arts**
   (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

   **Chair: Esmail Nashif (Ben-Gurion University)**

   1. Erga Heller (Kaye College of Education): "Do we have just Falafel? Local and Foreign Food in Literature and Movies for Children and Youth in Israel"

   2. Sigal Flint (Tel-Aviv University): "Is Fat a Feminist Issue in Israeli Cinema?"

2. **Historical Perspectives on Food and Power**  
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

**Chair: Nitza Yanay (Ben-Gurion University)**

1. Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University): "Bad Bread and the “Outrageous Drunkenness of the Turks”: Food, Drink and Identity in the Early Modern Mediterranean"

2. Ruhama Weiss (Hebrew Union College): "Meal test - The Meal as an Expression of Struggle and Hierarchical Testing in the World of the Sages"


**11:45 – 12:00 Coffee break**

**Concurrent Sessions (B) 12:00 – 13:45**

3. **Feeding the Nation: State, Civil Society and Food Regulation**  
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

**Chair: Nitza Berkovitch (Ben-Gurion University)**

1. Relli Shechter (Ben-Gurion University): "The Taste of State Virtue: Halal Foods and Governmentality in Saudi Arabia"

2. Goor Somer (Tel-Aviv University): "Government Control of People's Food consumption and Daily Food Practices: Effect on Sense of Belonging"

4. **The Culinary Negotiation of Israeli National Identity**  
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Fran Markowitz (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Dafna Hirsch (The Open University) & Ofra Tene (The Hebrew University): "Hummus, National Identity and the Food Industry in Israel"


3. Nir Avieli (Ben-Gurion University) – "A Wall and a Grill: Israel's Independence Day Barbeque in Jerusalem's 'Gan Sakker' Park"

13:45- 15:00 – Break

Concurrent Sessions (C) 15:00 – 16:30

5. **Eating in Palestine during the British Mandate (1921-1948)**  
(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

Chair: Yoram Meital (Ben-Gurion University)

1. Yael Epstein (Bar Ilan University): "The Story of the Jewish European Refugee Businessmen from the Nazi Regime in the 1930s and 1940s in Palestine"


6. **Food, Religion and Class**  
   (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Dekel Hall)

   **Chair: Uri Ram (Ben-Gurion University)**

   1. Julia Bernstein (Goethe University): "Would you like white meat? :The Symbolic Meaning of Pork in the case of Russian Jews in Israel"


   3. Dana Caplan (The Hebrew University & The Open University): "Feeding the Upper Middle-Class: Food and Distinctions in Israeli Weddings"

**18:- 22:30 Culinary Excursion:** The Urban Kibbouz of 'Kfar Hashalom', Dimona (Black Hebrews) + Lecture:
Shelley Elkayam (Bar-Ilan University):"Black Hebrew's Religious Nutrition - Utopian Meaning and Power"

*(For conference and workshop speakers only)*

**Wednesday 16/6/2010 - Day 2:**

**9:00 – 10:00 Keynote Lecture** - Daphne Barak-Erez (Tel-Aviv University):
"Symbolic Constitutionalism: On Sacred Cows and Abominable Pigs"

*(Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)*

**Concurrent Sessions (D) 10:00 - 12:00**

7. **Eating in the Diaspora**  
   (The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

   **Chair: André Levy (Ben-Gurion University)**
1. Katerina Serađdari (Saint-Louis University): "Breaking Boundaries: Turks and Greeks Sharing Food in Brussels"

2. Anne Harris (Warwick University): "Food, Power and Identity for Middle Eastern and Mediterranean Refugees in the UK"

3. Orit Manor (Haifa University): "Living Together or Living Apart: Food in The Jewish Family and the Arab Family in the Settlements of the Lower Galilee"

8. **Who Eats Whom? Eating Globally**
   (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

   **Chair: Sarit Helman (Ben-Gurion University)**

1. Gisela Welz (Goethe University): "Contested origins: The Case of Halloumi Cheese"

2. Rafi Grosglik (Ben-Gurion University): "The Global Ingredient: Organic Hummus and Cultural Glocalization in Israel"

3. Stefan Stautner (University of Munich): "How to eat modern? - Fast Food and the West"

12:00 – 12:15 – Coffee Break

**Concurrent Sessions (E) 12:15 - 13:45**

9. **Culinary Representations of Ethnic and Regional Identities**
   (The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy, Bldg. 74, Floor 3)

   **Chair: Jackie Feldman (Ben-Gurion University)**

1. Nimrod Luz (The Western Galilee College) & Uri Mayer-Chissik (Haifa University): "Metamorphosis of Food Taste and Desertification of Foodscape in Nazareth: The Construction of 'Authentic' Palestinian Fast Food"

2. Melissa Muller Daka (Columbia University): "Zaatar"
3. Vasiliki Kravva (Aristotle University): "Food Production and Consumption in the EU Context: the Case of the Greek Feta Cheese and Olive Oil"

10. **Eat, Drink, Man, Woman**
    (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

    **Chair: Yishai Tobin (Ben-Gurion University)**

    1. Ruth Sirkis (Cookbook Writer & Publisher): "Is There a Difference between Masculine and Feminine Cooking?"

    2. Inbal Cicurel (Ashkelon Academic College): "Karaite Cooking: Identity Construction among Marginalized Women Through Discussion of Cooking"

    3. Tammy Davies (The University of British Columbia Okanagan): "The Power and language of Food: Changing Foodways of Bedouin Women in Northern Israel"

    **13:45- 15:15 – Break**

    **15:15 – 16:15 Keynote Lecture** - Carole Counihan (Millersville University):
    "Food Voice, Activism, and Power in Italy’s Slow Food Movement"
    (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

    **16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee Break**

    **16:30 – 17:30 – Closing Session**
    (Zlotowski Student Center, Bldg. 70, Rotem Hall)

    **17:30 – 18:30 - Break**
18:30-20:30 Public Panel: And we have falafel?
(Sonnenfeldt Auditorium, Bldg. 73)

Invited Speakers:
Ruth Sirkis (Cookbook Writer & Publisher)
Daniel Rogov (Food and Wine Writer - 'Haaretz')
Hila Alpert (Food Writer – 'Israel HaYom')
Dahar Zidani (Chef – 'Al-Rida' Restaurant, Nazareth)
Shmil Holland (Chef – 'Shmil at the Lab' Restaurant, Jerusalem)
Mika Sharon (Chef – 'Mika Bistro' Restaurant, Tel-Aviv)
Dohol Safedi (Chef – 'Diana' Restaurant, Nazareth)

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