Monday, March 21, 2016

9:30  Registration

10:00  Opening address

10:15  Keynote speaker: Prof. Ilan Pappé
       Imagining the Post-Return Space
       Prof. Ilan Pappé  Haifa-born historian, University of Exeter, UK

11:00  The current situation of Palestinian refugees
       Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem

11:30  Coffee break

12:00  "They shall come again to their own border": Learning from refugee returns in the world
       Chair: Dr. Anat Leibler  A fellow of the Science, Numbers and Politics research project, the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

•  "They are doing it for themselves": Lessons learned from Self-Organized Return in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina
  Dr. Selma Porobic  Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo

•  Repatriation and Reintegration: Lessons from Rwanda
  Justine Mbabazi Rukeba  International lawyer and development practitioner, expert in transitional justice, peace and security, and community integration; Team Leader, Deloitte/USAID, Juba, South Sudan

•  How Can the Return be realized: Learning from International Precedents
  Muhammad Kayyal  Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Q&A

16:00  Coffee break

16:30  Between Mizrahim and Palestinians: The Tension Between Exclusion and Responsibility
       Chair: Dr. Tom Pessah-Yonatan  Shapira postdoctoral fellow at the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

•  Ashkenazi Privileges, the Nakba and the Mizrahim
  Tom Mehager  Mizrahi activist and blogger at Haoketz website

•  The Mizrahim and the Nakba: Analyzing the Problematic Conjunction
  Dr. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite  Professor of history and Chair of the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, NYU

•  "We? We Weren’t Even Here": Between Ethnic Identity and Collective Responsibility
  Adi Livny  PhD student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, member of Zochrot’s Mizrahi Struggle and the Nakba group

•  Holon Project: In search of the Mizrahi Heritage of 1948
  Dr. Hilla Dayan  Amsterdam University College, co-founder of the Israeli Equality Academy and gate48 - platform for critical Israelis in the Netherlands

Q&A

18:30  End of first day
9:30 **Registration**

10:00 **Ongoing Palestinian Refugeehood and the Demand to Return**

**Chair: Badil – Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights, Bethlehem**

- **Double Displacement and Partial Protection: The Paradox of Palestinians as Constant Refugees, as in the Cases of Syria and Iraq**
  Nadya R. Tannous MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, University of Oxford, England

- **Hoping For Return, Planning for Migration: The Complex Coexistence of Dreamed and Assumed Futures Among Palestinian Refugees in Southern Lebanon**
  Tiina Järvi Activist and doctoral student in social anthropology, University of Tampere, Finland

- **The Struggle for Return of Internally Displaced Palestinians in Israel**
  The Association for the Defense of the Rights of Internally displaced persons

- **Imagining Return: Landscapes of Hope in Recent Israeli and Palestinian Films**
  Yulia Gilchinskaya Media artist and theorist, her works deals with border landscapes, marginality, and trauma

Q&A

11:30 **Coffee break**

12:00 **Return Now! Local Models (Part 1)**

**Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot**

- **Return to Majdal Asqalan**
  Ideas and Challenges for Return

- **Return to Al-Birwa**
  A Post-Return Model of the Village

- **Return to Al-Ghabisiyya**
  3D film of the reconstructed village

- **Return to Al-Lajjun**
  Visiting the village as a practice of return

  **Respondent: Justine Mbabazi Rukeba**

Q&A

13:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 **Return Now! Local Models (Part 2)**

**Chair: Umar al-Ghubari Coordinator of Space for Return, Zochrot**

- **Return to Old Jaffa: Spatial and Temporal Activism**
  Prof. Daniel Monterescu Lecturer on urban anthropology and Director of the PhD Program, Central European University, Budapest

- **Community Power at Iqrit**
  Shadia Sbait coordinator of the Iqrit NGO and activist in the struggle of the Iqrit displaced persons for 20 years

- **From the Palestinian Jamassin Al-Gharbi to the Israeli Givat Amal B: Critical Reading of a “historical taboo”**
  Dr. Uri Davis Anti-Zionist of European-Jewish descent, born in Jerusalem in 1943, citizen of Apartheid Israel, Member of the Palestinian National Council and Fatah

- **Uncovering the Role of Displaced Women in the Return to Kozarac**
  Dr. Selma Porobić Activist and Forced Migration scholar, Director Centre for refugee and IDP studies, University of Sarajevo

Q&A

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Cracks in Zionism? The Implications of Return for Zionist Ideology and Practice**

**Chair: Elisha Baskin - Archival researcher and Zochrot activist**

- **Bi-Nationalism in a Nation-State? The Demand for Refugee Return and Criticism of the Nation State in the Writings of Rabbi Binyamin in the Journal “Ner”**
  Avi-ram Tzoreff Doctoral student of Jewish history, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- **Embracing the Fear: Jewishness That Celebrates Cultural Autonomy Instead of Territorial Sovereignty Jewdas: Radical voices for the alternative diaspora: Nimrod Evron & Tali Janner-Klausner**

- **From Banning the Nakba to Bridging Narrative: Law and Collective Memory of 1948**
  Jeremie Bracka Australian/Israeli human rights lawyer, PhD Candidate at Monash University and Visiting Scholar at Tel Aviv University

Q&A

18:30 **Coffee break**

19:00 **Concluding discussion with the audience:**

**Return - from the margins to the mainstream**

20:00 **End of conference**