International Workshop:

1948 in Palestine and Israel: New Approaches and Interpretations

Oct 4-Oct 6, 2018

Thursday, October 4

16:00-17:30  Exploring Palestinian and Hebrew Literature
              seminar with Anton Shammas and Hannan Hever
              Herter Hall 601

19:00  Dinner at Osteria Vespa (28 Amity St, Amherst)

Friday, October 5

07:30  Shuttle pick up at Holiday Inn Express (400 Russell St, Hadley)
07:50  Shuttle pick up at Amherst Inn (257 Main St, Amherst)
07:55  Shuttle pick up at Allen House (599 Main St, Amherst)
08:10  Shuttle drop off at IHGMS/Breakfast
08:30  Welcome/opening remarks

09:00-10:45  I. Imagining Partition
             Laila Parsons: The Secret Testimony to the Peel Commission
             Shira Wilkof: Planning Partition: Zionist Spatial Experts and
             Separatist Imagination in Mandate Palestine

10:45-11:00  Break

11:00-12:45  II. Erasures
             Laura Robson: Proto-refugees? Palestinians and the concept of
             statelessness before 1948
             Alon Confino: Paradise and Dreams in Palestine and the Land
             of Israel, 1948

12:45-13:45  Lunch

13:45-15:30  III. Displacements
             Dmitry Shumsky: David Ben-Gurion, the Holocaust, and the
             Road to the Nakba
             Omer Bartov: The Return of the Displaced: Ironies of the Jewish-
             Palestinian Nexus, 1939-1949

16:30-18:30  1948: To De-Nakbafy Sanat al-Iḥtilāl, "The Year of
             Occupation"
             keynote talk by Anton Shammas
             Herter Hall 601
18:30 Shuttle pick up at Herter Hall, drop off at Alon Confino’s home
19:00 Dinner at Alon Confino’s home
21:30 Shuttle pick up from Alon’s home, drop offs at Allen House, Amherst Inn, Holiday Inn Express

Saturday, October 6
07:30 Shuttle pick up at Holiday Inn Express
07:50 Shuttle pick up at Amherst Inn
07:55 Shuttle pick up at Allen House
08:10 Shuttle drop off at IHGMS/Breakfast

8:30-10:15 I. Economy and citizenship along ethno-national lines
Lauren Banko: Re-assessing the meaning of citizenship on the eve of conflict
Fredrik Meiton: The Non-Electrification of Nablus

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 War Stories of Ordinary Soldiers
Shay Hazkani: 1948 from Below: Welcome to Palestine—What Brings You Here

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-13:30 II. Literary Intersections 1
Sadie Agsous: Nakba and the Metaphorical Exile in the Palestinian Literature in Israel
Maurice Ebileeni: When the Exile Brings a Key: The Poetics of Palestinian “Homecomings”

13:30-14:15 Lunch

14:15-16:00 III. Literary Intersections 2
Hannan Hever: From Revenge to Empathy: Abba Kovner from Hurben to Palestinian Destruction

16:00-16:15 Break
16:15-17:15  **1948 and After**
Yael Zerubavel: *1948 and the Israeli Embracement of the "Besieged Island" Template*

17:15-18:30  Concluding session

18:30  Shuttle pick up at IHGMS, drop off at Lord Jeffrey Inn

19:00-21:00  Dinner at Lord Jeffrey Inn, 30 Boltwood Ave, Amherst

21:00  Shuttle pick up at Lord Jeffrey Inn, drop offs at Allen House, Amherst Inn, Holiday Inn Express