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Keret’s Happy Campers
Etgar Keret and the Fate of Israeli Culture in the World Today

University of Chicago Center for Jewish Studies &Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Heksherim Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature & Culture

Cordially invite you to an international Israel Studies conference:

Keret’s Happy Campers
Co-chairs:
Professor Yigal Schwartz
Professor Na’ama Rokem

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, auditorium 142
Opening Session: Authors’ Roundtable
Chairperson: Na’ama Rokem, The University of Chicago
Greetings:
David Schloen, Director, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago
Rivka Carmi, President, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Robert J. Zimmer, President, University of Chicago
Speakers:
Todd Hasak-Lowy
Maya Arad
Sayyed Kashua
Etgar Keret
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm
Coffee Break
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm, auditorium 142
Session One:
Chairperson: Na’ama Rokem, The University of Chicago

Thursday, October 15, 2015
10:00 am – 12:00 pm, room 319
Session Two:
Chairperson: Yiftach Ofek, University of Chicago
Adia Mendelson-Maoz, The Open University of Israel
Keret’s Living-Dead and the Sacrifice of Israeli Masculinity
Nurt Buchweitz, Berl Berl College
Vitalities and Fatalities in Relationships in Keret’s Graphic Texts (Streets of Rage, Nobody Said it was Going to be Fun, Pizzeria Kamikaze)
Roman Katsman, Bar-Ilan University
Etgar Keret’s Laughter: The Unbearable Lightness of Banality, or What Is Israeli Humor?
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Lunch Break
1:00 pm – 2:30, room 319

Session Three:
Chairperson: Ari Almog, University of Chicago
Yigal Schwartz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Etgar Keret’s World: Repetition, Morality and Post-modernism
Vered Karti Shemtov, Stanford University
Being Stuck in the Continuous Present: Etgar Keret and Contemporary Hebrew Literature
2:30 – 3:00 pm
Coffee Break
3:00 – 5:00 pm, room 319
Round Table Discussion: An Etgar Keret Story
Chairperson: Vered Karti Shemtov, Stanford University
Michal Pales Almagor, The University of Chicago
Dekel Shay Schory, Ben Gurion University of The Negev
Eyal Bassan, University of California, Berkeley
Shoshana Olidort, Stanford University
6:30 pm – 8:15 pm, auditorium 142
Etgar Keret film: $9.99 (78 minutes)
Concluding remarks: Etgar Keret

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