

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:

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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

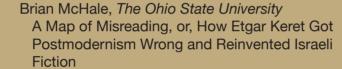
Todd Hasak-Lowy Maya Arad Sayed Kashua Etgar Keret

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



Christopher Merril, *The University of Iowa*Parallel Universes: The Worlds of Etgar Keret

Takafumi Akimoto, *Konan University, Japan* Etgar Keret, Haruki Murakami and World Literature: the Possibility of Translation

6:45 pm – 07:00 pm, auditorium 142 **Coffee Break**

07:00 pm – 7:45 pm

An Interview with Etgar Keret

Vered Karti Shemtov, Stanford University

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

Nurit Buchweitz, *Beit 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 Peles 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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