Kafka after Kafka.
An International Conference.
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva
March 15-16, 2015

Sunday, March 15
Ayrton University Center / Senate Building, Room -136

Pre-conference Writing Workshop (Registration required. Number of participants limited. In order to register please contact Ms. Anna Osprian of the Center for Austrian and German Studies, BGU: aosprian@gmail.com).
10:00 – 12:30 June Leavitt (Beer Sheva), Kafka and the Search for Higher Meaning: Writing Workshop

Opening Session
14:00 Opening remarks: Mark H. Gelber (Beer Sheva) and Iris Bruce (Hamilton, Canada)

Session I
Chair: Catherine Rottenberg (Beer Sheva)
14:15 – 15:15 Stanley Corngold (Princeton, USA), Kafka after the Onset, and the Alleged Demise, of Deconstruction
15:15 – 16:00 Ido Lewit (Tel Aviv), Heteroglossia and the Cinematic Adaptation of Kafka
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

Session II
Helen Diller Family Center (Building 74), Room 301
Chair: Anja Siegemund (Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem)
16:30 – 17:15 Amir Engel (Frankfurt a. Main / Beer Sheva), Kafka Reconsidered: Hannah Arendt and Post-War Politics
17:15 – 18:00 Caroline Jessen (Marbach / Jerusalem), Conjunction and Loss: Werner Kraft on Franz Kafka
18:00 – 18:45 Alana Sobelman (Beer Sheva), Binding Words: Sarah Kofman, Maurice Blanchot, Franz Kafka, and the Holocaust

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Session III
Chair: Aaron Landau (Beer Sheva)
9:30 – 10:15 Omri Ben-Yehuda (Jerusalem), The Personal Pronoun, Dialogue in Kafka and Agnon
10:15 – 11:00 Iris Bruce (Hamilton, Canada), Kafka and Sayed Kashua: Exiles in their own Lands
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

Session IV
Chair: Iris Bruce (Hamilton, Canada)
11:30 – 12:30 Shimon Sandbank (Jerusalem), Reading Kafka: A Personal Story
12:30 – 13:30 Vivian Liska (Antwerp), The Beetle and the Butterfly: Nabokov’s Reading of Kafka
13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

Session V
Chair: Mark H. Gelber (Beer Sheva)
15:15 – 16:00 Jiri Silva (Prague), My Kafka: The Humorous and Absurd in Kafka Illustrations and Drawings
16:00 – 17:00 Sander L. Gilman (Atlanta, USA), Kafka after Kafka
17:00 – 17:15 Concluding Remarks: Iris Bruce, Stanley Corngold, Sander L. Gilman, Vivian Liska, and Mark H. Gelber
17:30 After the conference, transportation to the festive event on the occasion of 60 years Leo Baeck Institute at Mishkenot Sha’ananim, Jerusalem. (Gathering at 19:00; event begins at 19:30).