

The Annual International Workshop of the Department of Middle East Studies in Cooperation with the Tamar Golan Africa Centre

2-3.1.2018

| Building 71 | Room -136

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

THE RED SEA AS SPACE FOR RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGE

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10:00-10:30 | Opening Remarks - Five Hundred Years since the arrival of the first Portuguese Embassy to Ethiopia: -The Red Sea as Space for Religious, Cultural, and Economic Exchange

Dr. Leonardo Cohen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:30-12:00 | First Panel: the Early Involvement of the Portuguese Maritime Empire in the Red Sea

Chair- Avi Rubin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Andreu Martínez d'Alòs-Moner ,University of Gondar

The "lizard-like sea": The Red Sea in the Views of Early Portuguese Chroniclers

André Ferrand Almeida , Universidade Catolica de Portugal – Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa

Faith, Commerce and Empire: the idea of a Christian Alliance with Ethiopia and the Portuguese imperial strategy in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea during the sixteenth century

12:00-14:00 Lunch



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14:00-15:30 | Second Panel: Christian Identities in the Regional Context of the Red Sea (Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries).

Chair: Lynn Schler, Ben-Gurion University of The Negev

Steven Kaplan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Zar'a Ya'eqob, Ahmad Gragh, and Prester John: Continuity and Disruption in Constructing Ethiopian Christian Identity

Leonardo Cohen, Ben Gurion-University of the Negev

Patriarch Mendes's Futile Struggle for the Return of the Portuguese Army to the Red Sea

16:00-17:30 | Third Panel: Religious Identity and Religious Conversion across the Red Sea

Chair: Irit Back, Tel-Aviv University

Haggai Erlich, Tel Aviv University

Crossing the Red Sea: Jews, Christians, Muslims in History

Menashe Anzi, Ben- Gurion University of the Negev

The Coffee Trade and the Jews of Mocha

Dinner



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10:30-12:00 | **Fourth Panel: Red Sea Navigation during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries**

Chair: Nimrod Hurvitz, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Nancy Um, Binghamton University

Ethiopia, Yemen, and the VOC: Rethinking Dutch Interests in the Southern Red Sea in the late 17th and early 18th Centuries

Chiara Zazzaro, University of Naples

Shipwrecks and Red Sea Navigations in the First Half of the Eighteenth Century

12:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 | **Fifth Panel: The Red Sea in the Nineteenth Century: Imperial Ventures and Missionaries**

Chair: Haggai Ram, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Mishy Harman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Like Selling Ice to the Eskimos: The Tale of the First Protestant Mission to Ethiopia

Avishai Ben- Dror, The Open University of Israel and the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Rethinking the "Scramble for Africa": Non-European Imperial Ventures in Late Nineteenth-Century Red Sea Basin

15:30-16:00 | **Concluding remarks**

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