



## 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), *Hetereoglossia 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***

**Ayrton University Center / Senate Building, Visitors' Center**

**19:30 Cultural Event**

**Ruth Kanner Theater Group (Tel Aviv), *Kafka's Hebrew Notebook* (in Hebrew and German), followed by a discussion with Ruth Kanner and performers (in English). Number of spectators limited. In order to reserve a seat for the performance, please contact Ms. Anna Osprian, Center for Austrian and German Studies, BGU: aosprian@gmail.com**

### Monday, March 16

Ayrton University Center / Senate Building, Room -136

#### 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 Sliva (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).**