



# International conference ETGAR KERET 10.14-15.2015 University of Chicago

## 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  
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*



Brian McHale, *The Ohio State University*  
A Map of Misreading, or, How Etgar Keret Got  
Postmodernism Wrong and Reinvented Israeli  
Fiction

Christopher Merrill, *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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