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*Between East and West:
Oriental Writers and
Orientalism in Israeli
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April 24-25, 2013

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

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13:30-14:00 **Greetings**

Prof. Johannes Heil, Erster Prorektor, Hochschule für
Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg

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14:00 **Dr. Esther Meir-Glitzstein**, Ben-Gurion
University of the Negev

*From Refugees to Zionists and Back Again: History and Identity
of Jews from Islamic Countries in Israel*

14:30 **Prof. Yochai Oppenheimer**, Tel Aviv University
What is Mizrahi Writing?

15:00 **Prof. Rina Ben Shahar**, Haifa University and
Oranim Academic College of Education
The Language of Mizrahi Figures in Modern Israeli Prose

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Prof. Sasson Somekh**, Tel Aviv University
Rhyme and Reason in Baghdad, Yesterday

16:30 **Dr. Aline Schlaepfer**, Université de Genève
*"The Revolution of Ignorance": Toward a Critique of
Colonialism and Westernization by Jewish Writers in Baghdad*

17:00 **Dr. Uri Hollander**, Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev
On Kitsch and Epos in Ronny Someck's Poetry

18:00 Dinner (by invitation)

19:00 An evening with the author **Ronny Someck**

Thursday, April 25, 2013

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10:00 **Prof. Nancy Berg**, Washington University
Immigrant Narratives and the New Mizrachim

10:30 **Hadas Shabat-Nadir**, Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev
Who is a Mizrahi Writer: Dan Pagis as a Test Case

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Prof. Heidi Margrit Müller**, Vrije Universiteit
Brussel
*On the Wings of Multilingualism. Tackling 'Mizrahi' Roots in
Mona Yabia's Novel "When the Grey Beetles Took Over Baghdad"*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Shimon Adaf**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
*"We Don't Have These Kind of Problems": Aharon Almog and
the Issue of Defining Mizrahi Literature*

14:30 **Prof. Gilead Morahg**, University of Wisconsin
East and West in the Fiction of Abraham B. Yehoshua

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 **Dr. Batya Shimony**, Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev, Achva Academic College
Mizrahi Women's Writing: A Panoramic View

16:00 **Prof. Yigal Schwarz**, Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev
The Leah Aini Project: Literature as an Act of Terror

16:30 Meeting the author: **Leah Aini**