

**Going Home:
Familiarity, Memory and Atmosphere in German and Israeli Museums**

GIF Concluding Workshop

Mount Scopus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
January 4-6 2017

Organizers:

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Rational:

Concluding a three year GIF research project on home museums in Germany and Israel, this workshop invites scholars from various fields to discuss issues that are at the cutting edge of museum and social memory studies. From a perspective that explores the interaction between actors (such as visitors, curators, guides, and museums workers) narratives and objects on display, museum studies made possible to reconsider knowledge and experience production, performance and reception. This workshop will explore the manner through which master historical narratives and intimate home life are brought together in various exhibitionary settings.

The speakers will address the following themes: authenticity, gender, heritage, mediation, migration, private and public on display, ethics, political tensions and deliberations, history and diversity and their intersections. In the workshop we will be able to shed light on the less explored topics of the construction of atmosphere in museums and the interplay of class, gender, ethnicity and familiarity with stories and sites in the visitors' experience.

Program and Schedule:

January 4, 2017

9:00 Gathering – Mount Scopus, room 1750, *The Federmann School of Public Policy and government.*

9:15-9:30 Opening, Greetings and some Announcements (by organizers)

9:30-10:00 Rosmarie Beier-de Haan (German Historical Museum and the Free University, Berlin) Museum, Memory and (Im)material Culture

10:00-10:30 Astrid Erll (Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main)
Fiction in the Home Museum: Narrating and performing writers' lives

10:30-11:00 Vered Vinitzky-Seroussi (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
The Gender Challenge of Home Museums

11:00- 11:15 Coffee break

11:15-11:45 Jackie Feldman (Ben Gurion University)
Holocaust/Jewish Museums in Jerusalem and Berlin: Between Historical Knowledge, Commemoration and Identity Politics

11:45-12:15 Chaim Noy (Ashkelon Academic College)
Collective memory and museum visitors' participatory discourse: A
Comparative ethnography of Commenting Platforms in two
Heritage/memorial museums

12:15- 12:45 Edna Lomsky-Feder, (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Dismantling the Canonical Generation: Historical Museums and the
(Un) tangling of Personal and National memory

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break (Hebrew University Faculty Club – paid by conference)

14:30 Leaving Mount Scopus for Agnon's house

15:00- 16:00 Tour of Agnon's house

16:00- 17:00 Discussion of the tour (together with the director of the house)

January 5, 2017

9:45-10:00 Morning Coffee, Mount Scopus, room 1750, *The Federmann School of Public Policy and government.*

10:00-12:00 Home Museums: Current Challenges

With Directors of Israeli Home Museums

Hani Harmolin - Ben Gurion House, Tel Aviv

Eilat Lieber, Tower of David Jerusalem (former director of Agnon House).

Dr. Oreet Meital - Agnon House, Jerusalem

Miri Palmach - Ben Gurion Desert Home, Sde Boker

Anat Puksenboim – Weizmann House, Rehovot

Meirav Segal - Weizmann House, Rehovot

12:00-12:45 Tour of Mount Scopus (the short version)

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch (Hebrew University Faculty Club)

14:00 - 14:30 Tamar Katriel (Haifa University) and Shelli Shenhav-Keller (The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo and Beit Berl)

Between Homelands: Central Europe in the Galilee

14:30- 15:00 Lotte Thaa (Humboldt University, Berlin)

National Periods in a Personal Nutshell: The German Case

15:00- 15:15 coffee break

15:15-15:45 Gal Ventura (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Feminine Uncanny: The Dead Mother and the Structuralization of Homeliness

15:45-16:15 Silke Arnold-de Simine (Birkbeck, University of London)

Mr Straw's House or The Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde of Heritage

16:15- 16:45 Irit Dekel (Humboldt University, Berlin and University of Virginia)

A Living Place: Towards a Sociology of Atmosphere

16:45 --17:00 Coffee Break

17:00- 18:00 General discussion on future directions and concluding remarks

January 6, 2016

9:00-13:00 *Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem.*