## Jewish Identities in Contemporary Europe

#### A CONFERENCE AT THE INSTITUTE OF GERMANIC & ROMANCE STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Rooms ST 274/275 - ST 276, Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, WC1

Co-Ordinators: Lucille Cairns (University of Durham) and Andrea Reiter (University of Southampton)

#### Monday, 11 April 2011

09.00 Registration

09.30 Lucille Cairns (Durham) and Andrea Reiter (Southampton) Welcome and Introduction

09.45 Cinema

Nathan Abrams (Bangor): 'Almost the same, but not quite': Jewishness in Contemporary UK Cinema

Lihi Nagler (Tel Aviv): Images of Jews in Post-Reunification German Cinema and Television

**Nathalie Ségeral** (Los Angeles/Paris): Frenchness, Jewishness and Identity in Karin Albou's *La Petite Jérusalem* 

Lea Wohl (Hamburg): Dani Levy's Film Narrations: a Map of the 'Minefield' of the Contemporary German-Jewish Relationship

- 11.45 Coffee
- 12.15 Keynote Lecture

Atina Grossmann (New York): The 'Surviving Remnant' in the Early Postwar Period: Ruptures and Surprising Continuities in the New Europe

- 13.15 Lunch (own arrangements)
- 14.30 Intellectuals (1)

**Devorah Baum** (Southampton): Circumcision Anxiety

**Maxime Decout** (Lyon): Standing Apart/Being a Part: Cixous's Fictional Jewish Identities

**Robert Kahn** (Rouen): The Jew is Never where You Expect Him: Zagdanski and Piperno Read Proust

- 16.10 Tea
- 16.40 Intellectuals (2)

Keith Reader (Glasgow): 'Two bald men fighting over a comb?' The Quarrel between Alain Badiou and Eric Marty

**Matteo Di Figlia** (Palermo): Italian Jews and the Extra-Parliamentary Politics. The Assembling of an Identity

**Marcy Brink-Danan** (Providence, RI): Writing to Comfort Ourselves: European Jewish Journalists Reconsider the Audience

#### Monday, 11 April (continued)

At the Austrian Cultural Forum, 28 Rutland Gate, London SW7

19.00 *Zorro's Bar Mitzva*. A Discussion with Filmmaker Ruth Beckermann

followed by a Reception

#### Tuesday, 12 April 2011

09.30 Literature (1)

**Bettina Codrai** (Southampton): Lost in Third Space? Narrating German-Jewish Identity in Maxim Biller's 'Autobiography' *Der gebrauchte Jude* 

**Mona Koerte** (Berlin): The Language of 'Things' in Contemporary German-Jewish Writing

Andrea Reiter (Southampton): 'Performing the Jew'. Recent Novels by Jewish Writers in Austria

- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Literature (2)

**Cathy Gelbin** (Manchester): The New Jew: From the Fin de Siècle to the New Millennium

**Axel Stähler** (Kent): Shifting Baselines: Israel in Recent British Jewish Fiction

**Olaf Terpitz** (Leipzig): The Literary Production of the Russian Jewish Diaspora: Local, Global and Social Aspects

**Sue Vice** (Sheffield): Becoming English: Assimilation and its Discontents in Contemporary British-Jewish Literature

- 13.30 Lunch (own arrangements)
- 14.45 Space/Place/Belonging (1)

Anna Maria Droumpouki (Athens): The Art of Holocaust Memory and the Emergence of Anti-Semitism in Greece

**Eszter Gantner** (Berlin): European Jewry versus Hungarian Jewry? Jewish Identities in Contemporary Hungary

**Diana Popescu** (Southampton): Israeli Artists Imagine the 'Return' of the Jewish People to Europe

#### Tuesday, 12 April (continued)

#### 16.45 Keynote Lecture

**Matti Bunzl** (Illinois): Theodor Herzl's Stepchildren: the Jews of Europe and the Israeli Question

#### Wednesday, 13 April 2011

#### 09.00 Space/Place/Belonging (2)

**Karine Michel** (IDEMEC/IECJ): Communist Jews in Former East Germany – Expressing one's Jewishness

Daniel Monterescu and Sara Zorandy (Budapest): 'Judapest': Improvising Community in Central Europe

10.00 Coffee

#### 10.30 Space/Place/Belonging (3)

**Helga Embacher** (Salzburg): Solidarity with Israel and America: Jewish Reactions to the Intifada, 9/11 and the War in Iraq in France, Germany and the UK. A Comparison

**Eyal Lavi** (London): 'If there isn't something bad about Israel I'm actually quite pleased': News Reporting and the Ambivalence of Belonging among British Jews Today

**Yuval Moshkovitz** (London): The Jewish-Israeli Subject in the Diaspora – Negotiating Collective Identity between Zionist Ideology and Diasporic Reality

12.15 Keynote Lecture

**Diana Pinto** (Paris): Who are Europe's Jews Today? Negotiating Jewish Identity in an Asemitic Age

- 13.15 Closing Discussion
- 13.30 End of Conference

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#### Jewish Identities Conference

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Tuesday, 12 April
Wednesday, 13 April

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