

# 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IN CANADA, ISRAEL AND BEYOND

Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### Programme

#### Monday, June 28, 2010

Lobby 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

**16:00–17:30** Registration

Room 501

**18:00-19:30** Opening Session

Chair: **Daniel Ben-Natan**, President of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies

Greetings: **Professor Menahem Ben-Sasson**, President, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Ambassador Jon Allen**, Canadian Ambassador to Israel  
**Professor Shuli Barzilai**, Former Director of the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Professor Arza Churchman**, Chair of the Conference Academic Committee

Keynote Address: **David Runnalls**, President of the International Institute for Sustainable Development  
"Canada and Climate Change: How not to make public policy"

**19:45-22:00** Dinner

#### Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Room 501

**9:00-10:30 Symposium on the Meaning of "Environment" in Various Academic Disciplines**

Speakers in alphabetical order:

Jeremy Benstein, Heschel Center for Environmental Learning & Leadership, "The Environment and Judaism"

Simon Berkowicz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Environment and Culture"

Arza Churchman, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, "Environmental Psychology"

Penny Gurstein, University of British Columbia, "Urban Planning"

Dafna Kariv, The College of Management, "Social environment and Entrepreneurship"

Reuven Laster, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Law and Environment"

Peter Liotta, Salva Regina University, "Climate Change Policy"

Cornelia Hahn Oberlander, University of British Columbia, "The Environment and Landscape Architecture"

Daniel Orenstein, Technion, "Environmental Studies to Ecology and Back"

Cornelius Remie, Past President of the International Council for Canadian Studies, "Environment and the Inuit"

Christina Stojanova, University of Regina, "The Environment in Film"

Bina Toledo-Freiwald, Concordia University, "Environment and Eco-Criticism in Literary Studies"

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**10:30-11:00** Coffee Break

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**11:00-12:45** Symposium (cont.)

**13:00-13:45** Lunch Break

Room 405

**13:45-14:30 Galit Cohen** from the Ministry of Environmental Protection: **"The Environmental Policy of the State of Israel"**

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<b>14:45 – 16:15</b> <i>The Environment in International Perspective</i>	<b>14:45 – 16:15</b> <i>Environment and Education</i>

<p><b>Chair: Simon Berkowicz</b>, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Marcin Gabryś</b>, Jagiellonian University, "Legacy of Trudeau – Canadian Sovereignty and Environmental Challenges in the Arctic"</li> <li>- <b>Peter Liotta</b>, Salve Regina University, "Why the United States May Lose: The Geopolitics of Arctic Security"</li> <li>- <b>Stewart Gill</b>, The University of Queensland, "'Part of or Masters of Nature? Environmental Challenges in the Founding of Canada and Present Day Australia"</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair: Bruce Elman</b>, University of Windsor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sarah Feingold</b>, Kibbutzim College of Education and Shenkar College of Engineering and Design, "A Comparison of Values and Attitudes of Canadian and Israeli Higher-Education Students, Studying Environmental Education Programs"</li> <li>- <b>Dan Gottlieb</b>, University of Haifa, "Developing the 'Ecological Footprint' as an Educational and Policy Tool"</li> <li>- <b>Manpreet Kang</b>, I.P. University, "The Endangered Kingdom -- Animal Stories, Children, and Ecopedagogy: Canada, Israel, and India"</li> </ul>
<p><b>16:15 – 16:30</b> Lobby 4<sup>th</sup> Floor <b>Coffee Break</b></p>	
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<p><b>16:45 – 18:15</b> <b><i>Law and Environment</i></b> <b>Chair: Allen Zysblatt</b>, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>David Senesh</b>, Levinsky College of Education, "Re-contextualization of First Nations' Restorative Practices and Community Healing in Israel"</li> <li>- <b>Ronen Perry</b>, University of Haifa, "Ecological Disasters and the Common Law of Torts"</li> <li>- <b>Asher Alkoby</b>, Ryerson University, "The Enforcement of International Environmental Law Domestic Courts: Prospects and Challenges"</li> </ul>	<p><b>16:45 – 18:15</b> <b><i>Geographic Environment and Water Management</i></b> <b>Chair: Yuki Shimomura</b>, The Japanese Association for Canadian Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Jan F. Adamowski</b>, McGill University, "A Framework for Group Built Socio-Economic-Environmental System Dynamics Models for Participatory and Integrated Watershed Management in Quebec, Canada"</li> <li>- <b>Paul Kay and David Brooks</b>, Friends of the Earth, Canada and University of Waterloo, "Soft Path Approach to Planning Sustainable Water Futures"</li> <li>- <b>Micha Pazner and Nancy Thies</b>, The University of Western Ontario, "Environmental Challenges and the Question of Geographic Scale"</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:45</b> Transportation to the tour (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Maiersdorf Faculty Club) <b>19:00</b> Tour of Brigham Young University Mount of Olives Campus and Concert</p>	



Wednesday, June 30, 2010

<p>Room 501</p> <p><b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  <b><i>The Environment and the City</i></b>  <b>Chair: Feng Jianwen</b>, The Association for Canadian Studies in China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Penny Gurstein</b>, University of British Columbia, "Affordable Housing as a Sustainability Strategy: Policy Implications for Canadian Cities"</li> <li>- <b>Grzegorz Babinski</b>, Jagiellonian University, "Old Polonia and new immigrants. Transformation of Polish-American urban community"</li> <li>- <b>Ida Berger</b>, Ryerson University, "Urban Sportscares: An Environmental Deterministic Perspective On Youth Sport Participation"</li> </ul>	<p>Room 502</p> <p><b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  <b><i>Energy and the Environment</i></b>  <b>Chair: Sara Feingold</b>, Kibbutzim College of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Avner Levin</b>, Ryerson University, "Saving Energy at the Expense of Privacy"</li> <li>- <b>Lingjuan Cao and Bojia Wang</b>, Hainan University, "New Energy: On Study of the Development Trend in Deepening the Cooperation of Energy and Environment Between China and Canada"</li> <li>- <b>Vassili Sokolov</b>, Russian Academy of Sciences, "Canada and Russia: Energy Profiles and Challenges"</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:30 – 11:00</b>  Lobby 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  <b>Coffee Break</b></p>	
<p>Room 501</p> <p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b>  <b><i>Environment et les Juifs de Canada</i></b>  <b>Chair: Danielle Schaub</b>, Oranim Academic College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pierre Anctil and Shelley Tepperman</b>, University of Ottawa, "Les Juifs de Québec: Une Histoire à Raconter"</li> <li>- <b>Marylin Bernard</b>, Concordia University, "Les Femmes Juives De La Région De Québec (Canada) Depuis Le Milieu Du Xx<sup>e</sup> Siècle"</li> <li>- <b>Chantel Ringuet</b>, University of Ottawa, "Ala Decouverte du Montreal Yiddish"</li> <li>- <b>Zilá Bernd</b>, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, "En Quête du Père à Jérusalem"</li> </ul>	<p>Room 502</p> <p><b>11:00 – 12:30</b>  <b><i>The Environment and People with Special Needs</i></b>  <b>Chair: Usha Dhawan</b>, D.D.U. Governmental Hospital, New Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Boaz Ben-David</b>, University of Toronto, "Defining a Friendly Environment for Communication with Traumatic Brain Injury Patients"</li> <li>- <b>Tali Heiman</b>, The Open University of Israel, "The Academic Environment for Postsecondary Students with Learning Disabilities: Challenges and Solutions"</li> <li>- <b>Rachel Aber Schlesinger and Ben Schlesinger</b>, York University and University of Toronto, "Elder Abuse in Canada: Financial and</li> </ul>

	Physical Aspects"
<b>12:45 – 13:30</b> Lunch break	
<b>13:30-14:45</b> Room 501 Screening of the movie: <b>Les Juifs de Québec, une histoire à raconter / The Jews of Québec City: an Untold Story</b>	<b>13:45-14:15</b> Room 504 <b>Meeting of General Assembly of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies</b>
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<b>14:30-16:00</b> <b><i>The Environment in Literature</i></b> <b>Chair: Hedda Ben Bassat, Tel Aviv University</b> - <b>Danielle Schaub, Oranim College, "A Shadowy Threatening Mass': The Impact of a Non-Containing Family Environment in Nancy Huston's <i>The Story of Omayya</i> and its Reflection on the Character's Life Narrative"</b> - <b>Nicole Côté, University of Regina, "Margaret Atwood's Last Dystopias: A Survival Kit for an Apocalyptic Age?"</b> - <b>Bina Toledo Freiwald, Concordia University, "'We're in this Together': Brian Brett's <i>Trauma Farm</i> as Autoecography"</b> - <b>Huifeng Hu, Guangdong University of Technology, "Conformity to the Rules of Nature: Description of Nature in L.M. Montgomery's Works"</b>	<b>14:30-16:00</b> <b><i>Energy and Climate Change</i></b> <b>Chair: Tomer Broude, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b> - <b>Andrew Miall, University of Toronto, "Climate Change Misconceptions: Challenges for Social Policy Development"</b> - <b>Charlotte De Bruyne, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Transboundary River Basins"</b> - <b>Rick Lawford, University of Manitoba, "Drought in western Canada: an example of an increasingly important climate issue for Canada and the world"</b> - <b>Charlene Miall, McMaster University, "Energy and Climate Change: Earth Scientists' Perspectives on the Fossil Fuel Industries, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy Sources"</b>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b> Lobby 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Coffee Break	
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<p><b>16:30 – 18:00</b>  <b><i>The Environment and Particular Canadian Communities</i></b>  <b>Chair: Cornelius Remie</b>, The International Council for Canadian Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ira Robinson and Yosef Dov Robinson</b>, Concordia University, "Environmental Activism in the Canadian Jewish Community"</li> <li>- <b>Sabine Huynh</b>, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "English-French Bilingualism As An Environmental Challenge In Canada: Insights From A Case Study Of The Vietnamese Community of Ottawa"</li> <li>- <b>Suman Bala</b>, University of Delhi, "Ecofeminism and the Challenges of Globalisation: Canada and India"</li> </ul>	<p><b>16:30 – 18:00</b>  <b><i>The Environment in a Comparative Perspective</i></b>  <b>Chair: John Courtney</b>, University of Saskatchewan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>R.K. Dhawan</b>, University of Delhi, "Combating Ecological Degradation: A Case for Environment Education - A Comparative Study of Canada and India"</li> <li>- <b>Xingming Pan</b>, East China Normal University, "Same Aim but Different Approaches: China and Canada's Strategy in the Efforts of Emission-reduction from Kyoto to Copenhagen"</li> <li>- <b>Joseph Berechman</b>, The City College, The City University of New York, "Public Private Partnership in Transportation: Scope and Limitations"</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:00-18:45</b>  Room 501  <b>Special Session in Memory of Peter Oberlander</b>  <b>Cornelia Hahn Oberlander</b>, University of British Columbia  <b><i>Peter, Our Teacher</i></b>"</p>	
<p><b>Free Evening</b></p>	

**Thursday, July 1, 2010**

<p>Room 501</p>	<p>Room 502</p>
<p><b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  <b><i>Law and Governance</i></b>  <b>Chair: R.K. Dhawan</b>, University of Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Uriel Abulof</b>, Tel-Aviv University, "We, the People? The Rise and Fall of Popular Sovereignty in Canadian Political Thought"</li> <li>- <b>Karen Eltis</b>, University of Ottawa, "Comparative Constitutional</li> </ul>	<p><b>9:00 – 10:30</b>  <b><i>The Environment and Health</i></b>  <b>Chair: Yitzhak Shelef</b>, The Israel Association for Canadian Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Stephen Bornstein</b>, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, "Dealing with the Legacy of Asbestos in Canada"</li> <li>- <b>Usha Dhawan</b>, D.D.U. Governmental Hospital, "Environmental</li> </ul>

<p>Law and the 'Judicial Role in Times of Terror'"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Marcia Valiante and Leonard Rotman</b>, University of Windsor, "The Challenge of Establishing Public Liability for Environmental Protection"</li> </ul>	<p>Pollution and Its Impact on Human Health: Canada and India in Comparative Perspective"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ami Rokach</b>, York University and the Centre for Academic Studies in Or Yehuda, "Loneliness in Jail – What Causes It?"</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:30-11:00</b> Lobby 4<sup>th</sup> Floor <b>Coffee Break</b></p>	
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<p><b>11:00 –12:30</b> <b><i>Special Environmental Issues – Yesterday and Today</i></b> <b>Chair: Pierre Anctil</b>, The University of Ottawa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Julien Bauer</b>, University of Quebec, "The Sabbatical Year 2007-2008: Agriculture, Environment, Religion and Politics"</li> <li>- <b>Joseph Glass</b>, Centennial College, "Early Canadian Explorations of the Holy Land's Environment"</li> <li>- <b>Christina Stojanova</b>, University of Regina, "Memory and Globalization"</li> </ul>	<p><b>11:00-12:30</b> <b><i>Promoting Environmentalism: Different Perspectives</i></b> <b>Chair: Arza Churchman</b>, The Israel Association for Canadian Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Iris Geva-May and Shawn Drake</b>, Simon Fraser University, "Canada's Role as an Environmental Policy Promoter"</li> <li>- <b>Noreen Golfman</b>, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Manufacturing Environmentalism: The Photographic Work of Edward Burtynsky"</li> <li>- <b>Michael Beenstock</b>, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Immigrant Absorption in the Labor Market of Quebec"</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:30</b> Transportation to the tour (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Maierdsdorf Faculty Club) <b>14:00 Half day Tour of Jerusalem organized by Naomi Tsur, Vice Mayor of Jerusalem</b></p>	