

The Open University of Israel
Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication

International Conference
The Study of the Shoah and Genocide

20th Commemoration of the Rwanda Genocide

On Tuesday and Wednesday, November 4-5, 2014
The Dorothy de Rothschild Campus of The Open University of Israel,
1 University Road, Raanana
(Entrance to the parking lot via the northern Raanana junction.
Free parking on basis of availability.)

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

- 9:30 AM Registration and light refreshments
- 10:00 AM Opening remarks and greetings: **Prof. Kobi Metzger**, President of The Open University of Israel
Prof. Emeritus Yair Auron, Conference Chair, The Open University of Israel
Dr. Oren Soffer, Head of the Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
- 10:15 AM First session: **Journey to the inferno**
Mr. Yossi Sarid, former Minister of Education
Genocide in Rwanda: The personal and the national journey to hell
- 11:15 AM Second session: **Rebuilding and redress following the genocide – In memory of Anne Heyman, visionary and founder of Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village**
Chair: **Dr. Arie Geronik**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
- Screening of film about Agahozo Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda** (approx. 15 minutes)
- Mr. Gideon Herscher**, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and one of the village founders
Anne Heyman – The birth of the Agahozo Shalom Youth Village
- MK Shimon Solomon**
The educational philosophy of Agahozo Shalom Youth Village

Ms. Suzanne Patt Benvenisti, Managing Director, Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel

Learning by doing: The impact of the village on its residents

Ms. Tanya Fredman, artist, volunteered at Agahozo Shalom Youth Village in 2009, art coordinator at Yemin Orde Youth Village

Drawing hope on the hills of Rwanda

11:15 AM Simultaneous session: **The Rwandan Genocide in the past and in the present**

The session will be conducted in French with simultaneous translation to Hebrew.

Chair: **Dr. Yael Munk**, Department of Literature, Language and the Arts, The Open University of Israel

Le génocide rwandais, hier et aujourd'hui

Yolande Mukagasana, écrivain et militante indépendante

Mon histoire à travers le miroir de celle de mon pays

Ingabire Marie Immaculée

Combattre la violence contre les femmes au Rwanda

Gabriele Nissim, écrivain et président de Gariwo

Universal value of the righteous and education to personal responsibility and to genocide prevention

1:15 PM Lunch

1:45 PM Third session: **Plenum lecture**

The lecture will be delivered in English

Chair: **Prof. Ronit Bogler**, Department of Education and Psychology, The Open University of Israel

Prior to the lecture, there will be a short ceremony in memory of the victims of the Rwandan Genocide.

Judge Vagn Joensen, President of the Rwanda International Criminal Court

From Nuremberg to Rwanda: The evolution and legacy of the international criminal tribunals

Respondent: **Dr. Sigall Horovitz**, Faculty of Law, Haifa University

4:00 PM Break

4:30 PM Fourth session: **Genocide: Africa, Europe, America**

Chair: **Prof. Mustafa Kabha**, Head of the Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, The Open University of Israel

Prof. Emeritus Beni Neuberger, Department of Sociology,
Political Science and Communication, The Open University of
Israel

**Genocide of the Herero people in German South-West
Africa: The first genocide in the 20th century**

Dr. Rafael Vago, Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary
European Jewry, Tel Aviv University

**Slowing filling pages: Teaching and research of the
genocide of the Roma (Gypsies) in Central-Eastern Europe**

Dr. Eitan Ginzberg, Kibbutzim College of Education and Sapir
College

**Raphael Lemkin and colonial status as the foundation for
genocide: The Hispano-American lesson**

4:30 PM Simultaneous session: **Law, equality, identities and memory
preservation in Rwanda**
The session will be conducted in English

Dissertation students' session: **Conclusions from field work in
Rwanda**

Chair: **Dr. Sigall Horovitz**, Faculty of Law, Haifa University

Aya Ben Amos

Women's political participation in post-conflict Rwanda

Igal Avrahami

Post-conflict identities

Sana Knaneh

**The role of culture in achieving transitional justice: Lessons
from Rwanda**

Noam Shouster, Interpeace UN program in Israel

**What Rwanda can teach us about reconciliation – examples
from young women**

6:30 PM Conclusion of the first day

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

9:30 AM Gathering and light refreshments

10:00 AM First session: **Education and genocide prevention**

Chair: **Prof. Emeritus Yair Auron**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

Dr. Isaac Lubelsky, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
Challenges in teaching and research of genocide in Israeli society

Dr. Irit Back, Head of the Inter-University Program in Africa Studies, Tel Aviv University and The Open University of Israel
From Rwanda to Darfur – were lessons learned?

Mr. Uriel Levy, Combat Genocide Association (Israel)
Education as a tool for combatting genocide: Does education have the power to change the human tragedy?

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Second session: **Genocide today**
The session will be conducted in English
Chair: **Dr. Denis Charbit**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

Prof. Israel Charny, Holocaust and Genocide Research Center, Jerusalem
A proposal for protocol for recording the factual events of mass killing before judgments are made

Dr. Idit Gil, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
Extermination through labor: A connecting pivot between the Holocaust and genocide

Dr. Robert Lord, School of International Service, American University
France and Rwanda: Politicizing legal responsibility for genocide

1:00 PM Simultaneous session: **Contemporary research on Shoah and genocide**
Chair: **Dr. Orr Karassin**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

Dr. Ran Shauli, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Bar-Ilan University
Massacre of the Chinese in the Malayan world – a history of repeated forgetting

Rivka Brot, Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
Jews who carried out crimes against other Jews amidst war: trials of Jewish collaborators in German DP camps

Dr. Raz Segal, postdoctoral fellow, Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University
Jews standing indifferent: War, mass violence and social disintegration in border areas of Hungary during World War II

Mr. Ofer Shinar Levanon, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Sapir College
Heritage of silence, culture of self censorship: What is the lesson that Israel proposes to Rwanda from the Shoah memory?

3:00 PM Break

3:30 PM Third session: **Plenum lecture**
Chair: **Prof. Galia Tzabar**, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Emeritus Yehuda Bauer, Holocaust Studies, Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Academic Advisor at Yad Vashem, member of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Preventing genocide – is there more than just talk?

4:30 PM Break

5:00 PM Fourth session: **Issues in Shoah and genocide research: Shall the two go together?**
Chair: **Dr. Isaac Lubelsky**, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel

Prof. Dan Mechman, Bar-Ilan University; International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem
The Shoah and genocide, and in between the two – conceptual comments, and comments on content

Prof. Emeritus Yair Auron, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
On the obligation of teaching the Shoah and genocide in Israel

Dr. Amos Goldberg, Department of Jewish History and the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Shoah, modernity and nationalism

6:30 PM Closing session: **Roundtable discussion with audience participation**
Facilitator: **Dr. Isaac Lubelsky**, Department of Sociology,
Political Science and Communication, The Open University of
Israel

Panelists:

Prof. Galia Tzabar, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Dan Mechman, Yad Vashem and Bar-Ilan University

Prof. Emeritus Yair Auron, The Open University of Israel

7:30 PM Conclusion of the conference

Participation is at no charge on the basis of advance registration

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