

Minerva Gentner Symposium 2012: *The Study of Jewish Biological Difference After 1945*

October 15th-16th, 2012

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

Boltzmannstr. 22

Main Conference Room

Monday, October 15th, 2012

10.00 **Introduction:** Veronika Lipphardt and Amos Morris-Reich

10.30–12.30 **Panel 1: Post War Human Genetics in Israel**

Chair: Ann Kakaliouras (MPIWG, Berlin/Whittier College)

Raphael Falk (Hebrew University, Jerusalem): *From Race to Population Genetics: A (Subjective) Perspective of Genetic Research in the Young State of Israel*

Nurit Kirsh (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan): *Human Population Genetics in Israel in the Post War Era*

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-16.00 **Panel 2: Jewish Difference in Population Genetics**

Chair: Pascal Germann (MPIWG, Berlin/University of Zürich)

Veronika Lipphardt (MPIWG, Berlin): *Biohistorical Narratives of Jewish History in Early Human Population Genetics*

Snait Gissis (Tel Aviv University): *The Science and Politics of the Biological Jewish Difference 1945-2012: The Israeli Perspective*

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-18.30 **Panel 3: Human Geneticists and Physical Anthropologists in Post War Germany and Their International Networking**

Chair: Thomas Mayer (University of Vienna)

Anne Cottebrune (University of Gießen): *“New Start” of German Human Genetics after WWII – Towards Institutionalizing and Internationalizing a Compromised Field*

Amos Morris-Reich (University of Haifa): *Historical Fragments on the Collaboration between German and Israeli Scientists in the Biological Sciences after 1945*

19.30 Dinner (optional, pay-it-yourself)

Tuesday, October 16th, 2012

9.30-10.30 Panel 3 (continued)

Chair: Thomas Mayer

Alexander von Schwerin (University of Braunschweig): *A "Stranger" in Germany: The Paediatrician Walter Hirsch and Population Genetics in West Berlin*

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-13.00 Panel 4: Studying Jewish Difference in German Scientific Communities

Chair: Veronika Lipphardt

Amir Teicher (Tel Aviv University): *Mental Illnesses Among Jews. Continuity and Disorder in Twentieth-Century Psychiatric Discourse*

Felix Wiedemann (Free University, Berlin): *The Jews as Erlösungsvolk (People of Redemption). Sigrid Hunke and the Ethno-historical Cartography of the Near East*

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.30 Panel 5: Contemporary debates on Jewish Difference in Human Genetics

Chair: Jenny Bangham (MPIWG, Berlin)

Petter Hellström (Uppsala Universitet): *Israel and the Jews in Contemporary Population Genetics*

Yulia Egorova (Durham University): *On DNA, Culture and Historical Memory: Theorizing 'Jewish Genetics'*

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.00 Final Comments and Discussion

Commentators:

Jonathan Marks (UNC Charlotte)

Hans-Jörg Rheinberger (MPIWG, Berlin)

Paul Weindling (Oxford Brooks University)

19.00 Conference Dinner

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