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Neighbors and Strangers

Workshop: Muslims, Jews and other Minorities in Central Asia and the Caucasus in the 19th and 20th centuries

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Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

10.00 Greetings

Yaniv Mezman – Yad Ben-Zvi CEO

Assaf Tamari, Deputy Director, The Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

Zeev Levin, The Ben-Zvi Institute for the Study of Jewish Communities in the East

10.15 – 11.15 THE IMPERIAL ERA

Imperial Borderlands, Anti-Semitism, and the Struggle for 'Justice' and 'Legality':

Blood Libel in a Georgian Village, 1878-80

Stefan B. Kirmse, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin

Afghanistan – Central Asia – Iran & Beyond:

Mapping mobility of Central Asian Jewish trader families and family stories (early 20th century)

Ariane Sadjed, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Thomas Loy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

11.15 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 13.15 SOVIET ERA

Multi-Ethnic Experts, Women, Refugees and Children as "Modern Soviet" Labor at Archeological Expeditions and the construction of the Great Chui Canal

Kunduz Niiazova, Tel-Aviv University

Old schools and new Kolkhozes: Tajik and Judeo-Tajik literatures in the 1930's

Thomas Loy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

Interactions of Deported Meskethian Turks with other minorities in Uzbekistan

Fahri Türk and **Dolunay Yusuf Baltürk**, Trakya University, Turkey

Uzbek-Jewish Relations during WWII: Evacuation as a Testing Ground for the "Friendship of the Peoples"

Leora Eisenberg, Harvard University

13.15 – 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

14.00 – 15.45 POST-COLONIAL

Local identity and 'Soft' Resistance: Jews and Muslims in Ferghana Valley in Late Soviet Era

Chen Bram, Hadassah Academic College and The Harry S. Truman Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Georgian Jews and Georgian non-Jews: Soviet experience through the prism of nostalgia

Yulia Oreshina, American University, Tbilisi

Colonial and post-Colonial Cultural adaptations: a case study of Muslim and Jewish Cemeteries in Central Asia

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Jewish and non-Jewish Demographical performances in the 20th century censuses

Vecheslav Konstantinov, JDC, Jerusalem

15.45- 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 – 17.00 ROUND TABLE

Neighbors and Strangers parallels, similarities and unique cases through different regions and periods

Workshop Participants

17.00 – CONCLUDING REMARKS



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