

THE FUTURE OF THE PAST CONFERENCE

07 November 2024



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of the Past

Where & When

Room 333, Chesin Building,
Faculty of Law
The Hebrew University,
Mount Scopus, Jerusalem

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08.30 AM
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18.00 PM

About this conference

The conference is organized by Prof. Omri Abend, Prof. Amit Pinchevski and Dr. Renana Keydar from the Hebrew University and concludes the work of the "The Future of the Past" group under their leadership. The conference is supported by a research grant from Israel Ministry of Science and Technology and by the Alfred Landecker Lab for the Computational Analysis of Holocaust Testimonies.

COMPUTATIONAL APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF THE HOLOCAUST

8:30 **Gathering**

8:45 **Opening Remarks:**
Dr. Renana Keydar

9:00 **Keynote Address:**

Prof. Todd Presner, UCLA

Holocaust Studies and Digital Humanities:
Toward an Integrated Methodology.

Chair: **Prof. Amit Pinchevski**

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10:00 **Break**

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10:15: **Session 1**

AI-Based Analysis of Holocaust Photography

Chair: **Prof. Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann**

Prof. Ofer Ashkenazi,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

AI-Based Analysis of Holocaust Photography:
Why Should Historians Care?

Oded Musai, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Advancing Holocaust Visual Research: Semantic Image
Retrieval and Clustering for Pattern Discovery.

Nathan Voldman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Evaluation of Narrative Captioning: A Case Study on
Historical Holocaust Images.

11:30 Break

11:45: **Session 2**

Mapping Holocaust Spaces

Chair: **Dr. Moran Zaga**

Galina Lochekhina, Ariel University

From Memory to Map: Integrating Historical and Environmental Data to
Identify Polish-Jewish Exile Sites in Contemporary Landscapes of the
Russian North.

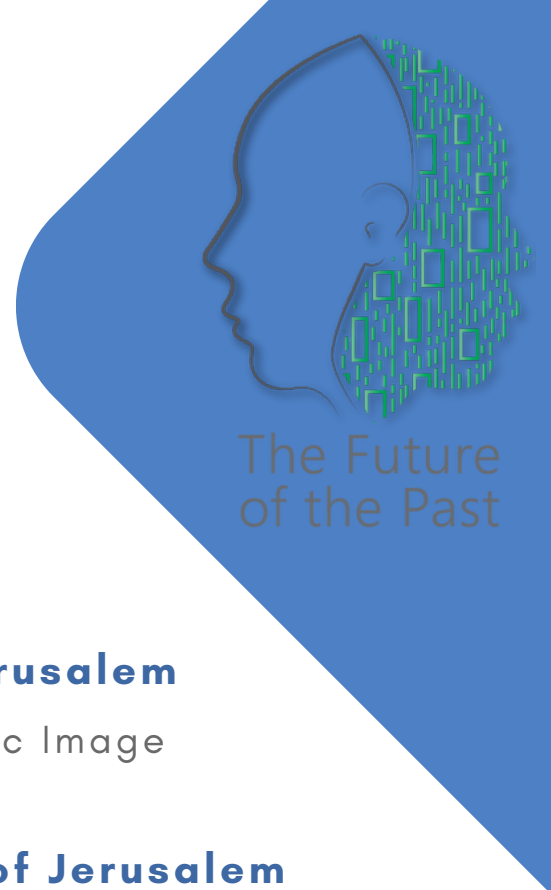
**Na'ama Seri-Levi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and
the Claims Conference**

Mapping Wandering Routes during World War II: Exile and Nomadism
through a Newly Discovered Registration Book.

Ruthie Kaplan, Haifa University

Turning Archival Material into Maps: Spatial Research
of Łódź's Jewish middle-and Upper-Class Before
the Holocaust.

13:15 Lunch Break



14:15: **Session 3**

Computational Analysis of Holocaust Testimonies

Chair: **Prof. Omri Abend**

Dr. Renana Keydar and Prof. Amit Pinchevski, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Testimony of the Multitude: Towards a computational model of listening to Holocaust testimony.

Eitan Wagner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Trajectory Analysis in Holocaust Testimonies.

Avishai Elmakies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A Computational Approach for Emotion Recognition in Holocaust Testimonies.

Esther Shizgal, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Computational Analysis of Religious Journeys in Holocaust Testimonies.

15:45 **Break**

16:00: **Session 4**

Digital Modelling of the Past

Chair: **Noam Maeir**

Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Digital Visual History: Exploring the Past with Digital Means.

Tomer Sagie, Ben Gurion University

The Social Network of the Righteous Among the Nations.

Esther Rachow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Digital Modeling of Difficult Histories: 3-D Models as Digital Environments for Historical Learning.

