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Tradition, Ésoférisme and Fascism: Then and Now

International Workshop | 29-30 December, 2019
Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus Campus, Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Room 502

In Cooperation with the Maison de France & the Paulette and Claude Kelman Chair in the Study of French Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Sunday, December 29

16:00–16:15 **Gathering and Greetings**

Oron Shagrir

Vice-President for International Affairs, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Manuela Consonni

SICSA Director, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:15–16:45 **Opening Session**

Chair: **Alvin Rosenfeld**

Indiana University

Bruno Chaouat

University of Minnesota

Tradition, Ésoférisme and Fascism: Preliminary Remarks

16:45–17:15 **Coffee Break**

17:15–19:00 **Tradition and Politics**

Chair: **Ruth HaCohen**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Hans-Ulrich Gumbrecht

Stanford University; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Martin Heidegger's Fascisms: Theses Towards a History of Philosophical Inspiration

Manuela Consonni

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Julius Evola's Apolitia

Matthew Feldman

University of York; Richmond University, London

An Ideologue's Journey: Ezra Pound from Tradition in Italian Fascism to the Post-War Fascist Tradition

Discussion

Monday, December 30

09:00–09:30 **Gathering**

09:30–10:45 **Meta-Politics and Evil in Literature**

Chair: **Leona Toker**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Chiara Caradonna

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Hate of Poetry, or: Of Poetry, Action and Revelation

Balazs Berkovits

University of Haifa

Jean Genet: Esoteric Antisemitism and Populism

Discussion

10:45–11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00–12:45 **Ésoférisme, Occultism and Practices of Power**

Chair: **Michael Casper**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; NYPL — Fordham University

Moshe Idel

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Western Ésoférisme and the Anti-Jewish Prejudice

Alexandra Laignel-Lavastine

Université Paris-Sorbonne

Mircea Eliade, his Commitment to Nazism and his "Useful Jews" in Israël and the US

Edward Waysband

National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg

Elizaveta Shabelskaya-Bork's Satanists of the Twentieth Century: A Godmother of Russian Émigré Right-Wing Terrorism

Discussion

13:00–14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30–16:00 **Blood and Redemptive Narratives**

Chair: **Adi Armon**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Amir Engel

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Die Neue Gemeinschaft: A Case Study

Amit Varshizky

Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena

Salvation through the Veins: Was there a Nazi Conception of God?

Discussion

16:15–16:30 **Coffee Break (Media Library, Room 32)**

16:30–18:00 **A Screening of the Documentary *The Brink***

Chair: **Moshe Sluhovsky**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

***The Brink* (2019); Director: Alison Klayman**

The film follows Steven Bannon from his latter days in the Trump administration to just after the 2018 midterms as he attempts to form a global populist movement with likeminded individuals such as Nigel Farage, Marie Le Pen, Jair Bolsonaro and Viktor Orban. The fecklessness of the effort seems to reflect the contradiction of a global anti-globalist program.

Concluding Remarks: **Manuela Consonni**

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