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# How General is Jewish History?

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## PROGRAM

### Saturday, September 24

18:00 Dinner at the Museum of Visual Arts, Leipzig

20:15 **OPENING SESSION AT THE INSTITUTE  
FRAMING THE SETTING**  
Dan Diner | Andrew R. Heinze | Yuri Slezkine

21:45 Reception at the Institute

### Sunday, September 25

9:00 – 12:30 **SESSION I  
CONCEPTS AND CONSTRUCTIONS:  
ON 'JEWS', 'JUDAISM' AND THE 'JEWISH PEOPLE'**  
Moderation: Dan Diner (Leipzig/Jerusalem)

Haya Bar-Itzhak (Haifa)  
Nicolas Berg (Leipzig)  
Michael Brenner (München)  
Galit Hasan-Rokem (Jerusalem)  
Omar Kamil (Leipzig)  
Jonathan Karp (New York)  
Ezra Mendelsohn (Jerusalem)  
Benjamin Nathans (Philadelphia)  
Anson Rabinbach (Princeton/Berlin)  
Dirk Sadowski (Leipzig)  
Yuri Slezkine (Berkeley)  
Susanne Zepp (Leipzig)

10:30 Coffee break

12:30 Lunch at the Institute

14:00 – 17:30 **SESSION II  
PERIODISATION AND PARADIGM:  
ON MODERN-, JEWISH- AND OTHER TIMES**  
Moderation: Israel Bartal (Jerusalem)

Amir Bernstein (Leipzig)  
John M. Efron (Berkeley)  
Noah J. Efron (Ramat Gan)  
Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi (Jerusalem/Durham)  
Andrew R. Heinze (San Francisco)  
Michael Jeismann (Frankfurt/M)  
Markus Kirchoff (Leipzig)  
Olga Litvak (Princeton)  
Kai Struve (Leipzig)  
Yfaat Weiss (Haifa)  
Stephan Wendehorst (Leipzig)  
Moshe Zimmermann (Jerusalem)

15:30 Coffee break

19:30 Dinner at Restaurant Palermo

### Monday, September 26

9:00 – 12:30 **SESSION III  
MOST SOVIET – AND MOST SOVIET IN REVERSE:  
RUSSIAN JEWS AND THE AMBIGUITIES OF SUCCESS**  
Moderation: Yuri Slezkine (Berkeley)

Israel Bartal (Jerusalem)  
Jonathan Dekel-Chen (Jerusalem)  
Verena Dohrn (Göttingen)  
Jonathan Frankel (Jerusalem)  
Gabriele Freitag (Berlin)  
Natasha Gordinsky (Jerusalem/Leipzig)  
Yvonne Kleinmann (Leipzig)  
Gerd Koenen (Frankfurt/M)  
Hanna Kozińska-Witt (Leipzig)  
Frank Neseemann (Leipzig)  
Stefan Troebst (Leipzig)

10:30 Coffee break

12:30 Lunch at the Institute