

TITLE Simon Dubnow (1898)

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The Annual Conference of the Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture at Leipzig University convenes international scholars specialized in the life, work and impact of Simon Dubnow for an exchange on the historical formation of tradition, historical theory, language, and most particularly the crisis-ridden inter-war period on the eve of the Catastrophe in respect to Dubnow's diasporic self-understanding.

This conference in honour of Simon Dubnow will mark the 150th anniversary of the historian's birth. It is a joint endeavor, bringing together the Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, The Historical Society of Israel and The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

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VENUE

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In Cooperation with The Historical Society of Israel and
The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Wednesday, November 3

19:00 Welcome of the Conference Participants

Thursday, November 4

9:00 **Dan Diner** Introduction

HISTORICAL TRADITIONS

Chair: Jörg Deventer

9:15 **Israel Bartal** (Jerusalem)

'Neither a Future, nor a Past':

Simon Dubnow and his Predecessors

10:00 **Michael Brenner** (München)

Graetz and Dubnow:

A Juxtaposition

10:45 Coffee Break

LITERATURE AND MEMORY

Chair: Susanne Zepp

11:15 **Dan Miron** (Jerusalem/New York)

Jewish Social History as Literature:

Simon Dubnow's *World History of the Jewish People*

12:00 **Alexis Hofmeister** (Köln)

Imperial Memory:

Simon Dubnow's *Book of Life*

12:45 Lunch Break

CONCEPTS AND IDEAS

Chair: Nicolas Berg

14:30 **Dan Diner** (Jerusalem/Leipzig)

The Notion of 'Nation':

On Historical Semantics in Dubnow's Writings

15:15 **Robert Seltzer** (New York)

A Philosophy of Jewish History:

Simon Dubnow in Search for a Conceptual Understanding

16:00 Coffee Break

THE POLITICS OF LANGUAGE

Chair: Natasha Gordinsky

16:30 **Marion Aptroot** (Düsseldorf)

The Language of Autonomy:

Yiddish as a Means of Cultural Identification

17:15 **Ruth Wisse** (Cambridge, Mass.)

A Personal Statement:

Simon Dubnow in my Life

19:00 Conference Dinner

Friday, November 5

AT THE EVE OF TURMOIL

Chair: Dan Diner

9:00 **Joshua Karlip** (New York)

At the Crossroads:

Simon Dubnow and His Disciples at the Eve of World War II

9:45 **Samuel Kassow** (Hartford)

What should we do in Haman's Times:

The Public Intellectual on the Eve of War

10:30 Coffee Break

INTERWAR CONSTELLATIONS

Chair: Omar Kamil

11:00 **Gabriel Motzkin** (Jerusalem)

Nationalism and the Question of Minorities:

A Reassessment

11:45 **Anne-Christin Saß** (Berlin)

The Historian's Craft:

Simon Dubnow and the Historical Section of YIVO in Berlin

12:30 Lunch Break

VISIONS AND VALUES

Chair: Jan Gerber

14:00 **Anke Hilbrenner** (Bonn)

Diaspora Nationalism:

Dubnow's Vision for a Multicultural Europe

14:45 **Verena Dohrn** (Berlin)

Ethos and History:

Simon Dubnow meets David Koigen in Weimar Berlin

15:30 **Simon Rabinovitch** (Boston)

'Castles in the Sky':

On Visions of Autonomism in America

16:15 Coffee Break

LOOKING BACK

Panel Discussion

16:30 **Steven Zipperstein** (Stanford)

Closure

Dan Miron (Jerusalem/New York)

Robert Seltzer (New York)

Ruth Wisse (Cambridge, Mass.)