

JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE IN EASTERN EUROPE:

Lithuanian and American Scholars in Conversation
29-30 May 2018 | Vilnius & Kaunas, Lithuania

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018

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CONFERENCE HALL, FIFTH FLOOR

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions

9:15 – 10:45 **Session One: Jews and Place in Imperial Russia**

Darius Staliūnas, “A Comparative Approach to Anti-Jewish Violence in Lithuania and the Kingdom of Poland, 1880s-1915”

Ellie R. Schainker, “Lita as Place and Image in Moshe Leib Lilienblum’s Religious Reforms”

11:00 – 12:30 **Session Two: The Legacy of Lithuanian Jewish Writers**

Mindaugas Kvietkauskas, “A Challenge to Lithuanian Cultural Memory: Yitskhok Rudashevski’s *Diary of the Vilna Ghetto*”

Ofra Yeglin, “Lithuanian-Hebrew Authors: Lea Goldberg and Abba Kovner (Or, Representations of Vilna in Modern Hebrew Israeli Literature)”

13:45 – 15:15 **Session Three: Confronting the Holocaust in Eastern Europe**

Emanuelis Zingeris, “Changing Perceptions of the Holocaust in Lithuania”

Deborah E. Lipstadt, “Holocaust Denial: An Assault on History”

15:30 – 17:00 **Session Four: Jews and Musical Traditions in Eastern Europe**

Marija Krupoves-Berg, “Songs Found on the Road: Collecting Litvak Yiddish Songs in Lithuania and Belarus”

Kevin C. Karnes, “Recollecting/Re-Collecting the Jewish Musical Past in Riga”

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9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and Introductions

9:45 – 11:15 **Session Five: Jews and Lithuanians in the Interwar Period**

Linas Venclauskas, “Creating Reality: Jews and Lithuanians in the Project of Modern Lithuania”

Eric L. Goldstein, “Friends or Adversaries? Jews and their Lithuanian Neighbors in Interwar Darbėnai”

11:30 – 13:00 **Session Six: Jews, Memory, and the Arts in Eastern Europe**

Daiva Citvarienė, “Re-imagining the Past: The Spirit Guide to the Old City”

Jason Francisco, “Wrestling with Memory: Selected Photoworks on Eastern Europe, 1997-2017”

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