

# POLISH AND HEBREW LITERATURE AND NATIONAL IDENTITY

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Program

## TUESDAY 6.10.2009

*Greetings: 13.00*

- Prof. dr hab. Jolanta Sierakowska-Dyndo – Dean of the Faculty of Oriental Studies  
(Warsaw University)

- Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Dubisz – Dean of the Faculty of Polish Studies  
(Warsaw University)

*Opening lectures: - 13.30 – 15.00*

- Adam Michnik (Chief Editor Gazeta Wyborcza)

The Pain of an Amputated Hand: On Failed Encounter of Two Identities

- Prof. Anita Shapira (Tel-Aviv University)

Hebrew Literature and the Creation of the Zionist Narrative

*15.00-15.30. – Coffee break*

*1 session 15.30 – 17.30 – Chair - Prof. Avner Holtzman (Tel-Aviv University)*

- Prof. Dan Laor: (Tel-Aviv University)

Polish History, Jewish Memory: Agnon's Cycle "Polin"

- Dr Aleksandra Sekuła (Polish Academy of Science)

Conservative Version of Romantic Nationalism. An Analysis of the Ideas and

Phantasms in the Work of Zygmunt Krasinski

- Dr. Ariel Hirschfeld (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Bialik and the Sentimental Education of the Nation

- Dr Monika Rudaś-Grodzka, (Polish Academy of Science)

The Way Adam Mickiewicz Invented the Polish Nation in Paris Lectures

Discussion

**WEDNESDAY 7.10.2009**

*2 session: 9:30-11:30* - Chair – Prof. Dan Laor (Tel-Aviv University)

- Prof. dr hab. Ewa Paczoska, (Warsaw University)

Between Positivism and Nationalism. Elder Brothers, Younger Siblings and the  
Shadow of the Father

- Dr. Aminadav Dykman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Post-mortem poetry – poetry after the death of a poet and its contribution to the  
formation of the national poet's image – the case of H.N Bialik and A.S. Pushkin

- Dr Małgorzata Domagalska (University of Łódź)

Beautiful as a Pole, Ugly as a Jew. The Images of Both Nations in Polish Popular  
Literature at the Turn of the 19th and 20th Century

- Dr hab. Shoshana Ronen (Warsaw University)

Jehoshua Ozjasz Tohn – Jewish Nationality – Polish Paradigm

*11:30-12:00 Coffee break*

*3 session: 12:00-13:30* – Chair – Prof. Mieczysław Dąbrowski (Warsaw University)

- Prof. dr hab. Eugenia Prokop-Janiec (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)

Songs About Our Land in Interwar Polish Literature

- Dr Alina Molisak (Warsaw University)

The Vision of National Identity of Jakub Appenzlak

- Prof. Nitza Ben-Dov (Haifa University)

Poland as a "Promised Land" in Agnon's Tales of Poland

*13:30-14:30 Lunch Break*

*4 session: 14:30-16:30* – Chair – Dr Aminadav Dykman (The Hebrew University in  
Jerusalem)

- Prof. Avner Holtzman (Tel-Aviv University)

The Rise and Decline of the National Poet

- Mgr Maria Antosik-Piela

Roman Brandstaetter's Identity Dilemmas

- Prof. David Fishelov (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Jabotinsky's Samson: The Building of a Modern National Hero

- Dr Tomasz Żukowski (Polish Academy of Science)

Calek Perechodnik: How Someone Excluded from Polishness Writes in Polish

*Coffee break 16:30-17:00*

*5 session: 17:00-18:30* – Chair - Prof. dr hab. Eugenia Prokop-Janiec (Jagiellonian

University in Krakow)

- Prof. Hannan Hever (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Nationality, Theology and Social Class in Moshe Shamir's Historical Novel *The King of  
Flesh and Blood*

- Mgr. Kazimiera Szczuka (Polish Academy of Science)

*With my Mother at the 'Swamp'. The Literature of the Second Generation*

- Prof. dr hab. Mieczysław Dąbrowski (Warsaw University)

*Nationalism in Contemporary (Post-Solidarity) Emigration Literature*

**THURSDAY 8.10.2009**

*6 session: 10:00-11:30* – Chair - Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Obirek (University of Łódź)

- Dr. Iris Milner (Tel-Aviv University)

*Literature of the Kibbutz as a Site of (De)Construction of Israeli National Mythos*

- Dr Elżbieta Janicka (Collegium Civitas)

*The Obscure Object of Desire – The Myth of the Warsaw Uprising of 1944 in the  
National Identity Discourse after 2001*

- Dr Bożena Umińska-Keff (Jewish Historical Institute)

*The Meaning of the Character of a Jew and Jewish Women in Current Polish Literature*

– Ideas and Symbols

*Coffee break 11:30-12:00*

*7 session 12:00-14.00* – Chair - Prof. Nitza Ben-Dov (Haifa University)

- Dr. Yael Shenkar (The Hebrew University in Jerusalem)

*Challenging the National Space: Jewish Settlements in Literature by Religious-Zionist  
Israelis*

- Prof. dr hab. Stanisław Obirek (University of Łódź)

*The Struggle with Polishness - Gombrowicz's Diary*

- Prof. Nurith Gertz

*Ethics and Nationality: War in Israeli Literature and Film*

- Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Zieniewicz (Warsaw University)

*Between Expulsion and Redemption. The Question of Identity in Assimilatory Narration*

Closing Remarks: