Conference Program

Women Write Buber
100th Anniversary of I and Thou (1923)

– July 17-18, 2023 –
Ofer Observatory, 30th Floor of Eshkol Tower, University of Haifa

Monday, July 17, 2023

9:30 a.m. | Opening
Cedric Cohen-Skalli (University of Haifa)
Ronen Pinkas (University of Potsdam)
Irene Aue-Ben-David (Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem)
Yemima Hadad (University of Leipzig)
Paul Mendes-Flohr (University of Chicago / Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

10:30 a.m. | I and Thou: Buber and Female Scholarship
Chair: Irene Ben-David (Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem)
Abigail Gillman (Boston University) - “Bertha Pappenheim’s Dialogue with Martin Buber”
Rakefet Anzi (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) - “Women in Adult Education: Martin Buber and Nechama Leibowitz”
Silvia Richter (Goethe University Frankfurt) - “The Life of Dialogue: Martin Buber and Etty Hillesum”

1:45 p.m. | Feminism: Dialogical Perspectives
Chair: Annabel Herzog (University of Haifa)
Cornelia Muth (University of Applied Sciences and Arts Bielefeld) - “Martin Buber’s Theory of Knowledge and Its Feminist Elements”
Noa Avnon Barak (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) - “Writing a Dialogical Art History: Martin Buber and Feminist Art History in Israel”
Yemima Hadad (University of Leipzig) - “Femininity and Frauentendenk in Buber’s Thought”

3:30 p.m. | Environmentalism and Dialogue
Chair: Asher D. Biemann (University of Virginia)
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University) - “Martin Buber and the Challenges of the 21st Century: Ecology and Technology”
Claudia Welz (Aarhus University) & Essi Ikonen (Aarhus University) - “Listening to Nature: Martin Buber’s Philosophy of Dialogue and Environmental Ethics”

4:45 p.m. | Body and Dialogue
Chair: Viola Alianov-Rautenberg (University of Haifa)
Sarah Scott (Manhattan College) - “The Body that Questions: Embodiment in Martin Buber’s Moral Philosophy”
Liora Bing-Heidecker (Independent scholar) - “Martin Buber’s Dance: ‘Making a Symbol Out of the Man of Our Generation’”

18:00 p.m. | Keynote Speaker
Introduction: Cedric Cohen Skalli (University of Haifa)
Vivian Liska (Hebrew University of Jerusalem / University of Antwerp) - “Woman as World: Subjectivity and Singularity in Martin Buber’s Dialogical Writings”

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. | Introduction
Yemima Hadad (University of Leipzig)
Tamar Goldschmidt & Heike Breitenbach (Goethe University Frankfurt) - Reading Unpublished Letters from the Family Estate

10:45 a.m. | I and Thou: Buber and Female Scholarship
Chair: Paul Mendes-Flohr (Hebrew University)
Katharina Baur (University of Augsburg) - “The Invisible Woman: Paula Buber – The Person of I and Thou”
Bettina Bannasch (University of Augsburg) - “Ladies’ Philosopher and Salon Lady: Martin Buber and Auguste Hauschner”

1:30 p.m. | Buber and Literature
Chair: Vered Lev Kenaan (University of Haifa)
Einat Davidi (University of Haifa) - “Isabel, Achab and Elijah as a Psychomachic Triangle: Martin Buber’s Elijah as an Auto Sacramental Play”
Galit Hasan-Rokem (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) - “Myth and Experience: Women, Heroes and Dialogue”
Leena Eilittä (University of Helsinki) - “Ich, Du und Es in Ingeborg Bachmann’s Malina”

3:15 p.m. | Towards a New Philosophical Paradigm
Chair: Hagi Kenaan (Tel Aviv University)
Yael Sela (Teichler) (University of Potsdam) - “Dialogues of Hearts: Martin Buber and bell hooks on Love”
Libera Pisano (University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona) - “In the Beginning is Narration: Reading Martin Buber through Adriana Cavarero”

4:30 p.m. | Bible, Feminism and Theopolitics
Chair: Benjamin Pollock (Hebrew University)
Claire Sufrin (Northwestern University) - “Martin Buber’s Bible as a Feminist Resource”
Randi Rashkover (College of William & Mary) - “Buber’s Theopolitics, the Beautiful Soul and the Needs of the Hour”

5:45 p.m. | Keynote Speaker
Introduction: Ronen Pinkas (Potsdam University)
Leora Batnitzky (Princeton University) - “Mothering Beyond Essence? Martin Buber, Bertha Pappenheim and Donald Winnicott”