

School Textbooks in the Greater Middle East: National Identity and Images of Self and Other

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Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus

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9:30-10:00 Greetings and Opening Remarks

Prof. Steven Kaplan, Academic Director of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Prof. Simone Lässig, Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research, Braunschweig, Germany

Mr. Michael Mertes, Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Israel

Prof. Elie Podeh, Hebrew University and **Dr. Samira Alayan**, Georg Eckert Institute

10:00-11:00 Keynote Speaker

Prof. Eckhardt Fuchs, Deputy Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research: "*Current Trends in Textbook Research*"

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:30 Textbook Research: Comparative Studies

Chair: Prof. Gad Yair, Hebrew University

Prof. Simone Lässig, Director of the Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research: "*Textbooks and the 'Two Germanys': Depicting German History in Schools*"

Dr. Falk Pingel, Consultant and Research Fellow to the Georg Eckert Institute: "*How Do Western European Social Studies Textbooks Construct National/ European Identities?*"

Prof. Gregory Starrett, University of North Carolina at Charlotte: "*Predatory Identities: Christian Culture and Classroom Islam in the United States*"

Dr. Katarina Batarilo-Henschen, University of Heidelberg: "*Impact of Conflict, Intervention and Innovation: Dynamics of History Textbook Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina*"

13:30-15:00 Recess

15:00-17:00 Israeli Textbooks

Chair: Dr. Dan Porat, Hebrew University

Prof. Elie Podeh, Hebrew University: "*Univocality within Multivocality: The Arab-Israeli Conflict as reflected in Israeli History Textbooks, 2000-2010*"

Ms. Yael Teff-Seker, Hebrew University: "*Jewish Identity and Attitudes Towards the Other in Israeli Schoolbooks Grades 7-12*"

Dr. Hanna Shemesh, Hebrew University and Akhva College: "*History Textbooks for Arab Schools in Israel*"

Dr. Johnny Masour, Beit Berl Academic College: "*How the 'Other' and the 'Place' Presented in the History and Geography Textbooks for the Arab in Israel*"

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:00 Palestinian Textbooks

Chair: Prof. Amnon Cohen, Hebrew University

Prof. Nathan Brown, George Washington University: "*Palestine: The Unseen Conflict over the Hidden Curriculum*"

Dr. Samira Alayan, Georg Eckert Institute: "*Images and Identity: Self and Other in Textbooks in the Palestinian Authority*"

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9:00-11:00 Fertile Crescent Countries

Chair: Prof. Moshe Ma'oz, Hebrew University

Prof. Betty Anderson, Boston University: "*Lebanese Textbooks: A State Without a Nation*"

Dr. Iris Fruchter-Ronen, Haifa University: "*Jordan's View of the other as a Reflection of its National Identity Challenge: The Hashemite Narrative in School Textbooks*"

Dr. Achim Rohde, University of Marburg: "*History, Heritage and Religion in Iraqi Education after 2003*"

Ms. Monika Bolliger, University of Zurich: "*The Divided Self and the Powerful Other: Identity Issues in Syrian Textbooks on Modern Arab History*"

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

12:00-14:00 North Africa and the Gulf

Chair: Prof. Ifat Maoz, Hebrew University

Dr. Eleanor Dumato, "*Which 'Selves' and 'Others' are Permissible, and to Whom? Reassessing Critiques of the Saudi Textbooks*"

Dr. Yohanan Manor, Chairman of IMPACT-SE: "*Egypt's Overriding Muslim Identity and Its Consequences*"

Dr. Katherine Maye-Saidi, University of Köln: "*National Identity and the Other in Moroccan Textbooks*"

Dr. Arnon Gross, Independent Scholar: "*Self-Identity and the Attitude to the 'Other' in Tunisian Schoolbooks*"

14:00-15:30 Recess

15:30-17:30 The Non-Arab Middle East

Chair: Dr. Falk Pingel, Consultant and Research Fellow to the Georg Eckert Institute

Dr. Eldad Pardo, Hebrew University: "*Identity and Images of Self and Other in the Islamic Republic of Iran's Elementary School Textbooks*"

Ms. Medi Nachmias, Hebrew University: "*Image of the Other – Greeks and Armenians in Turkish History Textbooks*"

Dr. Sherko Kirmanj, Kurdish Scholar: "*National Identity, Self image and the Other in the Kurdistan Regional Government School Textbooks*"

Dr. Areti Demosthenous, Director of Institute of Historical Research for Peace, University of Athens: "*National Identity and Images of Self and Other in History Textbooks in Cyprus*"

The public is invited.

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