

Tuesday, January 8th, 15:30 – 20:00

The Malka Brender Hall of Justice ("Kes Hamishpat")
Trubowicz Building (Faculty of Law), Tel Aviv University

15:30 Gathering and reception

16:00 Greetings

Milette Shamir, Head of Department of English and
American Studies, Tel Aviv University

Dany Leviatan, Rector of Tel Aviv University

Yehuda Benayahu, Head of the Porter School of
Environmental Studies, Tel Aviv University

16:20 – 17:30

Opening Lecture

Chair: **Karen Alkalay-Gut**, Department of English and
American Studies, Tel Aviv University

Keynote Speaker: **Robert Hass**, United-States Poet
Laureate; English Department, University of California at
Berkeley

Poetry Reading and Discussion

17:30 – 17:45 Coffee break

17:45 – 20:00

Environmental Poetry in Israel

Moderator: **Li Shir**, Department of English and American
Studies, Tel Aviv University

Reading and discussion with poets

**Robert Hass, Moshe Dor, Sabina Messeg, Naim Araidi,
Shirley Kaufman, Ronny Sommek**

Wednesday, January 9th, 10:00-20:00

Drachlis Hall 496, Gilman Building (Humanities), 4th floor,
Tel Aviv University

10:00 Greetings

Hana Wirth-Nesher, Department of English and American
Studies, Tel Aviv University

10:10 – 11:00

Opening Lecture

Chair: **Benjamin Arbel**, Department of History, Tel Aviv
University

Keynote speaker: **Una Chaudhuri**, Departments of English and
Drama, and Environmental Studies Program, New York University

The Anthropological Machine in Overdrive: Zooësis and Extremity

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15- 13:00

The Environment in Jewish Writing

Chair: **Shuli Barzilai**, Department of English, Hebrew University

Speakers:

Avidov Lipsker, Department of the Literature of the Jewish
People, Bar-Ilan University

*The Discourse of Eco-literature v. the Discourse of the Literary
Republic*

Jeremy Benstein, Heschel Center for Environmental Learning
and Leadership

*Har, Sadeh, Bayit (Mountain, Field, House): Midrashic
Reflections on Ethical and Aesthetic Paradigms in
Environmentalism*

Miriam Sivan, Department of English Literature and
Language, Haifa University

*The Enchanted Tree: Tales from the World of Cynthia Ozick's
Fiction*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:45

**Eco-critical Readings of Gender and
Colonization**

Session co-sponsored by Women and Gender Studies Program

Chair: **Tovi Fenster**, Department of Geography and Human
Environment, and Women and Gender Studies Program, Tel
Aviv University

Speakers:

Yael Ben-zvi, Department of Foreign Literatures and
Linguistics, Ben-Gurion University

*Up and Down with Mary Rowlandson: Rethinking Wilderness
and Belonging*

Haggai Rogani, Oranim College, Leo Baeck Educational
Center in Haifa

*An Eco-Feminist Reading of the Poetry that Accompanied
the Zionist Enterprise*

Edna Gorney, Multi-Disciplinary Studies Program, Haifa
University, and Women Studies Program, Lesley University
The Full Emptiness in the Prose of Esther Raab

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:45

**Local and Global Perspectives on Society and the
Environment**

Chair : **Izhak Schnell**, Department of Geography and
Human Environment, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Tovi Fenster, Department of Geography and Human
Environment, and Women and Gender Studies Program, Tel
Aviv University

Everyday Life as Resistance in the Built Environment

Jenny Kien, Brain Sciences Program, Bar-Ilan University
Globalisation, Women's Poverty and Ecological Degradation

Daniel Mishori, the Porter School of Environmental Studies,
Tel Aviv University

Eco-criticism of Business Ethics

17:45 – 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 – 20:00

The Environment and the Visual Arts

Chair: **Nurit Yaari**, Department of Theatre Arts, Tel Aviv University

Speakers:

Shuka Glotman, Department of Film and Television, Tel Aviv University

"Silence Lost" - Screening and Discussion of Video Art

Shai Ginott, Nature Photographer

"Touching The Light" – A Photographic Reading of Landscape and Poetry

Benni Efrat, Artist

"Primary Scent"

Thursday, January 10th, 10:00

Botanical Gardens, Tel Aviv University

Students and conference guests are invited to a multilingual poetry reading with guest poet **Robert Hass**

Theme of the reading: TREES

Conference Steering Committee:
Karen Alkalay-Gut, Yehuda Benayahu,
Jeremy Benstein, Arie Neshet, and Milette Shamir.

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