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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

15:00 Preliminary Session: Remembering History, Revisiting Memory

Chair: Claudia Hassan, Rome Tor Vergata University

Welcome Greetings: Paolo D'angelo, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Communication and Spectacle, Rome Tre University

Barbara Spadaro and Dan Nunes-Vais, University of Bristol

Memory and History of Italian Jews in Libya in Roberto Nunes Vais's Diaries of WWII: A Collaborative Reading

Joseph Chetrit, University of Haifa

The Shoah Ethos of Libyan Jews: Communal Memory, its Fabrics and Transmission

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00 Opening Session (Open to the Public): The Shadow of Fascism in Libya

Chair: Haim Saadoun, Director, The Documentation Center, Ben-Zvi Institute and the Open University, Ra'anana

Greetings: His Excellency Naor Gilon, Ambassador of Israel in Italy

David Meghnagi, Chair of The International Master Program of Holocaust Studies, Rome Tre University

Michele Sarfatti, Director of CDEC Foundation

Chair: Nicola Labanca, Università degli studi di Siena

Keynote Address: Maurice Roumani, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

From Missing Link to Mainstream Discussion: North African Jews and the Holocaust

20:00 Gala Dinner (For scholars only)

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

9:30 Session 1: Libya under Foreign Rulers: Italy and Britain

Chair: David Meghnagi, Chair of The International Master Program of Holocaust Studies, Rome Tre University

Haim Saadoun, Ben-Zvi Institute and the Open University, Ra'anana

Compare and Contrast: The Tripoli Pogrom of 1945 and Other Pogroms in the Muslim world during the 20th Century

Patrick Bernhard, Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung Potsdam

Hitler's Unwilling Executioners? Fascist Italy and the Persecution of Jews in North Africa

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Session 2: Confronting Fascist Persecution

Chair: Liliana Picciotto, Fondazione Centro di Documentazione Ebraica Contemporanea

Maurice Roumani, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Consequences of the Fascist Deportation of Libyan Jews to Tunisia

Gisele Levy, Centro Bibliografico Ucei

Restrictions and Edicts: The Reaction of Libyan Jews

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 3: Revealing and Reliving the Maghreb Story

Chair: Joseph Chetrit, University of Haifa

David Meghnagi, Chair of The International Master Program of Holocaust Studies, Rome Tre University

Between Memory and History: The Case of the Libyan Jews

Filippo Petrucci, Università di Cagliari

Memories of the Holocaust and WWII in the Oral Testimonies of the Maghreb Jews

Martino Oppizzi, Université Paris 8 – Vincennes – Saint-Denis

An Insidious Resource: The Memory of the Fascist Occupation of Tunisia among the Jews of the Livornese Community

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Session 4: The Ripple Effect of Fascist Regimes

Chair: Michele Sarfatti, Director of CDEC Foundation

Valerie McGuire, Andrew R. Mediterranean Regional Research Fellow, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers

The Jewish Communities of Rhodes and Kos: Assimilation, Anti-Semitism and Expulsion

Felicia Pontis, Memoriale Sardo della Shoah

Relations between the Jewish and Sardinian Communities during the Fascist Regime in Rhodes

17:30 Coffee Break

18:00 Concluding Session: The State of the Field: New Directions

Chair: Haim Saadoun, Ben-Zvi Institute and the Open University, Ra'anana

Jeremy Guedj, University of Nice Sophia Antipolis

The Alliance Archives: Revealing the Jewish Libyan Experiences under Fascism

Concluding Lecture:

Marie-Anne Matard-Bonucci, Université Paris 8

Italian Fascist Policy and Vichy Policy: A Comparative View

20:30 Dinner

Remarks: Hamos Guetta, Host