

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Culture and Sustainable Population Dynamics

18/2/18- Day 1

Arrival at Grand Hotel –Guided tour for Maryland Guests Along Coast

18:00 - Opening dinner, Tel Aviv Beach Promenade

19/2/18- Day 2

ROOM 527, Naftali Bldg, Tel Aviv University

9:00 –Greetings, Workshop Goals and Getting Acquainted

9:30 – 10:10 Getting Beyond Taboos and Data Gaps: Societal Dynamics and Demography: Prof. Alon Tal, Introducing some themes to the workshop.

10:10-10:50 –The Strength of Social Norms: Implications for Fertility– Apparent Trends and Inclinations. Prof. Michele Gelfand.

10:50-11:30 – Global perspectives on sustainable population dynamics

Bangladesh and Iran – Islamic Societies and Fertility Programs Dr. Elisheva Machlis, Tel Aviv University; Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Dr Anju Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy, Tel Aviv, Mrs. Hannah Ama Nyarko, Ambassador of Ghana in Israel (invited)

12:00 - Discussion

12: 30 – Lunch at Japanica, Ramat Aviv

13:30 - Panel of representatives of different Israeli ethnic communities.

The Contrasting Fertility Ethos across the Israeli Societal Mosaic Dr. Ameer Saabneh, Haifa University, Prof. Daphna Carmeli, Haifa University; Dr. Shira Mor, Ono Academic College, Israel, Moderator

15:00 – Discussion

15:15- Coffee break

15:30– – Individual Decisions About Family Planning: What We Know About the Relative Role of Culture versus Policy in Individual Decision Making: Prof. Barbara Okun, Hebrew University

16:30 – Open Discussion with panelists

17:30 – Visit to the Diaspora Museum – The Role of Family in Diasporas Throughout History.

18:30 – Free Evening

20/2/18- Day 3

ROOM 527, Naftali Bldg, Tel Aviv University

Morning Sessions: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Sustainable Population Dynamics

9:00-9:45 Panel Discussion: Perspectives on overpopulation from a family systems and policy perspective Monica DasGupta, Elaine Anderson, Philip Cohen), Dr. Dorit Kerret, Tel Aviv University, Moderator

9:45-10:45 – Panel Discussion; Perspectives on overpopulation from a psychological perspective Prof. Lilach Sagiv, Hebrew University, Prof. Arie Kruglanski, University of Maryland, Dr. Avi Rose, Educational Psychologist, Director of Education, YJ, Year Course, Michele Gelfand, Moderator,

10:45-12:00

Religious perspectives on fertility Opening
Presentation Dr. Eliahu Ben-Moshe, Demographic
Consultant,- What the Numbers Tell Us.

Panel:

Ahmad Natour, Qadi on Israel's Supreme Islamic
Court, Dr. Daniel Roth, Pardes Center for Judaism,
Judy Chassida, Haifa University, Professor
Mohammed S. Dajani Daoudi, Director of Wasatia
Graduate Academic Institute
Moderator: Alon Tal

12:00 – Professor Nurit Carmi, Tel Hai College,
Assessing the public's attitude towards
population issues and family planning. Examples
of a pilot study.

12:30 - Catered lunch

13:15- Break Out Groups (3 x 4 participants):
Answering and evaluating a new questionnaire
about the key research questions to be included
in a cross-cultural research initiative and
methodological implications. Also
prepare list of at least five priority social science
research questions on the issue of fertility and
family planning in Israel for graduate students
and faculty in the field.

14:45- Coffee break

15:00 – Groups Reconvene – present their
conclusions.

17:00 – Guided Tour – The New Natural History
Museum – Focus on Population Ecology and
Carrying Capacity in Local Mediterranean
Ecosystems

**18:30 – Final – Gala Dinner (Restaurant to be
selected on Day 1 by participants from a
bewilderingly excellent list of possible
venues.)**
