***Israel and Europe: Probing Mutual Perceptions and Interpretations in the Diplomatic Archives, 1948-1990***

TAU-UMD Joint Research Workshop, July 13-14, 2016

The Wiener Library – Wiener-Gruss Building, Second Floor

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

10:00 Gathering and Refreshments 

10:30 – 13:00  **The Formative Years – Part A**

**Jeffrey Herf**, The University of Maryland, Opening Remarks

**Manuela Consonni**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *The Italian Diplomacy and the Communist Party before the State of Israel.*

**Tuvia Friling**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, *Ben-Gurion's "hidden cabinets" and "parallel systems."*

**Norman Goda**, University of Florida, *Through the Ambassador’s Eyes: James G. McDonald, the Jewish State, and the World, 1948-1950.*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 **The Formative Years – Part B**

**Uri Bialer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *A Distant Continent? Israel's European Diplomacy during the Formative Years of the State.*

**Yehoshua Freundlich**, The Israel State Archives in Jerusalem*, The Untraditional Role of Israeli Diplomats abroad – the 1950’s and early 1960’s.*

**David Tal**, University of Sussex, *A Decade of Change: From Hostility to Cooperation – Israel and the UK, 1948-1958.*

16:30 Coffee break 

17:00–19:00 **Soviet Union and Eastern Europe – Part A**

**Yaacov Ro'i**, Tel Aviv University, *Contemporary Israeli interpretations of Soviet policy towards Israel, 1947-1954.*

**Rafi Vago**, Tel Aviv University, *The early years of Israeli – Romanian diplomatic relations – Romanian diplomats report from Tel-Aviv.*

**Jeffrey Herf**, The University of Maryland, *East Germany’s Assault on Israel and Israeli responses at the United Nations.*

19:30 Dinner

Thursday, July 14, 2016

9:00 Gathering and Refreshment 

9:30 – 11:30 **Soviet Union and Eastern Europe – Part B**

**Martin Wein**, New York University; Tel Aviv University, *Ben-Gurion Archives on internal Israeli government discussions of the Slánský Trial of 1952.*

**Marcos Silber**, University of Haifa, *Mutual perceptions and interpretations of Israeli and Polish Diplomats during the Cold War.*

**Marcela Zoufala**, Charles University in Prague, *June 1967: The Six-Day War, severance of diplomatic relations between Czechoslovakia and Israel, and the aftermath.*

11:30 Coffee break 

11:45 – 14:15 **Israel and West Germany**

**Roni Stauber**, Tel Aviv University, *West Germany and its attitudes towards the past in the eyes of Israeli diplomats.*

**Moshe Zimmermann**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *The Impact of the Nazi Past on the attitude of the German Foreign Office towards the Middle East and Israel.*

**Daniel Mahla**, University of Munich, *Entangled Relations: Israel, Germany and the European Union*.

14:15 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 **Western Europe – part A**

**Piotr Kosicki**, The University of Maryland, *A Path to Normalization? The Vatican and Israel in the Cold War and Beyond.*

**Ido Zelkovitz**, University of Haifa*,* *A Glance from the European Campuses: Student politics, Diplomacy, and the Palestinian Armed Struggle 1967-1973.*

**Denis Sharvit**, Tel Aviv University; The Open University of Israel, *Changing Relations: Israel and France during the François Mitterrand period, 1981-1995.*

17:00 Coffee break 

17:15 – 19:15 **Western Europe – part B**

**Arieh Kochavi**, University of Haifa, *Israel and the UK in the aftermath of the Six Day War*.

**Guy Setton**, Tel Aviv University*, Israeli Diplomatic Reporting during the Transition Period*.

**Azriel Bermant**, Tel Aviv University, *Israel’s perception of the UK during the Thatcher period*.

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