

## UPCOMING INSTITUTE EVENT

The Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies in cooperation with the Department of Political Science and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology invite you to:

Open discussion on the book:  
**Modern Middle Eastern Jewish thought: Writings on identity, politics and culture, 1893-1958**

Edited and presented by:

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**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**  
**1:15 p.m.**  
**H-1220, Henry F. Hall Building**  
1455 de Maisonneuve St. West



AZRIELI INSTITUTE OF ISRAEL STUDIES

## Israel at 65 Years: Dimensions of National Identity in a Divided Society

NOVEMBER 12, 2013  
H-767, HENRY F. HALL BUILDING  
9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

# ISRAEL AT 65 YEARS: DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL IDENTITY IN A DIVIDED SOCIETY

## 9:00 a.m. - CULTURAL DIVERSITY – ISRAELI RESPONSES

**Chair: Meir Amor**, Concordia University

**Zvi Ben-Dor Benite**, New York University  
The black hole of labor division in modern Israel

**Claris Harboun**, McGill University  
Women breaking the law - Breaking with silence, redefinition of women's lawbreaking and resistance to injustices: From lawbreaking to lawmaking

**Liora Norwich**, Concordia University/ Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Examining the challenges of ethnic minority mobilization in Israel and Canada: A relational approach

## 10:45 a.m. – COFFEE BREAK

## 11:00 a.m. - RELIGION AND THE STATE

**Chair: Michael Oppenheim**, Concordia University

**Maya Balakirsky Katz**, Touro College and University System  
Building a secular temple of arts in Jerusalem

**Mordecai Inbari**, University of North Carolina  
Messianic religious Zionism confronts Israeli territorial compromises

**Ira Robinson**, Concordia University  
The religion of the average Israeli Jew

## 12:30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

## 1:30 p.m. - THE MAKING (AND RE-MAKING) OF A NATIONAL CULTURE

**Chair: Bina Freiwald**, Concordia University

**Kziha Alon**, Ben Gurion University  
Oriental (Mizrahi) Israeli poetry – basic lines

**Amit Assis**, McGill University  
The singer-songwriter's persona as a workshop of identity: The case of Ehud Banai

**Smadar Sheffi**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Milk, blood and honey - Contemporary art from Israel

## 3:30 p.m. – COFFEE BREAK

## 3:45 p.m. - ISRAEL'S FUTURE HISTORY

**Chair: Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**Moshe Behar**, University of Manchester  
Should Israel remain fearful and scornful of cultural Semitism, Easternism and Arabism?

**Yakub Halabi**, Concordia University  
Israel: the political economy of a weak government within a strong state

