

**STEPHEN ROTH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY
ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM
THE MARIANNE AND ERNST PIEPER ANNUAL RESEARCH SEMINARS
Schedule for 2007/8
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The annual Pieper seminar series focuses on some key problems in the research of modern racism. This year's lecture plan will highlight a discussion on the often intimate relations between genocide and racism: Are they indeed inseparable? Six lecturers, from three leading Israeli universities, will clarify their point of view on that matter, and hold an active debate with the audience.

The seminar meetings will be held in the Gilman building, conference room 133.

Autumn Semester

1. (28.11.07): Imagining the "other" in the Balkans, or authorization of genocide

Our opening lecture will examine the narratives and ideologies used during the recent ethnic cleansing and genocide in the Balkans.

Speaker: Dr. Raphael Vago, Department of General History, Stephen Roth Institute, and Cummings Institute for the Study of Russia and Eastern Europe, Tel Aviv University.

2. (26.12.07): Tibet, 1950-2000: Not exactly genocide

Focusing on the problematic case of Chinese occupied Tibet, during the second half of the twentieth century. The lecture will deal with the rapid changes that the Chinese authorities have forced on Tibet, in regard to culture, religion, immigration, and governance. The speaker, who has recently published a book on the subject, will introduce us to the tragic Tibetan aspect of this story.

Speaker: Mrs. Lydia Aran, Department of Indian Studies, the Hebrew University.

3. (16.01.08): Reds and Blues: The racial aspect in the Darfur crisis

An examination of the changing political reality in Sudan from the last civil war till the present one. Previously, one could easily have pointed at geographical, religious or ethnical characteristics as differentiating factors. However, it is much harder to do so in the Darfur conflict. The self-definition of the opposing parties is vague, and raises questions regarding the true character of the struggle. The lecture will shed light on the racial and racist discourse that is taking place between "Arabs" and "Africans" in Sudan, and will emphasize its impact on the current crisis.

Speaker: Dr. Irit Bak, Department of African Studies, Tel Aviv University.

Spring Semester

4. (26.03.08): A comparative analysis of the second Indian defeat in Spanish America, 1860-1900

Dealing with the last effort to regain independence, made by several Native American nations in Spanish America (particularly in Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru), during the last four decades of the nineteenth century.

Speaker: Dr. Gerardo Leibner, head, Institute for Latin American History and Culture, Tel Aviv University.

5. (14.05.08): The racist dimension of Japanese imperialism

Highlighting various aspects that gave birth to modern Japanese imperialism. Apart from the more frequently discussed geo-strategic and economic factors, the lecture will focus on the racist motif that once flourished in Japan, involving the belief in the uniqueness and purity of the Japanese race, and in its historical mission to “acculturate” neighboring Asian nations.

Speaker: Dr. Meiron Medzini, the Hebrew University.

6. (25.06.08): The Armenian genocide: Encouraging forgetfulness and denial

Our closing lecture for this year will deal with the charged subject of the Armenian genocide, its circumstances and chronology, as well as with ongoing global debates, regarding its recognition or denial, and the role of Israel in these debates.

Speaker: Professor Yair Auron, Department of Political Science, the Open University.

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