



Minorities in the Middle East Revisited

International Conference

March 27, 2019

Drachlis Hall (496), Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University

11:30–13:00 First Session – Overview: Minorities in a changing Middle East

Greetings: Prof. Uzi Rabi, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

Chair: Prof. Shimon Shamir, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, The Israel Institute
From Minorities to Ethnicity

Prof. Asher Susser, MDC, Tel-Aviv University
The Individual, Community and the State: Minorities in the Middle East

Dr. Yusri Hazran, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University
Israel, Arabism and the League of Minorities – a Reevaluation

13:00– 14:00 Lunch break

14:15–16:00 Second session – Minorities in limbo

Chair: Dr. Brandon Friedman, MDC, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Franck Salameh, Near Eastern Studies, Boston College
Near Eastern Christians: Cultural Intermediaries or Coal Mine Canaries?

Dr. Mira Tzoreff, MDC, Tel-Aviv University
The Copts of Egypt after the Arab Spring Revolution: from a New Dhimmi to Fully Fledged Citizens?

Prof. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

To Play by the Rules, Or Not? Modern Amazigh identity in the Shadow of the Authoritarian State

Ms. Lisa Miara, Founder, Springs of Hope Foundation
The Yezidis: The increasing crisis in the wake of a "sanitized genocide"

16:00– 16:15 Coffee break

16:15–17:45 Third session – The Kurds: Game Changers in the Middle East?

Chair: Prof. Michael Eppel, University of Haifa

Prof. Mohammed Ihsan, Defense Study Department, King's College London
The Kurds in New Iraq: Opportunities and challenges

Dr. Arzu Yilmaz, Independent Scholar
Turkey's Kurdish Policy: Costs & Consequences

Prof. Ofra Bengio, MDC, Tel-Aviv University
The Kurds of Syria: Survival on Shifting Sands

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