Germany and its Neighbors: Borders, Identities, Relations

Sunday, February 13, 2011
9:00-9:30
Billie Melman, Director, The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv
Greetings
José Brunner, Director, Minerva Institute for German History, Tel Aviv

Introduction
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Germany’s Geography and the Dynamics of its National Identity
Chair: José Brunner, Tel Aviv
Zef Segal, Tel Aviv
Real, Actual and Imagined Borders: The Creation of German States
Yaron Jean, Leipzig
“A State Without Borders”: Germany and the Passport Regime in Europe during the Interwar Period
11:20-11:40 Coffee Break
Sagi Schaefer, New York
Re-Creation: Iron-Curtain Tourism and the Production of “East” and “West”
Klaus Dicke, Jena
Culture and Policies of Commemoration at the former Inner-German Border
15:30-17:30
Perspectives of the German-Speaking Neighbors
Chair: José Brunner, Tel Aviv
Heidemarie Uhl, Vienna
Construction and De-Construction of Borders: Austria from 1945 to EU-Integration
Georg Kreis, Basel
Germanophobia in the German Part of Switzerland, 2007-2010

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Relating to Germany from the East
Chair: Yfaat Weiss, Jerusalem
Marta Verginella, Ljubljana
Slovenian-German Relations on the Periphery of the Habsburg Monarchy
Raphael Vago, Tel Aviv
Germans Beyond the Forests: The Ghosts of the Past – the Saxons and Swabians of Transylvania
10:50-11:10 Coffee Break
Christiane Brenner, Munich
Leonid Luks, Eichstätt-Ingolstadt
The German Question in Unofficial Polish Journalism throughout the 1970s
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Relating to Germany from the West
Chair: Yfaat Weiss, Jerusalem
Thomas Serrier, Frankfurt/Oder
“The Barbarians from the East”: French-German and Polish-German Relationships in the 19th Century
Thomas Ernst, Duisburg-Essen
Connotations of German in Multilingual Belgium and Luxembourg. On Liminal Spaces and Borderlines
17:00-17:20 Coffee Break
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European Borders and Concluding Discussion
Chair: José Brunner, Tel Aviv
David Newman, Bêër Sheva
Alternative Border Discourses in Contemporary Europe