

The th Annual Association for Israel Studies Conference

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June 25-27, 2012, University of Haifa

Multifaceted Israel in a Global Perspective: One Society vs. Many Societies

The Jewish national movement has been characterized by a major paradox of increasing rifts and conflicts, stemming from the variety of Jewish identities as well as from internal and external sociopolitical and cultural forces.

The 2012 annual AIS conference will explore, analyze and debate the political, socioeconomic, cultural and legal forces that have generated conflict and cooperation in the Old Yishuv, Mandatory Palestine, and modern Israeli society. Studies are invited that examine major sociopolitical transformations affecting relationships among the Jews, as well as between Arab-Palestinians and Jews, before and after the establishment of Israel in 1948.

The conference encourages diverse studies and comparative papers focusing on the theme of whether Israel constitutes one society or many societies. Is there one Israel or are there many Israeli societies in basic conflict with each other, what are the ramifications of these various outlooks, and how does this friction compare to global processes and those in other states? How do those conflicts and modes of cooperation shape public policy, Israeli law, and sociopolitical structures?



The University Of Haifa, Israel's youngest university, is the only liberal arts university in northern Israel and the most pluralistic institution of higher education in the country. The University's 700 faculty members serve six faculties — Humanities; Social Sciences; Natural Sciences; Law, Social Welfare and Health Studies and Education — the School of Management, in a total of 60 departments.

Within its academic structure, the University encompasses numerous research centers and institutes that focus on a wide range of fields.