Mass Deportations: To and From the Levant during the Age of Empires

January 8–9, 2020
Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building

Wednesday | January 8
9:30 Introductory Remarks
Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University

Part 1: Imperial Perspectives
9:45 Continuity and Change: Assyrian and Babylonian Deportation Practices
Karen Radner | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
10:30 Between Monumental Landscape and Borderland: Using Occupied Populations to Manage the Land under the Babylonian and Achaemenid Empires
Shai Gordin | Ariel University
11:15 Architecture and Images: Contextualizing Sennacherib’s Deportations from the West
Laura Battini | CNRS, UMR 7192 – Collège de France
12:00 Lunch Break

Part 2: Deportees in Mesopotamia
14:00 Socio-economic and Cultural Issues in the History of the Israelites and Judean Exiles in Mesopotamia
Ran Zadok | Tel Aviv University
14:45 A Sketch of the Life of the Golah in the Countryside
Angelika Berlejung | University of Leipzig
15:30 Coffee Break
15:45 Messaging Brothers in Distant Lands: Examining Biblical Texts in Light of Judean, Samaritan and Diaspora Target Audiences
Cynthia Edenburg | The Open University of Israel
16:15 Isaiah 40-66: Evidence for Integration into Babylonian Society of Judahite Exiles?
Shawn Zelig Aster | Bar Ilan University
17:00 Coffee Break
17:15 Ezekiel among the Exiles: Judean and Mesopotamian Nature Imagery (Literary and Iconographic) Utilized by a Dislocated, Peripheral, Judean Prophet
Dalit Rom-Shiloni | Tel Aviv University
18:00 Did the Book of Ezekiel Emerge from a Refugee Camp? An Investigation
Casey A. Strine | University of Sheffield

Thursday | January 9
Part 3: Deportees in the Levant
9:00 The Intellectual Background of Assyrian Officials and Assyrian Deportees in the Levant
Eckart Frahm | Yale University
9:45 In Search of Deportees in the Southern Levant
Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University
10:30 Coffee Break
11:00 In the Neighborhood of the Defeated: Everyday life in Neo-Assyrian Dan
Yifat Thareani | Hebrew Union College Jerusalem
11:45 The Assyrian Interests in the Western Part of the Province of Samaria—A Case Study from Khallat es-Sihrij and its Vicinity
Gilad Itach | Israel Antiquities Authority
12:30 Identifying Assyrian Deportees at Ashdod and Ashdod-Yam?
Alexander Fantalkin | Tel Aviv University
13:15 Lunch Break
14:45 The Impact of the Babylonian Deportations and of the Persian Period "Return" on the Local Material Culture in Judah
Oded Lipschits | Tel Aviv University
15:30 Memories of the Assyrian Exile in Persian-Period Yehud
Yigal Levin | Bar Ilan University
16:15 Coffee Break
16:30 Concluding Discussion