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Sunday-Monday, 24-25 June 2012
Fudan Institute for Advanced Study in Social Sciences (IAS-Fudan), Shanghai China
Thursday, June 21st, 2012

8:30-9:00 Opening Session: Welcoming Remarks
Chair: Dr. Danielle Gurevitch, Academic Program Director for Asian Affairs
Prof. Yan Tinguo, Dean of Oriental Studies, SHISU
Prof. Yang Yang, Director of Hebrew Program, College of Oriental Languages Shanghai International Studies University (SHISU)
Ms. Carice Witte, Founder/Executive Director SIGNAL, Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

9:00-10:30 Session One:
The Influence of Memory on the National Self Perception
Chair: Mr. Ma Xiaolin, Chairman of the Board and President of blshe.com, Executive Director, China Foundation for International Studies, Beijing.
Prof. Meron Medzini, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
China and the Holocaust of European Jewry, 1933-1949
Dr. Wei Huang, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
East-West Wisdom Encounter
Dr. Hu Hao, Associate Professor, Henan University
Jewish emancipation and its effects
Prof. Wang Jian, professor of history and international political economy at Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
The Jews in Shanghai

10:30-10:45 Tea Break

10:45 – 12:15 Session Two A: From Tradition to Practice
Chair: Prof. Xu Xin, Nanjing University
Dr. Zhang Ligang, Henan University, Kaifeng
Review on the Studies of the Haskalah Movement of Foreign Scholars
Dr. Micha’el Tanchum, Shalem Center in Jerusalem
The Meaning and Purpose of Israeli National Restoration: Reflections on the Similarities between the Zionist and Chinese Struggles for Sovereignty and Dignity
Prof. Mu Tao, Faculty of Modern World History, East China Normal University
Chinese Scholars’ Research of Jerusalem Issue

10:45 – 12:15 Session Two B: The International Road to the Golden Pathway
Chair: Dr. Sun Degang, Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies; Fudan Center for American Studies
Prof. Yu Weidong, Deputy Director of the Center for Shanghai Jewish Studies, Shanghai Academy, The Institute of International Relations and Social Science
Israel in the New Setup of the Middle East
Ms. Carice Witte, Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership
International and local causes of advancements in China-Israel relations
Dr. Zang Deqin, Henan University, Kaifeng
Education: Israel’s Foundation of a Nation and the Road of making it Powerful
12:15-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 Session Three A: Bridging Troubled Water
Chair: Dr. Michael Tanchum

Dr. Harold Rhode, Gatestone Institute, Washington
*Muslim self perception as related to Muslims in China and in Israel*

Prof. Ma Lirong, Vice Director of the Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies University
*The “Islamic Factor” in the Middle East Upheaval and China’s Countermeasures*

Prof. Zhao Weiming, Director of Central Asia Studies, Shanghai International Studies University
*Middle East Turmoil and Israel’s Security Environment*

13:30-15:00 Session Three B: Built on Common Ground
Chair: Prof. Wang Bo, the Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies University

Dr. Guangmeng Chen, Sichuan International Studies University (SISU), Chongqing
*Israeli Think-tanks and Their Role in Israel’s China Policy*

Prof. Yang Yang, Director of Hebrew Program, Shanghai International Studies University
*Some Reflections on China’s Hebrew Teaching*

Prof. Liang Pingan, Senior Fellow, Shanghai International Studies University
*Delayed Hugging: An Analysis on Bilateral Relations between China and Israel (1949-1992)*

15:15-17:00 Session Four: From Traditional Jewish to Modern Israeli Studies
Chair: Dr. Alon Levkowitz

Prof. Xu Xin, Nanjing University
*State of Israeli Studies in China*

Prof. Zhang Qianhong, Henan University, Kaifeng
*Myth and Truths: Jewish culture and objective understanding*

Dr. Danielle Guervitch, Bar-Ilan University
*Why do Israelis dislike fantasy?*

Prof. Fu Xiaowei, Sichuan International Studies University
*From Jewish Studies to Israeli Studies in China*

18:00 Banquet Dinner

Honorary Greetings:

Prof. Feng Qinghua, Vice President of Shisu University

Mr. Qi Qianjin, Counsellor, The Department of West Asian and North African Affairs, Chinese Foreign Ministry, Beijing

Ambassador Chen Yonglong, Former Chinese Ambassador to Israel

Mr. Jacky Eldan, The Consul General of Israel in Shanghai
Friday, June 22nd

9:00 - 10:30 Session Five: The Global Theater
Chair: Prof. Yan Tingguo, Dean of College of Oriental Languages and Literatures
Shanghai International Studies University

Prof. Ye Hailin, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Arab Spring and the Rise of Gulf Arab Powers

Prof. Barry Rubin, Global Research in International Affairs,
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
The Middle East's Age of Islamism: New Power Alignments and Conflicts

Dr. Sun Degang, Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies
China's Response to the Arab Revolt: A Case of Taiji Diplomacy?

10:30 - 10:45 Tea Break

10:45 - 12:30 Session Six: Round Table on Oil Alternatives
Moderator: Prof. Barry Rubin

Mr. Gal Luft, Executive Director Institute for the Analysis of Global Security

Ms. Ariella Berger, Head of Oil Alternatives Research, Financial Israeli Institute of Economic Planning

Prof. Ye Hailin, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Mr. Zhao Hongtu, China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)

Dr. Da Wei, China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:15 Session Seven: View from a Distant Window: Israel in Chinese Perception

Chair: Prof. Liu Zhongmin, Director of the Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies University

Professor Yin Gang, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing
If the evolution of the Middle East situation will help shaping China’s clear Middle East policy

Dr. Ruipeng Mao, Law School, Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade
Toward Cooperation: The Sino-Israel Relations at the United Nations

Mr. Tu Longde, Director of the Hebrew website of China Radio International (CRI), Beijing
The Development of the Hebrew Website of CRI

Prof. Qian Hao, International and Diplomatic Studies Institute,
Shanghai International Studies University
The Image of Israel in the Eyes of Students in Shanghai

Conference Translator: Prof. Xin Hua

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch
Sunday June 24th

8:00-8:20 Opening Remarks
Chair: Prof. Qingping LIU, IAS-Fudan

Prof. Zhenglai Deng, Distinguished Professor of Fudan University, Dean of IAS-Fudan
Dr. Danielle Gurevitch, Academic Project Director for Asian Affairs, Bar Ilan University
Ms. Carice Witte, Founder/Executive Director SIGNAL Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

8:20-9:20 Panel I: Religion, Law and Identity
Moderator: Prof. Sujian GUO, IAS-Fudan

Dr. Haim Shapira, Bar-Ilan University
The Influence of Jewish law on Israeli Law

Prof. Wang Yu, West Asian Studies, Peking University, Beijing
Beyond The Obligations: Relations between Orthodox Jews and the State of Israel

9:20-9:30 Tea Break

9:30-11:00 Panel II: Power and Defense
Moderator: Prof. Naran Bilik, IAS-Fudan

Mr. Yiftah Shapir, The Institute for National Security Studies
Israel’s Ballistic missiles and Rockets Defense: is it money well spent?

Dr. Tian Wenlin, Institute of Modern International Studies of China
The Path Dependence and Its limitation of Israel’s Security Strategy

Dr. Moti Kedar, Bar-Ilan University
The Arab Spring Implications on relations between State and Society in the Middle East

11:00-12:30 Panel IIIA: National Culture
Moderator: Prof. Su GU, IAS-Fudan

Prof. Fred Aaron Lazin, Ben-Gurion University
The Development of an Israeli Melting Pot

Dr. Nir Kedar, Bar-Ilan University
Ben-Gurion and the Formation of Israeli Democracy and Rule of Law

Dr. Alon Levkowitz, Bar Ilan University
Israel-Asia Relations: From a Side Player to a U.S. Balancer

11:00-12:30 Panel IIIB: Round Table Discussion on Energy Security
(invitation only)
Moderator: Prof. Barry Rubin, Global Research in International Affairs, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Dr. Da Wei, Director of the President’s Office and Research Professor at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR).

Dr. Harold Rhode, a former Pentagon analyst and specialist on the Middle East and Central Asia.

Dr. Micha’el Tanchum, a post-doctoral fellow at the Shalem Center and an expert on the Middle East, Islam, South Asia and Africa.

Dr. Gal Luft, Executive Director Institute for the Analysis of Global Security
12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:45 Round Table Discussion on Business Finance
Moderator: Mr. Paul Ross, Head of Marketing, Alcatel-Lucent Shanghai Bell

Round table Discussion

Ms. Limei Zhao, Managing Director, Infinity Group
Mr. Dorian Barak, Co-Founder, Indigo Strategic Partners; Former head of Mergers & Acquisitions and International Development, Bank Hapoalim
Mr. Yuval Avni, Partner, Giza Venture Capital
Ms. Rebeca Fang, Director, Excem
Mr. Allen Wan - Director, Bloomberg News Bureau in China
Ms. Yu Piao, Partner FDI, M&A, Tian Yuan law firm

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15:45-16:15 Tea Break

16:15-17:15 Closing Panel: Aspirations for the Sino Israel Academic Future
Chair: Dr. Danielle Gurevitch, Academic Program Director for Asian Affairs

Mr. Jacky Eldan, The Consul General of Israel in Shanghai
Prof. Lin Shangli, Fudan Vice President
Prof. Deng Zhenglai, Dean of Fudan-IAS

17:20-17:45 Signing Ceremony between Fudan-IAS – Signal
Group Photo (on 2nd Floor, Guanghua Towers)

18:00 Dinner at Room V15, 3rd Floor, Fuxuan Hotel

Fudan Institute, Monday June 25th

9:30 - 14:00 Israeli Guests: Tour of Jewish Shanghai, with Mr. Dvir Bar-Gal
List of Participants

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