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International Interdisciplinary Seminar:

Enzo Bonaventura
(Pisa, 1891 – Jerusalem, 1948)

Pioneer of Italian psychoanalysis and psychology research in Israel

June 1, 2016, 9:00 am - 17:00 pm

Scientific Committee:
Prof. David Meghnagi (President),
Prof. Daniel Ashery Bonaventura, Dr. Miriam Meghnagi, Prof. Gaby Shefler, Prof. Ina Weiner

9:00 am - 9:20 am: Opening and Greetings
Prof. Rein Raanan, Vice-President of Tel Aviv University (TAU), Elias Sourasky Professor of Latin American and Spanish History, and Head of the S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies
Prof. Ina Weiner, The Stephen Harper Chair of Translational Neuroscience, School of Psychological Sciences, Sagol School of Neuroscience, Tel Aviv University
Prof. David Meghnagi, Director of the International Master on Holocaust Studies, Roma Tre University

Address to the audience by the Ambassador of Italy in Israel, H.E. Francesco Maria Talò

Session 1: 9:20 am - 10:45 am - Chair: Prof. David Meghnagi

9:20 am: Prof. Carlo Strenger (Tel Aviv University), “Psychoanalysis between Hermeneutics and Science: The Contemporary Significance of a theme in Bonaventura’s thought” [Psicoanalisi tra Ermenneutica e Scienza: l’importanza attuale di un tema nel pensiero di Bonaventura]


10:20 am: Prof. Gaby Shefler (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Few words on the first attempt of academic psychology in the period of the British Mandate” [Poche parole sul primo tentativo di una psicologia accademica nel periodo del Mandato Brittannico]
10.45 am - 11.10 am: Coffee Break

Session 2: 11:10 am - 1:00 pm - Chair: Prof. Abraham Yehoshua (University of Haifa)
11:20 am: Prof Avshalom Caspi (Duke University and Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London), “Childhood origins of adult social burden” [Le origini infantili dell’onere sociale adulto]
12:00 pm: Rachel Bonaventura Snir (Clinical and Medical Psychologist), “Bringing opposites together: following my grandfather's footsteps” [Mettere insieme gli opposti: seguendo i passi di mio nonno]
12:30 pm: Dr. Miriam Meghnagi (Clinical Psychologist and Psychoanalyst), “Pioneers of Psychoanalysis in Italy, notes in the margins” [Pionieri della Psicoanalisi in Italia, note a margine]

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Lunch

Session 3: 2.30 pm - 5:00 pm - Chair: Dr. Miriam Meghnagi
3:00 pm: Rav Dr. Joseph Levi (Chief Rabbi of Florence, Psychologist), “Between Italy and Israel: Enzo Bonaventura and the development of the Israeli Psychology between human sciences and natural sciences” [Tra Italia e Israele: Enzo Bonaventura e lo sviluppo della psicologia israeliana fra scienze umanistiche e scienze della natura]
3:20 pm: Prof. Daniel Ashery Bonaventura (Tel Aviv University), “Enzo Bonaventura, father and psychologist” [Enzo Bonaventura, padre e psicologo]
3:40 pm: Prof. David M. Cassuto (Architect, Ariel University in Samaria, Israel), “A kid, ten years old, tells his experiences of the War for the Independence of Israel (1948)” [Un bimbo di dieci anni racconta le sue esperienze della Guerra d'Indipendenza d'Israele (1948)]

4:00 pm - 4:20 pm: Coffee Break

4:20 pm - 4:40 pm: Prof. Stefano Boccaletti (Scientific attaché at the Italian Embassy in Israel, CNR Institute of Complex System, Florence, Italy)
4:40 pm - 5:00 pm: Prof. David Meghnagi, Summary, Proposals, Conclusions [Riassunto, Proposte, Conclusioni]

Speakers [Relatori]
Prof. Daniel Ashery, Professor of Physics, School of Physics and Astronomy, Tel Aviv University
Dr. Rachel Bonaventura Snir, Clinical and Medical Psychologist
Prof. Avshalom Caspi, Edward M. Arnett Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience at Duke University and Professor of Personality Development at Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London, UK
Prof. David M. Cassuto, Architect, Ariel University in Samaria, Israel
Prof. Patrizia Guarnieri, Professor of Contemporary History, University of Florence, Dipartimento di Storia, Archeologia, Geografia, Arte, Spettacolo (SAGAS)
Rav Dr. Joseph Levi, Chief Rabbi of Florence, Psychologist
Prof. David Meghnagi, Professor of Clinical Psychology and of Psychology of Religion, Director of the International Master on Holocaust Studies, Head of the International Program for Jewish and Israel Studies, Delegate of the Dean of Roma Tre University for Intercultural Policies, Full member of the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA)
Dr. Miriam Meghnagi, Clinical Psychologist and Psychoanalyst, Member of the Board of the journal Trauma and Memory, Europa Ricerca Onlus, Bonaventura Project, Mnemosyne Project for Israel, Artist
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