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# BROADCASTING MARGINS: The BBC Centennial from Afar

University of Haifa,  
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## SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

Ofer Observatory (Eshkol Tower, 29th floor)

15:00-15:30 Registration

15:30-16:00 Welcoming Remarks

**Daphna Canetti**, Dean of Social Sciences  
(University of Haifa)

**Ayelet Ben-Yishai** (University of Haifa)

16:00 – 16:45 Keynote Address:

**“The BBC: A People’s History”**

**David Hendy** (University of Sussex)  
in Conversation with **Tal Zalmanovich**  
(University of Haifa)

17:00-18:30 Panel I: Genre

Chair: **Ayelet Ben-Yishai** (University of  
Haifa)

**Daphna Erdinast-Vulcan** (University of  
Haifa), “Human Voices: Penelope Fitzgerald  
at the BBC”

**Nea Ehrlich** (Ben-Gurion University of the  
Negev), “Animating the News”

**Raz Greenberg** (Tel Aviv University), “From  
Auschwitz to Mars – Quatermass and the  
(Jewish) Birth of British Science Fiction  
Television”

18:30-19:30 Drinks and Nibbles

## MONDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2022

Ofer Observatory (Eshkol Tower, 29th floor)

08:45-09:00 Coffee

09:00-10:15 Keynote Address:

**Jessica Berman** (University of Maryland  
Baltimore County) “Decentering the BBC:  
The Case of All India Radio”

10:30-12:00 Panel II: Censorship and  
Protest

Chair: **Oren Meyers** (University of Haifa)

**Robert Savage** (Boston College), “Margaret  
Thatcher, Censorship and the BBC’s Irish  
‘Troubles’”

**Martha Evans** (University of Cape Town),  
“The Power of Disinvitation: The BBC, Media  
Events, and Apartheid South Africa”

**Tal Zalmanovich** (University of Haifa),  
“Television as Potential History”

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 Panel III: A Window onto  
the World

Chair: **Eitan Bar-Yosef** (Ben-Gurion  
University of the Negev)

**Simon Potter** (University of Bristol),  
“Building Empires on Air: The BBC and  
Colonial Broadcasting”

**Suzanne Franks** (City, University of  
London), “Comparing BBC Reporting Post-  
Colonial of India with Africa: Nuanced  
Attention and Sensitivity Versus Disinterest  
and Ignorance”

**Jennifer Lewin** (University of Haifa),  
“‘Imaginative Sympathy’ in William  
Empson’s Career as BBC Chinese Editor”

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 Panel IV: Broadcasting War

Chair: **Dina Fainberg** (City, University of  
London)

**Kristin Roth-Ey** (University College London),  
“The BBC Russian Service”

**Glen Segell** (University of Haifa), “The  
BBC ‘Winning the Hearts and Minds’  
Psychological War Campaign: Iraq War  
2009-2010”

**Margaret Peacock** (University of Alabama),  
“The BBC and the Suez Crisis:  
A Reassessment”

17:00-19:00 Guided Tour: Haifa during  
the British Mandate

19:00 Conference Dinner

## TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

Rabin Observatory (Rabin Building, 8th floor)

08:45-09:00 Coffee

09:00-10:15 Keynote address:

**Glyne Griffith** (University at Albany, State  
University of New York), “How the BBC  
Served West Indian Literature, 1943-1958”

10:30-12:00 Panel V: Student Workshop

Chair: **Eran Shalev** (University of Haifa)

**Shorug Mhamed** (University of Haifa),  
“You’re not English, you’re Muslim”: Islam  
in the BBC 2018 series *Informer*”

**Lihi Laszlo** (University of Haifa), “Now  
That’s Leadership: Depictions of Boris  
Johnson in *Spitting Image*, 2020-2021”

**Mariana Akawi** (University of Haifa), “Know  
your Literature: Decolonial Knowledge and  
the Multicultural Novel in the BBC’s *World  
Book Club*”

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 Panel VI: WWII

Chair: **Paul Frosh** (The Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem)

**Daniel Mandur Thomaz**, (King’s College  
London), “Broadcasting to the ‘New World’:  
Propaganda, Entertainment and Transatlantic  
Intellectual Networks at the BBC Latin  
American Service during WW2”

**Tim Crook** (Goldsmiths, University of London),  
“Representations of the Jewish Persecution by  
the Nazis and the Final Solution in BBC Radio  
Drama Domestic Broadcasts”

**Gavin Schaffer** (University of Birmingham),  
“Comedy, Conflict, and National Values: *Allo’  
Allo’*, the BBC, and Britain’s Relationship  
with Europe”

14:30-15:00 Closing Remarks

