

Parkes Institute Events Programme 2014-15
Golden Jubilee Celebrations

The Parkes Institute for the Study of Jewish/non-Jewish Relations is a prestigious, international centre of excellence and one of the University of Southampton's most treasured achievements.

For fifty years it has been our privilege to house and develop the famous Parkes Library and Jewish archive collections. Together they represent one of the largest such documentation centres in Europe and through it the University has played a key role in preserving European Jewish heritage.

When the Reverend Dr James Parkes donated his Library to the University of Southampton, his hope was for it to become a focus for teaching and publication, and for outreach work that embraced all ages. He also hoped that the Parkes Institute would reach out beyond academia in other ways, helping to inform debate in the media, advising governments and non-governmental bodies in relation to antisemitism and all forms of prejudice, and working for tolerance and respect. In all these ways, the Parkes Institute, with the support of its friends and benefactors, has fulfilled all of James Parkes' ambitions. The Parkes Institute now sits at the heart of a global hub of stimulating activity, with formal and informal partnerships with individuals and centres across the world including Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Israel, Russia, South Africa and the USA.

On behalf of the University of Southampton I congratulate the Parkes Institute on putting together a stimulating, world class programme of scholarly and community events, one which celebrates and embraces the vision of James Parkes to create a society free of ignorance and prejudice. We look forward to the Parkes Institute's next fifty years with great anticipation and pride in what has already been achieved.

Professor Don Nutbeam
Vice Chancellor
University of Southampton



Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Day,
Southampton, January 2014

2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Parkes Library at the University of Southampton, the catalyst for the establishment of the unique Parkes Institute for the study of Jewish/non-Jewish relations.



Revd Dr James Parkes

The Institute is based on the life work of the Reverend Dr James Parkes (1896-1981), one of the most remarkable figures within twentieth century Christianity. A tireless fighter against antisemitism in all forms, including from within Christianity, he helped rescue Jewish refugees during the 1930s and campaigned for the Jews of Europe during the Holocaust. During the Second World War he helped found the Council of Christians and Jews and worked throughout his career in promoting religious tolerance and mutual respect. As part of his international campaigning, he built up the Parkes Library and associated archive which transferred to the University of Southampton in 1964 and opened in 1965. It is now one of the largest Jewish documentation centres and academic Institutes in Europe and the only one in the world devoted specifically to Jewish/non-Jewish relations. Our Golden Jubilee programme celebrates James Parkes and his legacy with a series of events over eighteen months. All events to be held at the University of Southampton unless otherwise stated.

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Events

Date	Event	Venue
Thursday 16 January 2014	<p>Jewish studies, Postcolonial studies: Enhancing dialogue</p> <p>International workshop: An international workshop funded by the Worldwide Universities Network which explored the connections between Jewish and postcolonial studies, with speakers from Australia, Canada, Israel, South Africa and the UK.</p>	Wiener Library, London
Tuesday 4 February 2014	<p>Josephus and the Jewish Chronicle: Instrumentalising antiquity to fight the politics of nineteenth-century Anglo-Jewry</p> <p>Research Seminar: Professor Sarah Pearce, University of Southampton.</p>	Avenue Campus
Monday– Wednesday 10–12 February 2014	<p>German Jews in the Middle East</p> <p>International Conference: A three-day conference held in conjunction with many international partners, including the Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem, which began to map the history of German-Jewish presence and activities in a broad region: from Tunisia in the West to Pakistan in the East.</p>	Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Tuesday 18 February 2014	<p>The Cairo Genizah: The greatest medieval archive?</p> <p>Research seminar: Dr Ben Outhwaite, University of Cambridge.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 4 March 2014	<p>Between Two Worlds: A Reflection on Assimilation</p> <p>The Montefiore Lecture 2014: Reverend Dr Giles Fraser, parish priest at St Mary's, London.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 8 April 2014	<p>Workshop on Transmigrancy</p> <p>A one-day workshop combining scholarly research and public campaigning to ensure that the transmigrant experience is not forgotten. Camps in Britain and France were discussed.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 29 April 2014	<p>The Holocaust template: memory and representation of the Armenian, Bosnian and Rwandan genocides</p> <p>Research seminar: Dr Emiliano Perra, University of Winchester.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 13 May 2014	<p>Bar Kokhba: Historiography and Archaeology</p> <p>Research seminar: Professor William Horbury FBA, University of Cambridge.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 20 May 2014	<p>Reviewing the Extermination: Dr Who, Daleks and the Changing Face of Jewish Identity</p> <p>The Ian and Mildred Karten Memorial Lecture 2014: Dr James Jordan, University of Southampton.</p>	Avenue Campus

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Thursday– Friday 17–18 July 2014	<p>Refugees and Migrants: Unaccompanied Children in Britain 1914–2014</p> <p>International Conference: A two-day conference considering a range of topics covering both the in- and outmigration of unaccompanied children in Britain. Organised in partnership with the University of Sussex Centre for German-Jewish Studies with participants from Australia, Canada, Poland and the UK.</p>	Avenue Campus
Sunday– Monday 20–24 July 2014	<p>The Xth Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies</p> <p>The Parkes Institute was represented in depth with a panel and individual speakers at this conference on the theme of ‘Jewish and Non-Jewish Cultures in Contact: New Research Perspectives’.</p>	Paris
Tuesday 7 October 2014	<p>The Bloke who lived opposite Hitler</p> <p>Research Seminar: Dr Edgar Feuchtwanger, alumnus and former member of staff in History.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 21 October 2014	<p>Representing the Past, Reflecting the Present: British Jewish Museology since 1887</p> <p>Research Seminar: Dr Kathrin Pieren, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Southampton.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 28 October 2014	<p>A Jew in the Cathedral</p> <p>The Parkes Lecture: Rex Bloomstein, film writer and director.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 4 November 2014	<p>The Anxieties of Appropriation: Jewish/postcolonial literatures and histories</p> <p>Research Seminar: Professor Bryan Cheyette, Professor of English Literature at the University of Reading.</p>	Avenue Campus
Thursday 13 November 2014	<p>Between Ethnography and Art: Photo-archive of Semen An-sky’s expeditions, 1912–1914</p> <p>Research Seminar: Aleksandr Ivanov, Center ‘Petersburg Judaica’ of European University.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 18 November 2014	<p>More than ‘filling in the gaps’: the Gendering of Anglo-Jewish history c. 1880–1940</p> <p>Research Seminar: Dr Anne Summers, Honorary Research Fellow in History, Birkbeck, University of London.</p>	Avenue Campus

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Wednesday 19 November 2014	Space for Peace A musical vigil for peace with a variety of religious and secular musical and choral groups, including community choirs, schools, the University and different faith groups.	Vedic Temple, Southampton
Tuesday 2 December 2014	Playing with history: Negotiating Jewish Subjectivity in Contemporary Lens Based Art Research Seminar: Dr Rachel Garfield, Lecturer in Art History and Director of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Reading.	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 20 January 2015	Understanding the Contemporary Jewish Population of the UK Research Seminar: Dr Jonathan Boyd, Executive Director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research.	Avenue Campus
Monday 26 January 2015	Transnational Holocaust Memory International Conference: Parkes Institute panel on Holocaust memory in the English-speaking world.	University of Leeds
Tuesday 27 January 2015	Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Day 2015 27 January 2015 marks the seventieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the 20th anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica. The theme for this year's event is 'Keeping the Memory Alive'.	Southampton Solent University
Tuesday 3 February 2015	Magna Carta, British Values and Religious Minorities Montefiore Lecture: Professor Maleiha Malik, Professor of Law at King's College London.	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 17 February 2015	The Grammar of Islamophobia Research Seminar: Dr Salman Sayyid, Reader in Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds.	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 10 March 2015	Judaism behind closed doors: 'Christian ethnographies' as 'Hidden Transcripts' of Jewish life in Early Modern German Lands Research Seminar: Dr Maria Diemling, Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at Canterbury Christ Church University.	Avenue Campus

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Thursday 19 March 2015	<p>The Meaning of the Dome of the Rock: The intersection of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian cultural artefacts in the seventh century CE</p> <p>Research Seminar: Professor Jacob Lassner, Professor Emeritus of Jewish Civilization, Northwestern University, USA.</p>	Avenue Campus
Sunday 22 March 2015	<p>Jewish/non-Jewish Relations</p> <p>Parkes Institute Study Day: An exciting opportunity to share and discuss the latest research from the Parkes Institute.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday-Thursday 14–16 April 2015	<p>Old World, New World: Jews in Transition</p> <p>International Conference: Organised in partnership with the Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Cape Town, and the Department of Hebrew, Biblical & Jewish Studies, University of Sydney. Building on previous work and the Institute’s ‘Port Jew’ project in particular, this conference will explore questions of liminal spaces and contested identities both within the Jewish world and between the Jewish and non-Jewish spheres.</p>	University of Cape Town
Tuesday 5 May 2015	<p>Documenting Life in Exile: Austrian Heritage Collection</p> <p>Research Seminar: Professor Albert Lichtblau, University of Salzburg.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 12 May 2015	<p>Janus-faced Imperialists: Jews and the West Coast of Africa, 1787–1884</p> <p>Research Seminar: Professor Suzanne Schwarz, Professor of History at the University of Worcester, and Dr Nicholas Evans, Lecturer in Diaspora History at the University of Hull.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 19 May 2015	<p>Hocus Pocus? – Ethnology of the magical text, Babylonia to Ethiopia</p> <p>The Ian and Mildred Karten Memorial Lecture 2015: Dr Dan Levene, Reader in History at the University of Southampton.</p>	Avenue Campus
Tuesday 26 May 2015	<p>Rabbi Dr Salis Daiches and the Quest for a Scottish Beth Din</p> <p>Research Seminar: Dr Hannah Holtschneider, Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies, University of Edinburgh.</p>	Avenue Campus
Thursday 4 June 2015	<p>Nazism and the Second World War</p> <p>Public Event: An evening of talks and discussion including a talk on <i>Mein Kampf</i> by Professor Neil Gregor, University of Southampton.</p>	Avenue Campus

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Friday 5 June 2015	<p>Making the Private Public: Refugee Correspondence and Academic Writing</p> <p>Public Workshop: A one-day workshop exploring the use of personal, often private, archives in the public sphere.</p>	Wiener Library, London
Wednesday and Thursday 24–25 June 2015	<p>A Clash of Civilisations?</p> <p>Summer School: An aspiration-raising event for local sixth forms and colleges which will raise awareness of issues in Jewish/non-Jewish relations.</p>	Avenue Campus
1–2 July 2015	<p>Jews and ‘small nations’ in Eastern Europe</p> <p>International Workshop: A workshop focusing on a particularly understudied area of Jewish/non-Jewish relations in Eastern Europe.</p>	University of Southampton
Sunday 5 July 2015	<p>Contesting Chronologies: 1945 Seventy Years On</p> <p>Public Workshop: A workshop exploring how key moments (especially major anniversaries) have been represented and re-represented in different contexts of the post-war era, organised jointly with the Wiener Library.</p>	Wiener Library, London
Monday-Wednesday 7–9 September 2015	<p>Parkes Institute International Conference</p> <p>The climax of 18 months of celebrations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Parkes Institute. This anniversary conference will examine the subject of Jewish/non-Jewish relations by looking at the history of research over the last 50 years, presenting the latest research in this area, and determining future directions in the field.</p>	Highfield Campus
September – October 2015	<p>Parkes Institute Public Exhibition</p> <p>To accompany the International Conference, Special Collections in the Hartley Library will be mounting an exhibition to reflect the life, library and legacy of James Parkes.</p>	Hartley Library
Monday 19 October 2015	<p>The Challenges Facing Interfaith Dialogue in the Twenty First Century</p> <p>Public Debate: James Parkes was the pioneer of interfaith dialogue. This public debate, bringing together leading representatives of Judaism (Baroness Julia Neuberger), Christianity (Lord Richard Harries) and Islam (Imam Monawar Hussain) will explore the progress made but also the remaining challenges in these troubling times.</p>	West London Synagogue

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