Civilizations of Knowledge: Critical Reflections
A Conference in Memoriam of Bert Cohn

11 June
Room 496, Gilman Building, 4th floor
14:00 – 15:30 Civilizations: The Universal and the Particular
Chair: Rivka Feldhay
Ido Yavetz: Making the Obscure Visible
Falko Schmider: Civilizations and Their Conceptual Discontent
Raef Zreik: The Question of the Universal: Said and Fanon
15:30 – 16:00 Short Break
16:00 – 17:30 Islamic Civilization as a Response to Modernity
Chair: Yusri Khaizran
Wael Abu-‘Uksa: Arabic Language of Modernity from Conceptual Perspective: The Formative Years 1820–1860
Miri Shefer-Mossensohn: The History of the Concept of ‘ilm (“Knowledge”): Modernity, Changes, Continuities
Zahiye Kundos: Islamic Civilization and its Hermeneutical Discontent - al-Āfghānī and ‘Abduh’s Concept of madārijīyah
17:30 – 18:00 Coffee Break
18:00 – 20:00 Keynote Lecture
Greetings: Leo Corry, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
In Memoriam of Bert Cohn: Galen Guengerich
Robert Morrison: Science, Islamic Societies, and the Italian Renaissance
Chair: Israel Gershoni
Commentator: Ahmad Igbaria

12 June
Room 205, Trubowicz Building, Faculty of Law
9:00 – 10:30 Jewish Civilization and its Exchanges with Islamicate and Christian Worlds
Chair: Maram Masarwi
Menachem Fisch: Talmudic Judaism’s Non-Socratic Dialogue of Civilizations
Menachem Lorberbaum: The Language of Power: Maimonides’ Onto-theological Model
David Sorotzkin: The Transformation of Jewish Civilization in Christendom in the High and Late Middle Ages; Religion, Ethnicity and Social Engineering
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15 Christian Civilization
Chair: Shaul Katzir
Yossef Schwartz: Different Models of Encounter with Foreign Knowledge in Christian Culture
Raz Chen Morris: Western Ocularcentrism reconsidered
Barbara U. Meyer: The Problems of Sharing Knowledge and Memory in Christian Civilization
12:15 – 13:45 Lunch Break
13:45 – 14:15 Theatrical Intervention
Amer Hlehel: “Winter of Our Discontent”
14:15 – 15:45 Round Table
The Concept of Civilization: Critical Reflections
José Brunner (chair and discussant), Haim Hazan, Eva Jablonka, Gadi Algazi

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