

Curriculum Vitae - Oded Abt

EDUCATION

- 2014 - 2015 - The Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace
- Post-doctoral research fellow: *Muslim Memories and Chinese Identity; Descendants of Muslims in Southeast China and Taiwan*
- August-October 2013 - CUHK-SYSU Centre for Historical Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Research associate in the project - "The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society"
- 2007-2012 - The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University
- PhD dissertation: *Muslim Ancestry and Chinese Identity* - written under the guidance of Professor Meir Shahar
- Fall Semester, 2008 – 2009 - Harvard University
- Visiting Fellow in the Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations.
- January 2008 – April 2008 The Center for Chinese Studies, Taipei
- Conducted research in the National Taiwan Library in Taipei as part of the special program of the Research Grant for International Scholars in Chinese Studies.
- 2002–2005 The Graduate School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University.
- MA (summa cum laude) in Chinese History.
- July 2002 – September 2002 - Nabuko Eizenberg Foundation.
- A research trip, sponsored by a special grant, to Shanghai and Fujian Province in China.
- 2000 – 2001- Shanghai University of Science (China).
- Chinese language studies - 1995 – 1999 - Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University.
- BA (magna cum laude) in East Asian and African studies.

ACADEMIC PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- The Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, post-doctoral research fellow 2014 – 2015.
- Chiang Ching-kuo post-doctoral fellowship for 2013-2015
- Visiting scholar - the Centre for Historical Anthropology, CUHK. 2013.
- Confucius Institute scholarship for 2010 - 2011
- Rothschild Fellowship for 2008 - 2009
- The Dan David Prize Scholarship for 2007 -2008.
- The Research Grant for International Scholars of the Center for Chinese Studies (CCS), National Taiwan Library, Taipei. 2008.
- Nabuko Eizenberg Foundation, 2002 - Special grant for a research trip to Fujian Province in China.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 - present - Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University. **Lecturer** in the pro-seminar: "Family and Ritual in China," and in the courses: "Gods, Ghosts and Ancestors in the Chinese Religion," and "Society, Culture and Religion in Modern China"

- 2013 - present - Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University. **Lecturer:** “Society and Culture in Modern China”
- 2013 - present - School of Law, Tel Aviv University. **Researcher** for a section on China in the Research Project: "*The Birth of the Corporation: East and West*" - a monograph of legal and economic history by Professor Ron Harris.
- 2011 - 2014 - Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Achva College (under the auspices of Ben-Gurion University) **Lecturer:** “Society and Culture in Modern China”
- 2012- 2014 – The Open University, Tel Aviv. **Lecturer:** "The Rise and Fall of the Chinese Empire"
- 2009 -2010 – Confucius Institute, Tel Aviv University. **Secretary and Administrative Director** of the Institute.
- 2004 – 2008 - Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University. **Lecturer** in courses: “Ancestor Worship – Chinese Culture in the Ancestors' Shadow,” and “Gods, Ghosts and Ancestors in the Chinese Religion”
- 2005 – 2008 - East West – the Center for Classical Chinese Medicine in Israel. **Lecturer** in courses on Chinese culture, history, and philosophy.
- 2002 – 2008 - Various institutions and colleges: International Geographic Campus; Ascolot (The Open University of Israel); Orbotech Ltd.; Achva College; The Feng Shui Academy and others. **A series of lectures** on various subjects concerning the history and culture of China.
- October 2001 – August 2004 Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University. **Tutor** for the course "Introduction to the History and Culture of China."
- October 2002 – July 2004 Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University. **Tutor of Chinese Language** for BA students.
- September 2003 – August 2004 'Ort – Colleges and Schools'. **Lecturer** – a series of 38 lectures about China: culture, society, and history
- June 2002 Aylon Slater – a multicultural training and consultancy company. **Consultant on Chinese affairs** at a multicultural training and consultancy seminar for high-tech personnel working with China.
- March 2000 – September 2001 The Israeli Consulate in Shanghai. Responsible for the operations of the Center for International Cooperation (**MASHAV**), assistant to the Cultural and Information Attaché.
- April 2001 – August 2001 Hamon Productions. **Researcher and production manager** for an episode filmed in China of the series “Gidi Gov Eats Out Abroad”
- 1999 – 2001 Department of East Asian Studies, Tel Aviv University. **Teaching and Research Assistant** to Professor Aron Shai and Dr. Meir Shahr; included a research trip to Northern China with Dr. Shahr.
- 1994 – 1999 - Editor, researcher and production manager for television programs and documentary films. Worked for local and international broadcasters and production companies from Israel, the UK, the Netherlands, the USA, and the Czech Republic.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Abt, Oded (2014) "Locking and Unlocking the City Gates; Muslim Memories of Song - Yuan - Ming Transition in Southeast China". *Harvard Conference on Middle Period China, 800-1400*. Available at:
<http://middleperiodchina2014.org/index.php/conference/2014/paper/view/139>

Abt, Oded (2014) "Muslim Memories of Yuan-Ming Transition in Southeast China", *Asiatische Forschungen* 157:147-167. Special Issue: [Francesca Fiaschetti, Julia Schneider \(eds.\) *Political Strategies of Identity Building in non-Han empires in China*, Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz.](#)

Abt, Oded (2014) "Muslim Ancestor, Chinese Hero or Tutelary God: Changing Memories of Muslim Descendants in China, Taiwan and the Philippines". *Asian Journal of Social Science* 42(6):747-776.

Abt, Oded (forthcoming January 2015) "Nation, Ethnicity and Lineage: Historical Memories of Zheng He in Fujian", *Ming Qing Yanjiu* 18.

Forthcoming article: Abt, Oded "Genealogy Compilation and Identity Formation: Muslims' Descendants in Guangdong and Fujian", in Jonathan Lipman and Ma Jianxiong (eds.) *Hui Genealogies*, Washington Press.

Under Review: Abt, Oded "Chinese Rituals for Muslim Ancestors". *Review of Religion and Chinese Society*.

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES

To be held on 12 May 2015. The *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (National Center for Scientific Research), Paris – seminar on *Asia's networks: 16th-20th century*

Paper presented: "Muslim Memories of Song-Yuan-Ming Transition in Southeast China"

To be held on 29 March 2015. Chicago – *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*.

Paper presented: "Glory, Shame, and Muslim Descent: Genealogical Narratives of Identity in Southeast China"

To be held on 10-12 January 2015 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Centre for Historical Anthropology – *Conference on the Hui in Yunnan and Guizhou*

Paper presented: "Nation, Ethnicity and Lineage; Historical Memories of Zheng He in Fujian"

5-7 June 2014. Harvard University – *The International Interdisciplinary Conference on Middle Period China, 800-1400*.

Paper presented: "Locking and Unlocking the City Gates: Muslim Memories of Song - Yuan - Ming Transition in Southeast China"

25 May 2014. Haifa University – *The 12th Biennial Conference of Asian Studies in Israel*.

Panel Organizer: Changing Interpretations of Asian Traditions; Myth, Ritual and Identity in India, Vietnam, China & Japan

Paper presented: "Genealogical Compilation and Ethnic Identification: Family Histories of Descendants of Muslims in South China"

28 March 2014. Philadelphia – *Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies*.

Paper presented: "Re-imagining Sinicization: Muslim Narratives of Becoming Chinese in Contemporary East Asia."

26 February 2014. The Hebrew University – *East Asian Studies Department Seminar*.

Paper presented: "Memories of Forced Assimilation: Changing Narratives of Muslims' Descendants in South East China"

18 September 2013. CUHK-SYSU Centre for Historical Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Paper presented: "Muslim Narratives of Forced Assimilation."

21 April 2013. The Ezri Center for Iran & Persian Gulf Studies, University of Haifa. *The Annual Conference of the Persian Gulf Studies in Israel: The Persian Gulf and the Far East*.

Paper presented: "The Historical Legacy of Muslims' Descendants in Southeast China."

9 January 2013. The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Sun Yat-sen University Centre for Historical Anthropology – Conference on *The Hui Genealogy in the Ming and the Qing*.

Paper presented: "Genealogy Compilation and Identity Formation; Muslims' Descendants in South East China"

3 July 2012. The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College - *The 40th Annual Meeting of the Israeli Anthropological Association*.

Paper presented: Review of Nir Avieli's "Rice Talks: Food and Community in a Vietnamese Town."

18 June 2012. Institute for Sinology, LMU, Munich - Conference on *Political Strategies of Identity Building in Non-Han Empires in China*.

Paper presented: "Muslim Memories of Yuan-Ming Transition in Southeast China."

10 June 2012. The Israeli Historical Society, Jerusalem – *workshop with Prof. Paul R. Katz (Academia Sinica, Taiwan).*

Paper presented: "Muslim Ancestry and Chinese Identity in Southeast China."

22 May 2012. Tel Aviv University - *The 11th Annual Conference of Asian Studies in Israel.*

Paper presented: "Ethnic Identification and Ritual Canonization; South-East China's Communities of Muslim Descent."

26 May 2011. Hebrew University, Jerusalem - *The 10th Annual Conference of Asian Studies in Israel.*

Paper presented: "History and Family History: Pu Shougeng and the Muslim Descendants of South East China."

23 June 2010. Humphrey Institute for Social Research, Ben-Gurion University - Conference on *Local and Global Aspects of Diasporas.*

Paper presented: "An Ancestor, a National Hero and a Deity: Changing Roles of Early Ancestors in China and the Chinese Diaspora."

27 April 2010. Haifa University – *The Ninth Annual Israeli Asian Studies Conference.*

Paper presented: "Chinese General or Muslim Admiral? Shifting Roles of Celebrated Ancestors and Heroes."

May 2008. The Hebrew University, Jerusalem - *The 7th Annual Conference of Asian Studies in Israel.*

Paper presented: "The Descendants of the Muslim Semuren of Zaitun – Assimilation and Dissimilation."

July 2006. Tel Aviv University - *The 5th Annual Conference of Asian Studies in Israel.*

Paper presented: "Chinese Rituals for Muslim Ancestors."

LANGUAGES:

Hebrew, English, Chinese – Fluent