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The Arabic Dialects of Galilee: Fieldwork Documentation of Customs and Language

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Galilean farmer, Abu-Mbadda, in Shfar'ám (with Aharon Geva Kleinberger), reading small heaps of salt to forecast the weather, September 2018

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This lecture is a result of 24 years of fieldwork in Galilee (Israel). Palestinian farmers of the Galilee live in a region characterized by considerable complexity and time-depth of local dialects and tremendous etymological and semantic richness that are related to its stark cultural and environmental mosaics, as well as a high risk of decline or imminent demise. The longstanding lag in creating a dialectology of rural Palestinian farmers means that, at this time, it is difficult to provide a precise estimate of the amount of undocumented knowledge lost or still awaiting proper scientific treatment. The lecture focuses on rural Arabic-speaking Palestinian farming communities which form a cul-de-sac for the languages of historic cultures and a major hotspot of associated linguistic diversity. These dialects are believed to retain significant linguistic remnants, which accumulated as a result of the interaction and convergence of ancient languages and cultures of the Fertile Crescent over millennia. Lately, together with Dr. Peter Behnstedt, Prof. Aharon Geva-Kleinberger has published a new atlas on the Arabic dialects of Galilee:

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