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*Israel and the International Community: Challenges and Prospects*  
**University of Haifa, September 8-10, 2025**

# **AIS September 2025**

## **Final Conference Program**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
MA SESSION  
08:30 – 10:00

**MA:01 Roundtable: Proceedings Against or Relating to Israel and Israeli Citizens in International and Foreign Courts**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **David Kretzmer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MA:01-1**

**Doreen Lustig**, Tel Aviv University

**Hala Khoury Bisharat**, Ono Academic College

**Tamar Megiddo**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MA:02 Navigating Complexity: Public Policy and Administration in Israel Amid Contemporary Crises**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MA:02-1**

*"We realized the vacuum and decided to take action"*: Grassroots Organizations in the Iron Swords War – A Substitute for the Absence of the State?

**Noga Pitowsky-Nave**, **Nir Yemini**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Hillel Schmid, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MA:02-2**

Urban Politics and Ethno-gentrification in Israeli Mixed Cities

**Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MA:02-3**

‘Nothing to Fear About’: Street-level Bureaucrats’ Experiences of Fear in Public Sector Organizations

**Lihi Lahat**, Sapir Academic College / Concordia University, Zehavit Levitats, Bar-Ilan University

**MA:02-4**

Development and Implementation of New Municipal Policy: The Case of Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

**Tali Nathan Malinoff**, Galia Fuchs, Fany Yuval Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MA:02-5**

A Change in the Allocation to Health Funds to Reduce Gaps between the Center and the Periphery – Evidence from Self-Reported Health Data

**Chen Sharony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

**MA:03 Roundtable: Between Alienation and Cooperation – Evolving Muslim-Jewish Relations in Europe Post-October 7**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Mohammad Darawshe**, Shalom Hartman Institute / Givat Haviva

**MA:03-1**

**Marcela Menachem Zoufala**, Charles University

**Olaf Gloeckner**, Potsdam University.

**Artur Skorek**, Warsaw School of Economics

**Timea Crofony**, Charles University

**MA:04 Cultural Imaginaries and Media Narratives: Israel in Fiction, Film and Religious Discourse**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Rachel S. Harris**, Florida Atlantic University

**MA:04-1**

‘Reaching into the Clear Blue of the Mediterranean Sea’: Lavie Tidhar’s Israeli Speculative Fictions

**Hadas Elber-Aviram**, The University of Notre Dame (USA) in England

**MA:04-2**

“It’s Home, Isn’t It?”: The Israeli Press on Golan and Globus in 1980s Hollywood

**Boaz Hagin**, Tel Aviv University

**MA:04-3**

Imagined Geographies: Landscapes and Timescapes in Rabbi Ovadia Yosef’s Audio-Visual Sermons

**Netta Schramm**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MA:04-4**

From Civic Duty to Cinematic Craft: Traffic Safety Films and the Foundations of Israeli Cinema

**Rachel S. Harris**, Florida Atlantic University

**MA:05 Tracing the Vernacular: Focusing on Israeli Culture**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair and Respondent: **Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University

**MA:05-1**

The Shifting Discourse of Resilience: A Conceptual History of *Hosen* in Israeli Society and its Role in Contemporary Global War Rhetoric

**Asaf Saadon**, Bar-Ilan University

**MA:05-2**

Circling the Square: The Dynamics of Ritual and Conflict on Yom Kippur in Dizengoff Square, 2023

**Roece Joseph**, Bar-Ilan University

**MA:05-3**

Western Trends or Local Reality: Negotiating Cohabitation in Contemporary Israel

**Hila Geffen-Spitz**, Bar Ilan University, Sapir Academic College

**MA:05-5**

Between Western Routine and Jewish Sabbath: The Unique Perception of Time in the Israeli Weekend

**Stav Shufan-Biton**, Bar-Ilan university

*This session is the fruit of the Askolah Research Group at Bar-Ilan University.*

## MA:06 Historical Understanding of Urban Transformations and Social Tensions in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa during the 20th Century

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Ofir Abu**, Tel-Hai College / Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### MA:06-1

Ethicizing Poverty: Professional Interventions and Oriental Jewish Communities in Nachlaot, 1930s Jerusalem

**Elia Etkin**, University of Haifa.

### MA:06-2

A Tale of Two Cities: The Urban and Social Transformation of Palestine's Hebrew Printing Industry from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, 1920–1930

**Omri Pelerman**, Tel Aviv University

### MA:06-3

Queering Memorials: Subversive Temporalities in Haifa's Urban Landscape from the British Mandate to the 1970s

**Dotan Brom**, Tel Aviv University

## MA:07 Contested Spaces: Planning, Power and Ethics in Israel Post-October 7

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Anat Kidron**, Tel-Hai College

### MA:07-1

Israeli Planning in West Bank after October 7: Deepening Control and Restriction

**Rassem Khamaisi**, University of Haifa

### MA:07-2

Reconsidering Optimism in Border Region Planning: Lessons from the 2023 War

**Tal Yaar-Waisel**, Oranim College of Education.

### MA:07-3

The Relationship Between National and Citizenship Marginality and the Depth of the Israelization Process in East Jerusalem

**Mery Najjar Aboud**, University of Haifa

## MA:08 Diaspora Responses to October 7: Identity, Solidarity and Public Discourse in European and Australian Jewish Communities

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Marc Volovici**, University of Haifa

### MA:08-1

“There is no other place I can go to other than Israel”: The Impact of October 7 on Dutch and Israeli Jews in the Netherlands

**Senske Elisabeth de Vries**, University of Amsterdam

### MA:08-2

Seeing as We Are: Ecosystems Shaping Perceptions of Israel, Palestinians, and Antisemitism in Australia's Jewish Community Post-October 7

**Adina Bankier-Karp**, Monash University

### MA:08-3

Italian Jews After October 7th, 2023: Between Overt Solidarity, Cautious Silence and "Hasbara"  
**Alon Helled**, University of Turin

### MA:09 Hityashvut Ovedet in Israel - New Research Directions

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Aviad Rubin**, University of Haifa

#### MA:09-1

A Century of Latin American Jewish Migrations to Kibbutzim, 1923-2023  
**Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

#### MA:09-2

Out of Sight: Migrant Workers' Perspectives on Kibbutzim and Moshavim at the Israeli Agricultural Frontier  
Avinoam Cohen, College of Management, **Yahel Kurlander**, Tel-Hai College

#### MA:09-3

Limited Collaboration? Urban-Rural Relations in The Israeli Periphery  
**Irit Shmuel**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, Michael Sofer, Levia Applebaum, Nir Cohen, Irit Amit-Cohen, Bar-Ilan University, Yardena Shaul, Western Galilee College / University of Haifa

#### MA:09-4

Between Political Differentiation and a United Front: The (re)Formation of the Rural Sphere in Israel  
**Naama Zohar**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### MA:10 Who Are We Now? Air, Water and the Search for Israeli Identity After October 7

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

#### MA:10-1

Israel's Ontological Security Post-October 7  
**Roe Kibrik**, Yezreel Valley College / Mitvim

#### MA:10-2

Managing Israeli Ontological Security Inside-Out and Outside-In: "The Next Star for the Eurovision"  
**Galia Press-Barnathan**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### MA:10-3

Air Transportation Disruptions Following the October 7 War: Impacts, Resilience and Historical Comparisons  
**Uzi Freund-Feinstein**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### MA:11 Curtains Up, Walls In: Cultural Production and Representation in a Time of Crisis

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Jerome Chanes**, City University of New York

**MA:11-1**

Staging Identity: Israeli Society Viewed through the Lens of Theatre  
**Jerome Chanes**, City University of New York, Baruch College

**MA:11-2**

The International Art World and the Reception of Israel after October 7, 2023  
**Bennett Tucker**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**MA:11-3**

The Palestinian Art Scene in Israel after October 7  
**Yael Guilat**, Oranim College

**MA:12 Extracting Demographic and Intellectual History Data from Archival Tables**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

**MA:12-1**

Hospital Registers as Data for Research of Mandatory Palestine  
**Amuna Nesreen**, **Sinai Rusinek**, University of Haifa, **Zvi Ben-Ishai**, Rambam Hospital

**MA:12-2**

Trajectories of Israeli Culture and Society in the Strashun Library Ledgers: DH Approach  
**Moshe Lavee**, University of Haifa

**MA:13 Beyond Protocol: Informal Healing, Mindful Practice and the Politics of Social Care**

Monday, September 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Yoav Kapshuk**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

**MA:13-1**

Group Supervision as Experienced by Child Protective Social Workers in Israel  
**Tamar Darvish**, Keren Michael, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

**MA:13-2**

Enhancing Empathy and Tolerance Through Mindfulness Training during prolonged armed conflicts  
**Yoav Kapshuk**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

**COFFEE BREAK**  
**10:00 – 10:30**

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**MB:01 Roundtable on US-Israel Relations between October 7 and the New Trump Administration**

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Chair: **Eytan Gilboa**, Bar-Ilan University

**MB:01-1**

**Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University  
**Amnon Cavari**, Reichman University  
**Eytan Gilboa**, Bar-Ilan University  
**Etel Solingen**, University of California – Irvine

**MB:02 Is the Past the Future? Interpreting the Impact of Israeli History Going Forward**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Elad Wexler**, Tulane University

**MB:02-1**

Between Words and Deeds: Ben-Gurion's Claims to Liberalism  
**Neil Rogachevsky**, University of Florida

**MB:02-2**

30 Years Since Rabin's Assassination: Changes and Developments in the Right-wing Perception of the Murder  
**Avi Shilon**, Tel-Hai College

**MB:02-3**

Academic Rigor and the History of Israel's Political Right: The Professionalization of the Historians  
**Brian Horowitz**, Tulane University, **Avi Shilon**, Tel-Hai College, **Neil Rogachevsky**, University of Florida

**MB:03 Digital Tools and Historical Discourses: Rethinking Jewish History and Diplomacy through Technology**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Moshe Lavee**, University of Haifa

**MB:03-1**

Digital Humanities Approaches in Historical Research: Preparations for Repatriation to Palestine in Interwar Poland  
**Sergii Gurbych**, Vilnius University

**MB:03-2**

The Rabbi and the Telegraph: Chaim Zelig Slonimsky's *Ha-Tzfira* Reports and the Birth of Hebrew Technological Discourse  
**Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

**MB:03-3**

Digital Recognition and Israeli Diplomacy  
**Rohit Sharma**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**MB:03-4**

Promoting Inclusivity: Process Mining Applied to Academic Career Progression  
**Sigal Nagar-Ron**, Tammi Razi, Sagit Kedem Yemini, Sapir Academic College

## **MB:04 Battlegrounds of Identity: The Gaza Strip, Military Culture and the Ethics of Collaboration**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Omri Adomi**, University of Haifa / IDF

**MB:04-1**

The Making of the Gaza Strip in the War of 1948  
**Omri Adomi**, University of Haifa / IDF

**MB:04-2**

The Army of the Reconstituted State: The Six-Day War and the Formation of a New Militarism  
**Eva Gurevich**, Brandeis University

**MB:04-3**

Israel's Response to Harming of Individuals Suspected of Collaborating with Israel within  
 Palestinian Society during the First Intifada (1987-1993)  
**Netanel Flamer**, Bar-Ilan University

## **MB:05 Migration, Gender and Belonging: Moving Across Borders**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Shlomo Fischer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MB:05-1**

"Girls Blended In, While Boys Had to Fight:" Gendered Integration Scripts among (ex)Soviet  
 Immigrant Adolescents in Israel's Geo-Social Periphery  
**Larissa Remennick**, Bar-Ilan University, Anna Prashizky, Western Galilee College

**MB:05-2**

The Experiences of Israeli Couples Relocating to Germany Before and During War  
**Inbar Livnat**, Ariel University

**MB:05-3**

The Emergence of an Israeli Diasporic Space in Rural Portugal: The Case of Southwestern Alentejo  
**Zohar Iancu**, The Catholic University of Portugal

**MB:05-4**

Single By Choice: Zionist Engagement and Migration to Palestine  
**Avital Ginat**, University of Haifa

## **MB:06 Law, Land and Legitimacy: Competing Legal Frameworks in the West Bank and Beyond**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



**MB:06-1**

The Status of the West Bank and the British Mandate  
**David Kretzmer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MB:06-2**

‘Lawless’? How do West Bank Settlers relate to the Law?  
**Harry Hatwell**, Yale Law School

**MB:06-3**

Land Law Policies of the Palestinian Authority in Area C as a Tool for Realizing its Objectives and Challenging Israel  
**Haim Sandberg**, The College of Management Academic Studies

**MB:06-4**

The Hebrew Militia  
**Rafi Reznik**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MB:07 Development Politics in the Galilee under the British Mandate**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Lily Eilan**, Heidelberg University

**MB:07-1**

Between Modern Planning and Historic Preservation: The Struggle Over Acre's Urban Identity During the British Mandate  
**Anat Kidron**, Tel-Hai College

**MB:07-2**

Power and Politics in the Upper Galilee: The Electrification of Safed  
**Nadav Heidecker**, University of Haifa

**MB:07-3**

British Planners and Municipal Planning of Tiberias during the Mandate period  
**Esther Yankelevitch**, University of Haifa

**MB:08 International Games, International Community and a Humanitarian Superpower**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Sophia Solomon**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / University of Virginia

**MB:08-1**

Higher, Faster, Stronger: The Maccabiah Games  
 Sharon Pardo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Sophia Solomon**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / University of Virginia, Hila Zahavi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / The Open University of Israel

**MB:08-2**

How the International Community Makes Sense of a Strong Accommodation Dilemma: The Competing Narratives of the Russia–Ukraine and Hamas–Israel Wars  
**Tereza Plistilova**, Michal Parizek, Jakub Stauber, Charles University

**MB:08-3**

Zion and the "Humanitarian Superpower": Particularities of the Relations between Sweden and Israel against the Backdrop of Human Rights Policy

## **MB:09 Lobbying, Museums and Philanthrocapitalism: Mapping the Influence and Imagination of Global Jewry**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

### **MB:09-1**

Who Led Who? Israel, the Diaspora, and the Israel Lobby: A Retrospective  
**Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **MB:09-2**

From 'Fiddler on the Roof' to 7<sup>th</sup> October: Anu Museum of the Jewish People and the Concept of Peoplehood  
**Shelly Shenhav-Keller**, Beit Berl College, Avner Ben-Amos, Tel Aviv University,

### **MB:09-3**

Philanthrocapitalism and the Jewish World  
**Benjamin (Benjy) Maor**, University of Haifa

## **MB:10 Ideological Purity and Political Power in the Israeli Right: from Herut to Kach**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky**, Zefat Academic College

### **MB:10-1**

The Herut Movement, President Chaim Weizmann, and Shaping the right-wing Perception of the Israeli Presidency  
**Shoham Wechsler**, Tel Aviv University

### **MB:10-2**

The Unlikely Challenge to Likud's Political Monopoly Over the Right: Yuval Ne'eman and Tehiya  
**Elad Nahshon**, Tel-Hai College

## **MB:11 Technology, Security and Sustainability in Modern Conflict: The Case of the Israel-Hamas War**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Elai Rettig**, Bar-Ilan University

### **MB:11-1**

The Israel-Hamas War: Observing the Challenges and Advantages of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Modern Warfare  
**Siddhardha Kollabathini**, Rashtriya Raksha University, Christian Kaunert, Dublin City University

### **MB:11-2**

Counter Terrorism in Liberal Peacemaking: A Study of Israel  
**Suman Kumari**, Central University of Gujarat

### **MB:11-3**

Solar Power Under Fire: The Dual Role of Solar PV Panels in the Israel-Hamas War  
**Elai Rettig**, Bar-Ilan University

## **MB:12 Aspects of Distress, Trauma and Post-Trauma in Israeli Children's Literature**

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

### **MB:12-1**

The Trauma of Losing a Father in Israeli Children's Literature

**Shai Rudin**, Gordon College of Education

### **MB:12-2**

Traumas Waiting to be Rediscovered: Mizrahi Literature

**Lily Glasner**, Kibbutzim College of Education / Bar-Ilan University

## **LUNCH BREAK**

12:00 – 14:30

## **AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**(Including Boxed Lunches)**

**12:15 - 14:15**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**MC SESSION**

## **MC:01 Roundtable Discussion on Contemporary Antisemitism and Antizionism in the Wake of the October 7, 2023 Terrorist Attack**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

### **MC:01-1**

**Nadia Beider**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Maor Shani**, Osnabrück University

**Olga Deutsch**, NGO Monitor

## **MC:02 Between Allies and Autonomy: U.S. Influence and Independent Peace Efforts in Israeli-Palestinian Diplomacy**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Yael Aronoff**, Michigan State University

### **MC:02-1**

Strained Relationship: George W. Bush, Yizhak Shamir and Israel-USA Relations, 1989-1992

**David Tal**, University of Sussex

**MC:02-2**

Annapolis and the Abbas-Olmert Direct Negotiations: A Critical Analysis  
**Raphael Cohen-Almagor**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / University of Hull

**MC:02-3**

Biden and Israel: Navigating an A-Political Relationship?  
**Amnon Cavari**, Reichman University

### MC:03 Israel, Security and the International Order: Strategic Thought and Foreign Policy After October 7

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Efrat Aviv**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:03-1**

The Post-October 7 Wars and the International Order  
**Benjamin Miller**, University of Haifa

**MC:03-2**

The Limits of Deterrence: Israeli Society and the Pursuit of Security Needs  
**Amir Lupovici**, Tel Aviv University

**MC:03-3**

Israel in the Age of Civilizational States and Multipolarity: Philosophic and Geopolitical Considerations  
**Yiftach Ofek**, Shalem College

**MC:03-4**

The Enduring Cleavages of Israeli Foreign Policy Into the 21st Century  
**Cody Levine**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### MC:04 Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Women and War: From the Spanish Civil War to October 7, 2023

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Eva Gurevich**, Brandeis University

**MC:04-1**

Captivity and Beyond: Women POWs of 1948 and Gendered Narratives in Israeli Discourse  
**Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:04-2**

Lacunae in the Public Memory of the Six Day War: Restoring the Agency of Women Soldiers  
**Pnina Abir-Am**, Brandeis University

**MC:04-3**

"Gay Imaginary", "Imagined Communities", and Bahad 12: Lesbian Soldiers Finding 'Safe Spaces' in the IDF during the 1970s and 1980s  
**Eliya Amsalem**, Tel Aviv University

**MC:04-4**

Insights from the Perspective of IDF Women Spotters – Tatzpitaniot – Who Served Prior to the Attack of October 7, 2023  
**Miri Gal-Ezer**, Tel Aviv University

## MC:05 Pilgrims, Providers and Peace Deals: Tourism at the Crossroads of Culture and Commerce

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Shay Rabineau**, Binghampton University

### MC:05-1

Navigating Political Voice and Economic Interests During Times of War and Conflict: Mobilization of Minority Urban Entrepreneurs in the U.S. and Israel

**Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### MC:05-2

Jewish Entrepreneurs in Israel's Christian Tourism Marketplace: Interreligious Dynamics and Business Practices

**Karen Levisohn**, Yaniv Belhassen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### MC:05-3

The Meaning of Gentrification and Tourism for the Empowerment of Women Providers in Urban Food Markets in Israel

**Rebekka Ramdohr**, Bar-Ilan University

### MC:05-4

Tourism and Normalization—The Case of Abraham Accords

**Yaron Salman**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

## MC:06 Antisemitism, Memory and Identity in the Wake of October 7

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### MC:06-1

Jewishness as "Counter-intersectionality"

**Balázs Berkovits**, University of Haifa

### MC:06-2

The Ideological Roots of 'Jew Hatred' (Antisemitism)

**Nikolay (Noy) Tabah**, University of Haifa / Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi Institute

### MC:06-3

The Politics of Expertise: Antisemitism Research after the Holocaust

**Tom Eshed**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## MC:07 The 'Iron Swords' War and Israel-Asia Relations: Change and Continuity

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Taro Tsurumi**, University of Tokyo

### MC:07-1

India and the Gaza War: Navigating Ideologies, Interests, and Alliances

**Oshrit Birvadker**, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security

### MC:07-2

South Korea Reevaluates the Implications of the Middle East Conflict.

**Alon Levkowitz**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:07-3**

The 'Iron Swords' War and China-Israel Relations: Change and Continuity  
**Yoram Evron**, University of Haifa

**MC:08 Press, Poetry and Passage: Shaping Jewish Identity from the 19th Century to the Soviet Aliyah**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Bennet Tucker**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**MC:08-1**

Immigration as a News Item: Attitudes toward Jewish Immigrants in the 19th-Century Hebrew Press  
**Zef Segal**, College of Management Academic Studies

**MC:08-2**

Between Two Homelands: Yehuda Amichai's "Mein Judentum" and the Politics of Memory in 1970s Israel  
**Marc Volovici**, University of Haifa. OK.

**MC:08-3**

Leadership in the Soviet Jewish Emigration 1967-1989  
**Ilan Riss**, Central Bureau of Statistics (Retired)

**MC:09 Imagining Israel: Zionism, Law and Dialogue Across Black, Christian and Canadian Contexts**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MC:09-1**

From Harlem to Palestine: Israel in the Black Nationalist Imagination, 1967-1975  
**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Haifa

**MC:09-2**

Ostracism, Zionism and Law's Authorization in Canada  
**Sari Graben**, Toronto Metropolitan University

**MC:09-3**

How the Work of Post-Holocaust Jewish-Christian Dialogue Can Speak to Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Sentiment among Christians in the Post-October 7 Era  
**Shannon Quigley**, University of Haifa

**MC:10 Haredi Society During Operation Iron Swords and Other Crises**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Shai Stern**, Bar-Ilan University / The Haredi Institute for Public Affairs

**MC:10-1**

Haredi Recruitment to the IDF in Light of the Swords of Iron War  
**Menachem Keren-Kratz**, Independent Scholar

**MC:10-2**

One of the Ways of Religious Violence within Haredi Couples: A Personal Crisis under Communal Effect

**Tehila Gado**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MC:10-3**

Stressful Events in the Lives of Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Students of Social Work  
**Daniel J.N. Weishut**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, **Moshe Baruch Blackman**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College / Bar-Ilan University

**MC:11 Headlines and Heroines: Women's Voices in Israeli Politics, Social Media and Wartime Media**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:11-1**

"Can a woman serve as mayor according to Halacha?": Golda Meyerson and Press Coverage of the 1955 Campaign for Mayor of Tel Aviv  
**Gilad Greenwald**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:11-3**

From Lifestyle to War Stories: Navigating National Crisis in Commercial Women's Magazines in Wartime  
**Einat Lachover**, Sapir Academic College

**MC:11-4**

Women Journalists on Social Media: The Practicum and Implications of Personalization Practices  
**Arnon Kedem**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:12 Mass Jewish Immigration to Israel in Comparative Perspective: Between Arab Nationalism, British Colonialism, the Cold War and Israel**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Boaz Garfinkel**, MALI / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MC:12-1**

The Accelerated Exodus of Jews from Yemen in 1949 Through the Lens of October 2023 Events  
**Adi Japhet Fuchs**, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

**MC:12-2**

Jewish Migrations from MENA Countries: The British Involvement  
**Esther Meir-Glitzenstein**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MC:12-3**

Immigration from Iraq and Romania: A Comparative Perspective  
**Oren Kalman**, **Esther Meir-Glitzenstein**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MC:13 From Surprise to Strategy: Rethinking Israeli Defense in the Wake of October 7**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Anat Stern**, The Open University of Israel

**MC:13-1**

The Vanishing Watchman: The Rise and Decline of Strategic Early Warning for War in Israel  
**Ehud (Udi) Eiran**, University of Haifa, Offer Guterman, David Simantov, The Institute for the Research of the Methodology of Intelligence

**MC:13-2**

Not in the hands of foreigners? The principal of Self-Reliance in Israel's security policy following the 2023 "Swords of Iron" war.

**Ehud Golan**, Institute for Maritime Policy and Strategy

**MC:13-3**

Arab-Israeli Mix: Low-scale Protests and the Increase in Terrorism following the Outbreak of the Swords of Iron War

**Gadi Hitman**, Ariel University

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**MD SESSION**

16:30 – 18:00

**MD:01 Roundtable on Israeli Public Diplomacy during the Israel Hamas War**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Eytan Gilboa**, Bar-Ilan University

**MD:01-1**

**Arava Rotman**, University of Haifa

**Moran Yarchi**, Reichman University

**Eli Avraham**, University of Haifa

**Chen Kertcher**, Ariel University

**MD:02 JNF-KKL Panel on Reimagining Jewish Identity: Nationalism, Culture and Power in Zionist Thought and Practice**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Tal Elmaliach**, University of Haifa

**MD:02-1**

Even Just an Echo: Propaganda Among Haredim for the Jewish National Fund, 1926-1945

**Ayala Shklar**, Hemdat Hadarom Academic College of Education

**MD:02-2**

Babylon and Jerusalem: Then and Now

**Yizhar Hess**, World Zionist Organization

**MD:02-3**

Power of the Purse, Power of Purpose: KKL-JNF UK Relations Through the Years

**Lilach Barak**, University of Haifa



#### **MD:02-4**

The Cultural Controversy in Zionism: Ahad Ha'am versus Herzl

**Moti Friedman**, Jewish National Fund

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#### **MD:03 Love, Intimacy, Fantasy: Debating and Feeling Emotions in the Yishuv and Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University

##### **MD:03-1**

Solitude and Loneliness - The Case of Hana Meisel and Eliezer Shohat

**Galia Hasharoni**, University of Haifa

##### **MD:03-2**

Zionist Lesbians: Invisible Intimate Relationships

**Orit Yaal**, Kinneret Academic College

##### **MD:03-3**

The Forfeited Fantasy: The Downplay of Fantasy in writings on Love and Sexuality in the Yishuv

**Yael Itai-Pak**, Bar-Ilan University

##### **MD:03-4**

Serenades, Zionism, and Friendship. Birthday Songs of German Jews in Mandatory Palestine and Israel

**Viola Rautenberg**, UC Berkeley

#### **MD:04 Disrupted Geographies: Airports, Activism and Migrant Landscapes in a Warring Nation**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Elia Etkin**, University of Haifa

##### **MD:04-1**

No Permission for Takeoff: The Jerusalem Airport During its First Decade under Israeli Rule, 1967-1977

**Eldad Brin**, University of Haifa

##### **MD:04-2**

Subversive Landscapes of Infrastructure and Mobility in Israel: Practices of Protest, Resistance, and Activism

**Efrat Hildesheim**, Tel Aviv University

##### **MD:04-3**

Landscapes Amid Conflict: Thai Migrants' Gardens in Israel and the Impact of the October 7th War

**Zohar Shvarzberg**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

#### **MD:05 Israeli State Institutions – Navigating Unity amidst Crisis and Diversity**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Aviad Rubin**, University of Haifa

##### **MD:05-1**

Searching for Unity amidst Crisis and Trauma: The First Years of Isaac Herzog's Presidency, 2021 to 2024

**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**MD:05-2**

Religion as Security: Religious Responses to October 7 in Israel

**Michael Freedman**, University of Haifa

**MD:05-3**

Balancing Faith and Duty: Religious Policy and Public Discontent in the Israeli Military

**Niva Golan-Nadir**, Reichman University, Michael Freedman, University of Haifa

**MD:06 Environmental History and Cultural Landscape in Israel: From British Mandate to Statehood**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Rassem Khamaisi**, University of Haifa

**MD:06-1**

The Roots of Waste Management Challenge in Israel

**Yaron Jorgen Balslev**, University of Stavanger

**MD:06-2**

Revisiting Hiriya: Waste Management, Environmental Injustice, and the Loss of Cultural and Ecological Legacy

**Galia Limor-Sagiv**, Shamoon College of Engineering

**MD:06-3**

Landscape Architecture in Israel (1970s-2000s): A Unique Global Professional Institutionalization

**Omer Aloni**, Techion, Glass-Balaban Foundation, Tal Alon Mozes, Techion

**MD:06-4**

The Establishment of the First Natural History Collections in Eretz Israel

**Noga Raved, Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MD:06-5**

Sylvan Dreams: Alexander Eig and the Quest for Ecological Restoration in Mandatory Palestine.

**Naomi Yuval-Naeh**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**MD:07 Frames of the Nation: Israeli Cinema**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Boaz Hagin**, Tel Aviv University

**MD:07-1**

How Times Passed in Our Fields: Retrospective Kibbutz Films as Israeli Historiography

**Miri Talmon**, Tel-Aviv University

**MD:07-2**

Ethiopian Jews in Film - The Formative Years

**Elad Wexler**, Tulane University

**MD:07-3**

From Silencing to Recognition and Beyond: A Historiography of Combat Stress Representation in Israeli Cinema, 1948-2025

**Adam Tsachi**, Herzog Academic College

## **MD:08 Between Culture and Current Politics in Israel Studies**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Ehud (Udi) Eiran**, University of Haifa

### **MD:08-1**

The Cultural Dimension in the Zionist Movement  
**Yitzhak Conforti**, Bar Ilan University

### **MD:08-2**

Neo-Hassidic Practice in Israel: Between Universal Spirituality and National Sentiment  
**Rachel Werczberger**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

### **MD:08-3**

Israel, the New Syrian Regime, and UNDOF: The end of the Decade-long Supportive Approach?  
**Eitan Barak**, Shalem College / Bar-Ilan University

## **MD:09 The Struggle for the Middle East? Syria-Israel Relations; Past, Present and Future**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Fruma Zachs**, University of Haifa

### **MD:09-1**

Clandestine and Public Encounters for Peace between Israel and Syria (1948–2023)  
**Elie Podeh**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **MD:09-2**

Echoes from the Past: Israel and the Civil War in Syria, 2011-2025  
**Yogev Elbaz**, Tel Aviv University

### **MD:09-3**

Israel and Syria – From Bashar al-Assad to Abu Muhammad al-Julani (Ahmad al-Shara)  
**Eyal Zisser**, Tel Aviv University

## **MD:10 Well-being, Care and Crisis: Psychosocial Perspectives from Contemporary Israeli Society**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Michal Soffer**, University of Haifa

### **MD:10-1**

Coerced Volunteering: Provision of Frontline Social Services During Emergencies  
**Ofri Shalev Greenman**, Einat Lavee, University of Haifa

### **MD:10-2**

PTSD and Psychological Distress among Victims of the Iron-Swords War: The Impact of Mastery and Community Assistance  
**Lea Zanbar**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College / University of Haifa, Yifat Faran, Ashkelon Academic College / Hemdat Hadarom College / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **MD:10-3**

Unseen and Stigmatized: Young Israeli Adults' Perceptions of Postpartum Depression in Men

**Michal Soffer**, Sharon Promislovski, University of Haifa

### **MD:11 Israel Institute Session on Grants**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Ofek Edri-Peer**, Israel Institute

This Israel Institute information session is about their grants to support postdoctoral fellows and visiting faculty in the United States and across the world.

### **MD:12 Family, Identity and Social Norms: Lived Experiences in Contemporary Israeli Society**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Avi Shilon**, Tel-Hai College

#### **MD:12-1**

Sleep as a Familial and Communal matter: A Qualitative Study of Social Norms around Sleep health in Israel

**Dana Zarhin**, University of Haifa

#### **MD:12-2**

Work, Family, and Everything in Between: A Look at Muslim, Druze and Christian Women in Israel

**Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani**, Ariel University

#### **MD:12-3**

The Multi-Dimensional Complexities of Jewish Identities in Contemporary Israeli Society: Transcending Mainstream Religious/Secular Typologies

**Stephanie Colley**, University of Haifa

#### **MD:12-4**

The Hebrew Catholic Movement in Israel

**Shai Wineapple**, Ruth Kark, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **MD:13 Book Roundtable and Responses to “Expressivist Religious Zionism: Modernity and the Sacred in a Nationalist Movement” by Shlomo Fischer**

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Shlomo Fischer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### **MD:13-1**

**Shlomo Fischer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Haifa

**Ari Engelberg**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025  
WELCOME, AIS AWARD CEREMONY  
AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
18:30 – 20:30

Welcome: **David Barak-Gorodetsky** and **Tal Elmaliach**, Conference Co-Chairs, University of Haifa

AIS Award Ceremony Chairs: **Raphael Cohen-Almagor**, AIS President, and **Asaf Shamis**, AIS Executive Director

Keynote: **Ambassador Itamar Rabinovitch**, Tel Aviv University

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AIS BANQUET  
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20:30 – 21:30

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
TA SESSION  
08:30 – 10:00

**TA:01 Book Roundtable: "The Rise and Fall of the Pan-Arab Struggle Against Israel: The Yom Kippur War as its Beginning of the End", by Dan Schueftan**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Dan Scheuftan**, University of Haifa

**TA:01-1**

**Dan Scheuftan**, University of Haifa

**Meir Litvak**, Tel Aviv University

**Haim Ramon**, Former MK and Deputy Prime Minister

**TA:02 New Manifestations, Old Hatred: Antisemitic Discourse in the Political and Academic Spheres Following October 7th**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Lilach Ben Zvi**, Shalom Hartman Institute

**TA:02-1**

The effect of October 7 on Canadian Parliamentary Debates about Israel and Antisemitism  
**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**TA:02-2**

The New Antisemitism: Western Self-Hatred and The Crucifixion of Israel  
**Tomer Persico**, The Shalom Hartman Institute

**TA:02-3**

Methodologies, Discourses, and Identities: Representation of Jews and Palestinians in the Historiography of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
**Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TA:02-4**

Obsession as the Keystone of the Most Plastic Hatred: How the Academic Intifada since October 7th Clarifies the Millennia of Jew-Hatred that Spawned October 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Gil Troy**, McGill University

**TA:03 Diplomacy and Diaspora in Transnational Politics**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TA:03-1**

Mismanaging Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israel  
**Yair Eddie Fraiman**, Bar-Ilan University

**TA:03-2**

Cultural Diplomacy and Israel's International Image: A Qualitative Study of Soft Power in Action  
**Suchibrata Roy**, Charles University, Prague

### TA:03-3

Shaming during War: Israeli Public Response to Diaspora Criticism

**Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Anil Menon, University of California - Merced

### TA:03-4

Diaspora Mobilization and Foreign Policy: The Case of the Jewish and Israeli Diasporas in Germany and Sweden

**Isabell Schierenbeck**, University of Gothenburg

## TA:04 Post-October 7 Realities: Identity, Displacement and Cross-Cultural Engagements

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Tamar Kaneh Shalit**, Tel-Hai College

### TA:04-1

Complexity Carriers and the Burden of Balance: Navigating Identity and Grief Among Israeli Jewish Students in Post-October 7 Oxford

**Timea Crofony**, Charles University

### TA:04-2

95% Heaven, 5% Hell: Uprooting and Imagining the Future in the Eyes of IDPs from the Gaza Belt

**Hadas Mesgena Yaron**, Ziv Redlich, Amit Shany, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

### TA:04-3

The Lights of Freedom: The Online Weddings in Israel

**Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, Ramat Gan Academic College

## TA:05 Democratic Institutions and Political Power: Governance, Protest and Accountability in Israel

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Doron Navot**, University of Haifa

### TA:05-1

The Dynamics of the Relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches in Israel

**Osnat Akirav**, Western Galilee College

### TA:05-2

Responsible Opposition: Assessing the Determinants of Opposition Control of the Public Legislative Agenda

**Amnon Cavari**, **Shahaf Zamir**, Reichman University, Ilana Shpaizman, Bar-Ilan University

### TA:05-3

Near-Miss Democracy through Civil Resistance: Israeli Coup D'état Revisited

**Gayil Talshir**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## TA:06 Narratives of Conflict and Coexistence: Media, Memory and Cultural Representation in Israeli-Palestinian Relations

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Gunther Jikeli**, Indiana University

### TA:06-1

Beyond the Euphoria: Newsreels and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1967-1970  
**Iddo Better Pocker**, Tel Aviv University

**TA:06-2**

The Effect of Stories of Bereavement in the 7th October War on the Relations between Members of Different Populations, Arabs and Jews  
**Carolyn Nicola**, Zefat Academic College

**TA:06-3**

Redefining Israeliness through Cultural Encounters: Revisiting the Hebrew-Arabic Literary Journal MIFGASH-LIQA'  
**Xinyi Chen**, University of Cambridge

**TA:06-4**

Where is the Other? Presence in Absence – The Jew/Israeli Constructed in Palestinian Cinema  
**Bruno Szlak**, Universidade do Sao Paulo

**TA:07 Political Participation of Youth in Israel during the 1960s - 1980s: Navigating Local Phenomena and Global Influences**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

**TA:07-1**

Menachem Begin and Youth Activity in Likud (1973–1977)  
**Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky**, Zefat Academic College, University of Haifa

**TA:07-2**

High School Student Protests and "Educational Anxiety" (1967–1977)  
**Anat Kidron**, Tel-Hai College

**TA:07-3**

Voices of Dissent: Israeli Youth Letters to the Ministry of Education and the Challenge to Democratic Values in the 1980s  
**Tammy Hoffman**, Kibbutzim College of Education

**TA:08 India and Israel in Historical and Contemporary Perspective: Trade, Religion and Transnational Identity**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **William Miles**, Northeastern University

**TA:08-1**

The Role of Religion in Hindutva's and Zionism's Quest for National Legitimation  
**Shiven Nath**, Tel Aviv University

**TA:08-2**

Faith, Migration, and Belonging: Challenges and Transformations of the Bnei Menashe Community in Israel.  
**Suraj Rajan Kadanthodu**, University of Haifa

**TA:08-3**

Rivalry Through Narratives: Comparing Strategies of Iranian and Israeli Missions in India Post-October 7  
**Prabhat Jawa**, Jawaharlal Nehru University



## TA:09 Media, Conflict and Identity: Representing Israel and its Others in War and Protest

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Nissim Katz**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### TA:09-1

Covering Israel 'en famille': The International Edition of The Palestine Post  
**Gilad Halpern**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

### TA:09-2

#BringThemHome: Temporality and Addressivity in the Digital Protest for Hostages' Release  
**Shani Dalyot**, Shirley Druker Shitrit, Sapir College

### TA:09-3

"The Shadow and the Mouse": Representations of Yahya Sinwar in the Israeli Media  
**Nissim Katz, Hillel Nossek**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

## TA:10 State Practices of Exclusion in the Neoliberal Era: Mechanisms of Control and Marginalization in Contemporary Israel

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Sigal Nagar-Ron**, Sapir Academic College

### TA:10-1

The Rise of Crime and Violence in Arab Society in Israel: Hybrid Governance and Regimes of Violent Brokerage  
**Eilat Maoz**, Martin Buber Society of Fellows

### TA:10-2

Material Effects of Torah Nucleus Groups on the Local Population in Negev Development Towns: A Gender and Ethnic Perspective  
**Sigal Nagar-Ron**, Sapir Academic College, Reut Reina Bendrihem, Sapir Academic College / The Open University of Israel

### TA:10-3

Palestinian Society in Israel During Times of Emergency: Struggles over Rights and Identity After October 7  
**Sharaf Hassan**, Oranim College

## TA:11 Kosher Whisky and Startup Dreams: Cultural Capital and Israeli Innovation Worldwide

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Michal Biron**, University of Haifa

### TA:11-1

Startups in a Remote Region: Insights from Israel  
**Raphael Bar-El**, Liran Maymoni, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

### TA:11-2

Educating Markets, Shaping History: Israeli Tech Business in Latin America and the Construction of Trust.  
**Mauricio Dimant**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TA:11-3**

The Rise of Kosher-Certified Scotch Whiskey in the US and Israeli Markets, 1996-2023  
**Daniel Schiffman**, Ariel University

**TA:11-4**

The Role of Higher Education Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centers in Enhancing Student Potential: A Global Perspective with an Israeli Focus  
**Dafna Schwartz**, Peres Academic Center

**TA:12 The Female Caregiver and Patient: Addressing Gendered Needs in Israeli Health and Welfare Systems**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Ligat Shalev**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Tel-Hai Academic College / Zefat Academic College

**TA:12-1**

Essential Traits and Coping Strategies in Institutional Dementia Care in Israel  
**Felix Kaplan**, Zefat Academic College

**TA:12-2**

Fostering Innovation in Social Work: Exploring Perspectives in Israeli Welfare Systems after October 7, 2023  
**Ligat Shalev**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Tel-Hai College / Zefat Academic College,  
**Adam, J. Rose**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Moshe Farchi**, Tel-Hai College

**TA:12-3**

The Impact of War and Home Evacuation on Women's Health in Israel: Challenges for the Healthcare System in Times of Crisis  
**Orit Cherny Golan**, Yezreel Valley College

**TA:12-4**

Childbirth Under Fire: Preliminary Results Comparing Birth Experiences Before and During Military Escalation in Northern Israel  
**Yeela Tomsis**, Zefat Academic College, **Ido Solt**, Rambam Health Care Campus

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TB SESSION  
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**TB:01 Arab Society in Israel in the Shadow of War: Identity, Protest and Lived Experience Post-October 7**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Oriana Abboud-Armaly**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

**TB:01-1**

Why do Israel's Palestinian Arabs Play by the Rules, even During the October 7th War?  
**Sammy Smooha**, University of Haifa

**TB:01-2**

Freedom of Speech in War Times: The Case of Arab-Palestinian Citizens in Israel  
**Kais Nasser**, University of Haifa

**TB:01-3**

The Effect of Exposure to the Arabic Language International News Networks on the National Identity of Israeli Arabs during the "Iron Swords" War  
**Nissim Katz**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

**TB:02 Kibbutz Identity after October 7, 2023**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Meir Chazan**, Tel Aviv University

**TB:02-1**

How to Explain Zionism and the Kibbutz to the World After October 7th?: History, the Safe-Room Experience and International Visitors to Kibbutz Be'eri  
**Alon Pauker**, Beit Berl College

**TB:02-2**

Kibbutz Discourse After October 7  
**Alon Gan**, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

**TB:02-3**

The Ever-Changing Role of the Kibbutz in Israeli Society  
**Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel

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**TB:03 From Protest to Pedagogy: Teaching and Debating Israel-Palestine on Today's Campuses**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Haifa

**TB:03-1**

Emulation or Local Perspectives: Comparative Study of the Pro-Palestinian Protests in Academia  
**Artur Skorek**, Warsaw School of Economics, Joanna Dyduch, Jagiellonian University

**TB:03-2**

Rhetorics of Resistance: Anti-Zionist Campus Discourses on Social Media  
**Gunther Jikeli**, Indiana University

**TB:03-3**

War Transforms Culture: Shaping the Teaching of Hebrew and Israel Studies in the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Florida After October 7  
**Iris Cohen, Roy Holler**, University of Florida

## **TB:04 Public Education in Israel: Political, Ethnographical and Historical Analysis 1880-2023**

Monday, September 8, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TB:04-1**

Enduring Patterns, Shifting Contexts: 150 Years of Zionist Education Conducted in Hebrew in Israel (1880–2023)  
**Miriam Szamet**, Bar Ilan University

**TB:04-2**

The Melting Pot Policy in the Public Education System, Between Left-Wing and Right-Wing Mamlachtiut: 1965-2015  
**Amir Aizenman**, Oranim Academic College / Tel-Hai College

**TB:04-3**

Discourse Analysis of Educational Policy in Israeli State-Religious Secondary Education: Between Equality and Competition  
**Nehoray Eliakim**, Hemdat College of Education

## **TB:05 Service, Sacrifice and Identity: Civic Engagement and Belonging in Contemporary Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Paula Kabalo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TB:05-1**

The Effect of a Teenager's Conscription on Their Mother's Political Opinion: The Israeli Case  
**Enav Hecht-Filiba**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:05-2**

Why do Police Officers Risk their Lives in Times of Acute Crisis? The Case of the October 7 Attack in Israel  
**Ofek Edri-Peer**, University of Haifa, Israel Institute, Nissim Cohen, University of Haifa

**TB:05-3**

"They did not perish because they risked their lives with courage, but because their souls betrayed them": The Commemoration of IDF Soldiers Who Committed Suicide  
**Netanel Hochner**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **TB:06 Revisiting the Israeli Right: New Perspectives on Politics, Society and Culture**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Maya Mark**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TB:06-1**

Prisons in the Creative Path of Abba Achimeir  
**Brian Horowitz**, Tulane University

**TB:06-2**

Menachem Begin's Theory of Civil Disobedience  
**Maya Mark**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TB:06-3**

"Mizrahi Voters and the Class Dynamics of the 1977 Political Upheaval"  
**Amir Goldstein**, Tel-Hai College, **Ofir Abu**, Tel-Hai College / Kinneret College

**TB:07 Women, Religion, Rabbis: Israeli Women and the Religious Establishment**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Elisheva Rosman-Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:07-1**

"Why Didn't You Leave Him?": Women Survivors of Domestic Violence in Israeli Rabbinical Courts  
**Nitzan Caspi Shiloni**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:07-2**

Between Halakha and the Body: Rabbinic Authority and Women's Physical Experience in Jewish Law  
**Sarah Segal Katz**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:07-3**

As God Intended?: Acceptance as a Religious-Feminist Strategy  
**Elisheva Rosman Stollman**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:08 Sacred Narratives in Tension: Druze, Bahā'ī and Buddhist Perspectives in a Conflict Zone**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Stephanie Colley**, University of Haifa

**TB:08-1**

Reconciliation under Duress: Engaged Buddhist Paradigms in Middle East Conflict  
**Umesh Regmi**, Tribhuvan University

**TB:08-2**

Gender Dynamics in Druze Reincarnation: Exploring Notq Stories  
**Maha Nator**, University of Haifa

**TB:08-3**

Category Imperative: Establishing a Bahā'ī Department in the Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs  
**D Gershon Lewental**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / The University of Oklahoma

**TB:08-4**

Third Space of Enunciation of Religions in Exile  
**Rameshwor Aryal**, Tribhuvan University

## **TB:09 Mizrahi / Sephardi Struggles in Early Israeli History**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Merav Bellaiche**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:09-1**

From Harat al-Yahud to Wadi Salib: Moroccan Jewish Protest in Haifa  
**Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

### **TB:09-2**

"Il Battalion Judeo: The 39th Battalion in Palestine – Sephardic Jews, American Patriotism and Zionism in World War I  
**Merav Bellaiche**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:09-3**

Trying to Safeguard Patriarchy: Yemeni Men in Palestine  
**Bat-Zion Eraqi Klorman**, The Open University of Israel

### **TB:09-4**

History Begins at Home: Mizrahim in Maaleh Adumim  
**Yael Mizrahi-Arnaud**, New York University

## **TB:10 National Photobooks of Israel: Exploring the Making of Collective Memory**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Keren Omry**, University of Haifa

### **TB:10-1**

A Visit to the Holy State. Suggested Travel Rites to the State of Israel through Geographically-Based National Albums.  
**Eliezer Baumgarten**, University of Haifa, **Efrat Miller**, Galia Yanoshevsky, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:10-2**

Not a Victory Album: Commemoration and remembrance in Dana Arieli's Album Darom  
**Dana Arieli**, Holon Institute of Technology, **Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University.

### **TB:10-3**

In Search of the City's Soul: The Changing Representations of Haifa in Historic Photobooks  
**Nir Ratzkovsky**, University of Haifa

## **TB:11 Emergency Preparedness in Israel: From Perception to Implementation**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Limor Samimian-Darash**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **TB:11-1**

The Emergence of Civil-based Preparedness: Population Evacuation during Two Wars in Israel  
**Reut Shafrir**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **TB:11-2**

Cyber-War? Ambiguities in Israel's National Cyber Crisis Preparedness  
**Amit Sheniak**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **TB:11-3**

An Updated Pyramid of Needs Model for Evacuation Under Fire  
**Shai Belaish**, **Eyal Lewin**, Erez Cohen, Ariel University

## **TB:12 When Crisis Meets Leadership: Gender, Diplomacy and Transnational Activism in Jewish History**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Malka Kinast**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:12-1**

When Crisis Made Leadership Possible and Social Norms Restricted It: Sarah Stern-Katan's Journey

**Malka Kinast**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:12-2**

Swiss-Israeli Relations After the Holocaust Through the Eyes of Ambassador Yitzchak Mayer: Crisis, Optimism, and Growth

**Gitit Hoze**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TB:12-3**

Interwoven Networks of Support: State Agency and Individual Initiative in Religious Kibbutz Members' Activity for Soviet Jewry, 1960s-1990s

**Liza Vasserman-Slutsky**, Bar-Ilan University

## **LUNCH BREAK**

12:00 – 13:00

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

**TC SESSION**

13:00 – 14:30

## **TC:01 Resilience in the Kibbutz Community after October 7, 2023**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Alon Gan**, Kibbutzim College of Education, Technology and the Arts

### **TC:01-1**

"I Woke up at 6:30 in the Morning": The Meaning of Community for Kibbutz Residents Living Along the Gaza Border

**Julia Chaitin**, Sapir Academic College (Emirata)

### **TC:01-2**

Back Home Amidst War: Older Adults Returning to Kibbutzim Severely Attacked on October 7th

**Hadas Bar-El Fremder**, Gabriela Spector-Mersel, Sapir College

### **TC:01-3**

Our Home, Our Story: Shaping October 7th Narratives and Commemorative Space in Western Negev Kibbutzim

**Anat Marle**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## TC:02 From Vision to Realpolitik: George Eliot, Weizmann, Jabotinsky and Ben-Gurion

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Eran Shlomi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### TC:02-1

George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda* – The Transition from Antisemitism to Philosemitism in the Victorian Era

**Maya Stav**, Bar-Ilan University

### TC:02-2

A Hawk among Doves? Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Zionist Internationalism and the League of Nations

**Eran Shlomi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### TC:02-3

Chaim Weizmann's Leadership Magic: Zionism as the Art of the Possible

**Meir Chazan**, Tel Aviv University

### TC:02-4

No Thing Human is Foreign to Us: Ben-Gurion's Translation Project of World Classics

**Nir Ratzkovsky**, Bar-Ilan University of Haifa

## TC:03 The Post-Euphoria Decade: Community, Education and (in) Security

Monday, September 8, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Danny Gutwein**, University of Haifa

### TC:03-1

Hope and Despair in 'Second Israel': Community Struggles in Neve Sharet and Musrara in the 1970s

**Paula Kabalo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### TC:03-2

Israeli Education in the 1970s: The Short-Lived Golden Age of Educational Equality, 1969-1978

**Amir Aizenman**, Oranim Academic College, Tel-Hai College

### TC:03-3

Civil-Military Relations After the Yom Kippur War: Reserve Soldiers' Challenges in 1973

**Anat Stern**, The Open University of Israel

### TC:03-4

The Establishment of the Civil Guard and the Crisis of (In)security

**Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University

## TC:04 Migration, Memory and Democracy: Jewish Histories and Political Discourses Between Brazil and Israel

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Arieh Saposnik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### TC:04-1

Jewish Immigration from Brazil to Israel in the Years 1948–1964

**Karen Ayalon-Brustein**, University of Haifa



**TC:04-2**

The Grammar of Sacrifice: Memory, Holocaust and the Symbolic Construction of the Far-Right  
**Michel Gherman**, Stephanie Mesquita Assaf, Milleni Freitas Rocha, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Bianca Bastos, Gabriel Melo Mizrahi, Pontifical Catholic University

**TC:04-3**

Democracy Crises, the Public Sphere and Cities in the 21th Century  
**Stephanie Assaf**, University of Haifa / Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

**TC:05 From Wounds to Healing: Post-Trauma, Medical Collaboration and Shared Futures**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Sammy Smootha**, University of Haifa

**TC:05-1**

Israeli-Palestinian Medical Cooperation: A Health for Peace Model?  
**Eli Sperling**, University of Georgia, David Greenky, Emory University

**TC:05-3**

Trauma, Identity, and Repetition: Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Through the Lens of Collective Post-Trauma  
**Shai Dror Tagner Haim**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TC:05-4**

Terrorism Denial and Terrorism Remembrance in Times of Crisis  
**Lev Topor**, Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo

**TC:06 Craft, Colonialism and the Production of Visual Culture**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Yael Guilat**, Oranim Academic College

**TC:06-1**

Collaborative Craft: Bodies without Borders  
**Yarden Stern**, Tel-Aviv University

**TC:06-2**

Embroidering Histories: Quasi-Colonial Agents and the Craft of Moroccan Embroidery  
**Elya Assayag**, Columbia University

**TC:06-3**

"If I forget": Colonizing the Jewish Gaze  
**Roni Tzoreff**, The Open University of Israel

**TC:06-4**

Palestinian Embroidery and Colonialism - Lamees Shahout  
**Lamees Shahout**, University of Haifa

**TC:07 Governance, Society and Reconciliation: Systemic Reflections on Israel in the Aftermath of October 7**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Amir Nehari**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:07-1**

The War and Potential Implications for the Israeli Regime  
**Gal Ariely**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:07-2**

Israel Following October 7th: An Integrative Psycho-Systems Analysis  
**Amir Nehari**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:07-3**

Insights for the Day After October 7th: Promoting Israeli-Palestinian Relations via the Narrative Model  
**Michal Raz Rotem, Oriana Abboud-Armaly**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Rachelly Ashwall-Yakar, Bar-Ilan University

**TC:08 The Politics of Denial and Israel's Marginal Voices**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Meir Amor**, Concordia University

**TC:08-1**

Reconciliation Without Truth: How the Media and the Law Control the Narrative of the Yemenite and Balkan Children Affair  
**Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber**, Suffolk University, **Inbal Maimon Blau**, Ono Academic College

**TC:08-2**

Denial and Its Discontents: Clinical Perspectives on Historical Silences  
**Natalie Haziza**, University of Haifa / Clalit Health Services

**TC:08-3**

"Authentic Leaders": Inequality, War and Voting Patterns in Israel's Social Margins  
**Meir Amor**, Concordia University

**TC:09 Sacred Spaces and Contested Voices: Zionism, Exile and the Politics of Remembrance**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Assaf Selzer**, University of Haifa

**TC:09-1**

Between Antisemitism, Hatred, and Love: Yehezkel Kaufmann and the Critique of Zionism  
**Yossi Kugler**, The College of Management Academic Studies

**TC:09-2**

The Forgotten Pantheon: Attempting to Honor the Nation's Intellectual Greats at Har HaMenuhot in Early Israel  
**Kobi Cohen-Hattab**, Bar-Ilan University

**TC:09-3**

Challenging Messianic Religious Zionist Discourse from Within in the Aftermath of October 7th  
**David C. Jacobson**, Brown University

## TC:10 Citizenship, Transformation and Engagement in Academia and Higher Education

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### TC:10-1

Pedagogies of Citizenship in Israeli Academia: Neoliberal Paradox

**Tamar Kaneh Shalit, Dalit Simchai**, Tel-Hai College

### TC:10-2

The Impact of October 7th Events on Jewish-Arab Relations in Israeli Higher Education: A Before-After Analysis

**Lior Yohanani**, Yossi Shavit, Tel Aviv University

### TC:10-3

Enhancing Global Ties: A Cultural Exploration of Indian Researchers in Israeli Academia

**Rebecca Sayo Laitflang**, Gad Yair, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## TC:11 Responses in Asia to Israel and Israel Studies

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **David Barak-Gorodetsky**, University of Haifa

### TC:11-1

Israel Studies in Asia: A Vibrant Research Field in China, Japan, and India

**Guangmeng Chen**, Sichuan International Studies University

### TC:11-2

Continuity and Change in Interfaith Relations in Singapore After October 7, 2023: A Jewish Community Perspective

**Mordy Miller**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### TC:11-3

Antisemitism in Chinese Academia: Discursive Trends and Global Implications following October 7th

**Meng Yang**, Peking University

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
TD SESSION  
15:00 – 16:30

**TD:01 Class Formation and Economic Transformation in Israel: New Perspectives on Labor, Capital and Social Mobility, 1920-1965**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Gilat Gofer**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:01-1**

Paving the Way: Women's Struggle for Inclusion in the Paving and Construction Industries during the Yishuv, 1920-1940

**Liat Taub**, University of Haifa

**TD:01-2**

Unraveling the Forgotten 1952 Palestinian Workers' Strike Wave in Israel

**Oded Marck**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:01-3**

A Peripheral Global Town: The Making of a Mediator Class in Kiryat Shmona

**Uri Schuster**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**TD:01-4**

The Dissolution of the Cooperative Housing of the General Histadrut

**Boaz Garfinkel**, MALI / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:02 From Damascus to Teheran: Israel and the New Geopolitics of the Region**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Eli Sperling**, University of Georgia

**TD:02-1**

How Far from Hama: The Muslim Brotherhood and the Syrian Civil War

**Yehuda Udi Blanga**, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:02-2**

Moving towards the Final Clash?! Iran and Israel after the War of Iron Swords

**Soli Shahvar**, University of Haifa

**TD:02-3**

Israel's Relations with Abraham Accord Nations Post October 7

**Aditya Kumar Singh**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**TD:03 Populism, Power and Identity in Contemporary Israeli Politics**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Guy Ben Porat**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:03-1**

Populism in Israel: Netanyahu and the Strategic Approach

**Asaf Day**, Rami Zeedan, University of Kansas

**TD:03-2**

Constitutional Coup through office holder 'Enablers'  
**Menachem Hofnung**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TD:03-3**

Reconceptualizing and Analyzing Mizrahi Political Ethnicity in Contemporary Party Politics  
**Ariel David**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TD:03-4**

The Elephant in the Room: Netanyahu's Entrenchment as PM and Alternative Preventive Legislation  
**Reuven Shapira**, Western Galilee College

**TD:04 Literary Reflections on Identity and Conflict in Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Rachel S. Harris**, Florida Atlantic University

**TD:04-1**

The Haunted Nation Where Monsters Thrive: Monsters in Israeli Science Fiction and Fantasy  
**Vered Weiss**, Michigan State University

**TD:04-2**

Women, Place and Conflict: A Study of Minor Detail by Adania Shibli and All the Rivers by Dorit Rabinyan  
**Joel Jyothis Tom**, Central University of Gujarat

**TD:04-3**

The Rise of Israeli Right-wing Poetry  
**Amir Segal**, Freie Universität Berlin

**TD:05 Media, Polarization and Public Discourse: Challenges to Israeli Democracy in the Digital Age**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Oranit Klein-Shagrir**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College

**TD:05-1**

What Missing Printed Newspapers Means to Israeli Democracy?  
**Hillel Nossek**, Kinneret Academic College on the Sea of Galilee

**TD:05-2**

The Spiral of Mediated Polarization  
**Arnon Kedem**, Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:05-3**

On Political Interests and Self-serving Diversity: How State Policymakers Envision Public Service Media  
**Oranit Klein-Shagrir**, Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College, **Aya Yadlin**, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:06 Language, Power and Social Structures in Bedouin and Druze Communities in Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Kais Nasser**, University of Haifa

**TD:06-1**

Arabic, Hebrew, and Identity: Exploring Generational Identity and Language Practices Among Druze Youth and Adults in Israel

**Rami Zeedan**, The University of Kansas

**TD:06-2**

Social Stratification as seen through Bedouin Poetry during the Period of the Military Government in the Negev

**Kobi Peled**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:06-3**

The Performance of a Shared Dinner: The Bedouin Family Table as Position and Power

**Elizabeth Rosner**, The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:07 War is Magnificent to Those Who Never Tried It: Poets, Writers and War**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:07-1**

Palestinian War Poetry Between Witness and Memory

**Daniel Behar**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TD:07-3**

“As though the merciful God has died, and the fallen lead shadow is heavy as a sealed grave:” Else Lasker-Schüler in Jerusalem

**Mei-Tal Nadler**, The Open University of Israel

**TD:07-4**

Milk and Yogurt Transported in Tanks: Nathan Alterman's Songs for the Satirical Theatre Hamatateh during the Arab Revolt in Palestine (1936)

**Leah Gilula**, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum

**TD:08 Israel as a Transnational Anchor in Multiethnic Jewish Diasporic Contexts: Case Studies from Australia, Latin America and Western Europe**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TD:08-1**

The Role of Israel in Constructing Transnational Identity Among Jewish Migrants in Paris, Brussels, and Antwerp

**Lilach Lev Ari**, Oranim College of Education

**TD:08-2**

Home and Away: The Interconnected Histories of "Sephardim" between Australia and Israel

**Aviad Moreno**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:08-3**

New Diaspora Connections: The Latin American Jewish Case

**Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

## TD:09 Ultraorthodox Society in Israel

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Shai Stern**, Bar-Ilan University / The Haredi Institute for Public Affairs

### TD:09-1

Ultra-Orthodox Society on the Axis between Conservatism and Modernity: A Proposal for an Update of the Axis 2025

**Lee Cahaner**, Oranim College of Education, Gilad Malach, Israel Democracy Institute

### TD:09-2

Mechanisms of Self-segregation: The Role of Law in Ultraorthodox Communities Struggle for Voluntary Spatial Separation

**Shai Stern**, Bar-Ilan University / The Haredi Institute for Public Affairs, **Avital Margalit**, Sapir Academic College

### TD:09-3

Life in a Template: Community Institutions, Responsibility and Complexity in Haredi Society  
**Yehudit Miletzky**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / The Institute for Haredi Strategy and Policy

## TD:10 Religion, Identity and Intragroup Dynamics in the Israeli-Palestinian Peacebuilding Process

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Ben Mollov**, Bar-Ilan University

### TD:10-1

Religionizing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

**Alon Burstein**, Tufts University

### TD:10-2

Beyond Arab-Jewish Divides: Exploring Secular-Religious Similar Dynamics in Intragroup Context - Implications for Peace Building

**Oriana Abboud-Armaly**, **Michal Raz-Rotem**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Rachelly Ashwall-Yakar, Bar-Ilan University

### TD:10-3

Interreligious Dialogue and the Reframing of Jewish-Arab Relations

**Ben Mollov**, Bar-Ilan University

## TD:11 Putting Children First: Education and Coping Strategies During Stressful Times

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, Ramat Gan Academic College

### TD:11-1

Living Together: Coping Strategies regarding Children's Education for Women in Intercultural Jewish-Arab Families in Israel

**Shlomit Oryan**, Oranim Academic College of Education, Tal Meler, Zefat Academic College

### TD:11-2

The Place of the Child during Wartime: The Case of Israeli Children's Periodicals from the 1960s–1980s

**Oshrat Revivo**, School of Education, Tel Aviv University

**TD:11-3**

Grandparenting in Times of Trauma: Experiences and Roles  
**Lia Ring**, Orit Taubman Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:12 Law and Constitutional Culture in Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Ariel Bendor**, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:12-1**

Doctrinal Realism and Hyper-Realism in Israeli Law  
**Ariel Bendor**, Michal Alberstein, Bar-Ilan University

**TD:12-2**

Balancing Rights and Sustainability: The Impact of Tort Law on Preserving the Israeli National Trail  
**Noa Ravinsky Raichel, Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:12-3**

Law in Cultural Paradigm. The Case of the Public (Mock) Trials in the Yishuv and Israel  
Dotan Greenvald, Harvard University, **Nir Gonen**, Princeton University

**TD:13 Crossroads of Conviction: Faith, Activism, Solidarity and non-Solidarity with Israel After October 7**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Lev Topor**, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy / Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

**TD:13-1**

New Patterns in Young French Jews' Activism concerning Israel  
**Elizabeth Stein**, UCLA

**TD:13-2**

Expressing Solidarity, Creating Connections, and Building Empathy: The Role of Post-October 7 Faculty Missions to Israel  
**Raeefa Shams**, Academic Engagement Network

**TD:13-3**

Romanian Responses to October 7, 2023  
**Felicia Waldman**, University of Bucharest

**TD:14 Theatre and City: The Performance of Israeli Urbanism**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Thalia Hoffman**, University of Haifa

**TD:14-1**

Theater in Dimona or Dimona Theater?  
**Naphtaly Shem-Tov**, The Open University of Israel

**TD:14-2**

Performative Returns to Haifa: Rethinking the Theatre in a 'Wounded City'



**Dorit Yerushalmi**, University of Haifa

**TD:14-3**

Performing Emotions of Urbanity in Tel Aviv in the 1930s  
**Shelly Zer-Zion**, University of Haifa

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**  
**WALKING TOURS OF HAIFA WITH FACULTY GUIDES**  
**(RSVPs Requested. Buses depart campus after the last session)**  
**16:40 – 19:00**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**  
**WA SESSION**  
**08:30 – 10:00**

**WA:01 Nation-Building and Inequality: Political Structures in Early Israel**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Oren Kalman**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WA:01-1**

United We Stand? Transnational Zionist Women's Networks as a Political Mechanism  
**Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern**, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

**WA:01-2**

The Absorption of Polish Jews in Israel, 1949-1950: Preferential Conditions for Ashkenazi Immigrants?  
**Avi Picard**, Bar Ilan University

**WA:01-3**

Between Religious and Liberal Nationalisms: Complexity and Tensions among the Liberal Religious Zionist Leadership  
**Cohen Kovacs Gilad**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WA:02 From Cincinnati to Tel Aviv: Reform Judaism, and the Making of a Transnational Jewish Identity**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **David Barak-Gorodetsky**, University of Haifa

**WA:02-1**

Hebrew Union College and Zionism - from 1948 to October 7  
**Ofer Chizik**, University of Haifa

**WA:02-2**

Shifts in US Jewry's Attitude to Israel: The Case of Hebrew Union College's Imposition of a Year-in-Israel Requirement for Rabbinical Students

**David Mendelsson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem / Hebrew Union College (Retired)

**WA:02-3**

Reform Jewish Education in Tel Aviv's State Schools: Between Integration and Transformation

**Einat Libel Hass**, Ramat Gan Academic College / Bar-Ilan University

**WA:03 Hope, Climate and Protest: Designing Meaning in the Israeli Urban Landscape**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Dalit Shach-Pinsly**, University of Haifa

**WA:03-1**

The Visual Manifestations of the "Bring Them Home" Campaign in Public Space, and the way they attempt to bridge both cultural and ideological gaps

**Onna Segev**, University of Haifa

**WA:03-2**

Urban Renewal: Between Europe and Israel

**Dalit Shach-Pinsly, Hadas Shadar**, University of Haifa

**WA:03-3**

Microclimate in Expanding Nation: Town-planning, Science, and Governance in Israel

**Omri Shafer Raviv, Or Aleksandrowicz**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**WA:03-4**

Paris Square as a Case Study of "Space of Hope" in the Cosmopolitan - Conflictual City

**Yamit Shimon**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**WA:04 Israeli Journalism, Public Diplomacy and National Image: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Sandrine Boudana**, Tel Aviv University

**WA:04-1**

Israeli Public Diplomacy, Censorship, and the Manchester Guardian newspaper during the Suez war, 1956

**Giora Goodman**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

**WA:04-2**

Journalistic Interventionism: What is so special about Israeli Journalists?

**Sandrine Boudana, Akiba Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

**WA:04-3**

Training for Citizen Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israeli Backpackers

**Arava Rotman**, University of Haifa, Eytan Gilboa, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:04-4**

The Levite's Concubine in Court: Kibbutz Yagur vs. Herut Daily

**Shimon Erez Blum**, Sapir Academic College

## **WA:05 Educational Policy, Ethics and Integration in Israel: Historical and Contemporary Challenges**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA:05-1**

Balancing State Education and Parental Rights: Historical Perspectives on Israeli Educational Policy

**Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA:05-2**

Jewish Israeli Adolescents Engage Ethically with the 1948 War: Before and After October 7

**Roy Weintraub**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA:05-3**

Building Bridges: Integration of Arab and Jewish Educators in a Kibbutz Early Education System

**Orit Fisher Shalem**, Kinneret Academic College

## **WA:06 Emotional Labor, Social Resilience and Mental Health in Israeli Society during Armed Conflict**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Michal Soffer**, University of Haifa

### **WA:06-1**

An Affective Lens on Social Activists' Emotional Labor in Interactions with Allies

**Ruth Blatt, Gilly Hartal, Orna Sasson-Levy**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WA:06-2**

Social Support, Happiness, State Anxiety, and Passion at Work Among Medical Staff During Times of Armed Conflicts in Israel

**Orit Shamir Balderman, Michal Shamir**, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

### **WA:06-3**

Psychosocial Effects of Political Change and the Iron Sword War on Social Functioning in Israel

**Javier Simonovich**, Zefat Academic College

## **WA:07 Bullets and Bodies: Performing Power and Femininity in Post-October 7 Israel**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Esther Carmel Hakim**, University of Haifa

### **WA:07-1**

"To Conquer the Target on the Battlefield": Young Women's Sexual Subjectification within Military and Neoliberal Discourses in Israel

**Rachel Levi Herz**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WA:07-2**

Arming Femininity: Gender Performativity, Citizenship and Identity Among Israeli Women Gun Owners in the Post-October 7th Era

**Maya Maor**, Nathan Stern, Uzi Ben-Shalom, Ariel University

## WA:08 After October 7: Analyzing, Remembering and Questioning in American Jewish Communities

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Zohar Segev**, University of Haifa

### WA:08-1

Comparative Analysis of Threat and Challenge Perceptions During the October 7, 2023, Conflict Among Holocaust Survivors and Descendants in Israel and the U.S.

**Anat Romem**, Lev Academic Center, Jerusalem, **Laurie Glick**, Jerusalem College of Technology

### WA:08-2

Jewish-American Criticism of Israel during the Hamas-Israel War

**Emily Schneider**, **Natanael Damian**, Northern Arizona University

### WA:08-3

Taking Stock: Adding Up the Surveys on the Middle East War and Its Impact on American Jews

**Mervin Verbit**, Touro University

## WA:09 Crafting Hybrid Identity through Language in Israel

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Leah Gilula**, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum

### WA:09-1

Finding a Voice: The Myth of Acquiring Speech in Russian-Israeli Literature

**Aleksei Surin**, Bar-Ilan University

### WA:09-2

Exterritoriality in the Israeli Francophone Community: *Continuum* Literary Journal (2002-2023)

**Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University, **Maya Michaeli**, The Open University of Israel

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10:00 – 10:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

WB SESSION

10:30 – 12:00

## WB:01 "What Do Women Merit?" (Berachot 17): The Development of Women's Religious-scholarly Leadership in Israel Before and After October 7th

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Chana Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

### WB:01-1

Isha El Akhota: The Unique Function of Women's Halakhic Responsa via Whatsapp in Wartime

**Moria Ran**, Brandeis University, **Hagit Hacohen Wolf**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
**Estee Rieder Indursky**, MALI

**WB:01-2**

Female Torah Scholarship in Modern Orthodox Judaism in Israel: Development and Future Prospects

**Hagit Hacohen Wolf**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WB:01-3**

Gender, Social Boundaries and Activism Among Ultra-Orthodox Women Studying Talmud

**Estee Rieder Indursky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:02 Universities, Women's Organizations and the ANC: Mapping the New Terrain of Antisemitism**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Mervin Verbit**, Touro University

**WB:02-1**

Women's Organizations: Antizionism and Antisemitism

**Esther Carmel Hakim**, University of Haifa

**WB:02-2**

The African National Congress (ANC), Genocide, and Israel/Palestine

**Asher Lubotzky**, University of Houston

**WB:02-3**

From Campus to Workplace: Understanding the Systemic Impact of Antisemitism Post-October 7, 2023.

**Dikla Yogev**, University of Toronto

**WB:03 Live on and Prosper: Science Fiction, Memory and the Arts**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Tehila Sade**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Sapir Academic College

**WB:03-1**

To Boldly Remember: Memory Technologies from Star Trek's Vision to Jewish and Israeli Commemoration

**Bar Leshem**, University of Haifa, **Inbal Ben-Asher Gitler**, Sapir Academic College / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:03-2**

Echoes of Evil: Spielberg's Sci-Fi Antagonists and the Specter of Nazi Memory

**Alon Judkovsky**, Sapir Academic College

**WB:03-3**

*A Merderlekhe Froy*: Femme Fatales, Memory, and Jews in Alternate History

**Keren Omry**, University of Haifa

**WB:04 The Israeli Presidency: Symbolism, Strategy and Political Function in a Divided Democracy**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

**WB:04-1**

The Puzzle of Left-Wing Majorities in Israeli Presidential Elections, 1978-1998  
**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**WB:04-2**

The Expression of Established Bipartisanship: Israeli Presidents in Light of Israeli Domestic and International Conflicts  
**Alon Helled**, University of Turin

**WB:04-3**

The Presidential Dilemma: Between a Symbol of Mamlakhtiut and a Political Actor  
**Ofer Kenig**, Ashkelon Academic College / The Israel Democracy Institute, **Dana Blander**, The Israel Democracy Institute

**WB:05 Arab and Druze Women in Israel: Navigating Social Services, Family Structures and State Institutions**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Einat Lavee**, University of Haifa

**WB:05-1**

Differentiation in Perceptions and Support for Low-Income Single Arab Mothers in Israel by Providers of Social Services  
**Sohad Amaria**, **Einat Lavee**, University of Haifa

**WB:05-2**

Being an Arab-Muslim Middle-aged Single Never Married Women in Israel Marrying an Older Widower  
**Chaya Koren**, Doaa Atamneh, University of Haifa

**WB:05-3**

"I am Here for You, by Your Side": Cultural Responsiveness among Arab Policewomen in Israel towards Arab Women who are Victims of Violence  
**Tal Meler**, Zefat Academic College

**WB:05-4**

Druze Women Artists in Israel: Art as a Blueprint for the Story of the Daughter's Relationship with Her Mother/Father  
**Ebtesam Barakat**, Zefat Academic College, Shahr Marnin-Distelfeld, Zefat Academic College / Oranim College

**WB:05-5**

Pregnancy and Motherhood in Times of Conflict: The Experiences of Arab Women Following the October 7 Attack  
**Maram Awad-Yasin**, Lia Ring, Elad Mijalevich-Soker, Orit Taubman Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

**WB:06 Women, Power and Structural Change in Contemporary Israeli Society**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Ayelet Harel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:06-1**

A Room of One's Own? Women in Frontline War Rooms following the October 7, 2023 Attack  
**Ayelet Harel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Saviona Rotlevy, Independent Scholar, Shir Daphna-Tekoah, Ashkelon Academic College

**WB:06-2**

The New Discourse on Women Soldiers Following October 7th: Challenging Gendered Dichotomies and Redefining Cultural Schemes

**Orna Sasson-Levy**, Bar-Ilan University, Edna Lomsky-Feder, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**WB:06-3**

Reframing Femicide in Israel: Feminist Struggles and the Role of the 'National Emergency' and Security Discourses

**Tanya Zion-Waldoks**, Tamar Ben David, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WB:07 Governance, Resistance and Empire: Political Encounters in Mandatory Palestine**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Moshe Naor**, University of Haifa

**WB:07-1**

"Good Governance" for "Backward Peoples": The Palestine Police 1920-1948

**Ruth Amir**, Yezreel Valley College

**WB:07-2**

Transnational Encounters: Jewish, Arab, and British Officials under the Palestine Mandate

Itamar Radai, The Open University of Israel, **Hanan Harif**, Tel-Hai Academic College

**WB:07-3**

Mahane Yehuda Market during the British Mandate: Between Nation-Building Processes and Local Identity

**Tal Chenya**, University of Haifa

**WB:08 Between Law and Loyalty: Citizenship and Integration into Israeli Society**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Hadas Mesgena Yaron**, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

**WB:08-1**

"Selling" the 1952 Israeli Citizenship Law

**Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:08-2**

"We just want equality": Perceptions of Racism, Police and Citizenship among Jewish Israelis of Ethiopian Descent

**Ofir Abu**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee / Tel-Hai College, Yariv Feniger, Guy Ben Porat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:08-3**

[When Immigrants Choose not to Become Citizens](#)

[Amir Segal](#), Freie Universität Berlin

**WB:08-4**

Israeli Citizenship in Flux: The Case of the Fallen Filipino IDF Soldier in the Israel-Hamas War

**Yuri Keum**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## **WB:09 Kibbutz Spaces and Symbols: Memory, Ideology and Communal Life in Zionist History**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Shlomo Getz**, University of Haifa

### **WB:09-1**

Shifting Symbols: Founding Kibbutz Lohamei HaGetaot  
**Sharon Geva**, Kibbutzim College

### **WB:09-2**

Architecture as a Site of Encounter Between Nationalist, Socialist and Religious Ideals: The Communal Space in Religious Kibbutzim 1937-1957  
**Shlomo Strauss**, Alona Nitzan-Shifan, Oryan Shachar, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

### **WB:09-3**

The Pinat Hai of the Kibbutz  
**Shai David Ben Ami**, University of Washington

## **WB:10 Justice for the Victims of the Sexual Crimes of October 7th: Three Battlefields**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WB:10-1**

#MeTooUnlessYouAreAJew?  
**Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WB:10-2**

Weaponizing Sexual Violence: Accountability Challenges in the Aftermath of the 7/10 Attack  
**Sharon Zagagi-Pinhas**, Bar-Ilan University, **Nava Ben-Or**, The Dinah Project

## **WB:11 Students and Teachers: Challenges, Alienation and Local Humanitarianism**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Adi Sherzer**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WB:11-1**

Improving Teacher Engagement in Digital Education: The Mediating Role of Teaching Routines and ICT Coordinators' Support in Crisis Contexts  
**Shlomit Hadad**, **Mor Deshen**, Ramat Gan Academic College

### **WB:11-2**

"Bereaved Teacher" - Everyday Challenges of Israeli Educators in Times of War  
**Shachar Knaani**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **WB:11-3**

"What makes you feel this way"? Uncovering Factors Associated with Feeling Alien and Rejected among the Students in Israel  
**Nohad 'Ali**, Western Galilee College / Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, **Dennis Rosenberg**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WB:11-4**

Beyond Humanitarian Imagination - The Action Model of Social-Educational Movements in Emergency Events in Israel and Around the World



**Yuval Becker**, Rinat Levi, Yonatan Alexandro, Nir Hinuchi Shatfani, Lauren Erdreich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **WB:12 Labor and Power: Employment, Production and Nationalization**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Boaz Garfinkel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **WB:12-1**

"Girl Power"? Employment-Promoting Social Workers Navigating Neoliberal and Feminist Approaches When Working with Female Clients  
**Limor Gadot**, Sapir Academic College, **Noga Pitowsky-Nave**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WB:12-2**

When Israel produced Bicycles: An Experiment in Economic Independence  
**Dror Goldberg**, The Open University of Israel

### **WB:12-3**

A National Necessity or a Steering Mechanism? The Employment of Youth as Apprentices in the IDF's Technical Framework in the First Decades of the State  
**Elad Neemani**, The Open University of Israel

## **WB:13 Zionism, Anti-Zionism and Alternative Political Visions in Jewish and Israeli History**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Steven Zipperstein**, UCLA

### **WB:13-1**

Yerahmiel Domb: Initial Biographical Profile of a Haredi anti-Zionist Activist  
**Kimmy Caplan**, Bar-Ilan University

### **WB:13-2**

Leah Ashkenazi-Wultz, A Teacher and A Fighter: The Story of Women Educators and Members of the Irgun Underground Organizations  
**Zehavit Schenkolewski**, Ashqelon Academic College

### **WB:13-3**

Outflanking the Right: Kach's Journey in Israeli Parliamentary Politics  
**Neil Bar**, Bar-Ilan University

**LUNCH BREAK**  
**12:00 – 13:30**

[Women's Caucus lunch follows and further Wednesday sessions]

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**  
**WOMEN'S CAUCUS**  
**(Including Light Lunch)**  
**12:00 – 13:15**

Chair: **Moria Ran**  
Interlocutor: **Divya Malhotra**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**  
**WC SESSION**  
**13:30 – 15:00**

**WC:01 Book Roundtable: How did the Ashkenazim become Israelis? Immigration and Emotions in Middle-Class Families, by Rotem Leshem**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Rotem Leshem**, Tel Aviv University

**WC:01-1**

**Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University

**Orna Sasson-Levy**, Bar-Ilan University

**Tamar Katriel**, University of Haifa

**WC:02 Book Roundtable: "Women's Zionism Worldwide, 1897-1948"**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair and Respondent: **Michal Ben Ya'akov**, Efrata College of Education

**WC:02-1**

**Mira Yungman**, The Open University of Israel (Retired)

**Haim Saadoun**, The Open University of Israel

**Katarzyna Czerwonogóra**, Bar-Ilan University

**WC:03 The Aftermath of October 7th: Trauma, Evacuation and their Impact on Kibbutzim Resilience**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Shlomo Getz**, University of Haifa

**WC:03-1**

Justice Dilemmas in a Hosted Kibbutz and in its Hosting Community

**Michal Palgi**, University of Haifa

**WC:03-2**

**Solidarity as a Coping Mechanism: Insights from the Kibbutz Movement during the 2023 Crisis**

**Zeevik Greenberg**, Tel-Hai College, **Sibylle Heilbrunn**, Seminar Hakibutzim

**WC:03-3**

The Impact of Northern Communities' Evacuation on Community Resilience  
**Shlomo Getz, Jana Goldemberg**, University of Haifa

**WC:03-4**

Resilience of a Rural Community in an Urban Environment Following the October 7th Trauma: A Case Study  
**Tamar Lazar**, University of Haifa, Yuval Achouch, University of Haifa / Western Galilee College

**WC:04 Bridges and Balances: Israel Between the Caucasus, South Asia and the Politics of Public Discourse**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Gallia Lindenstrauss**, Institute for National Security Studies

**WC:04-1**

Evolving Dynamics: Israel-Azerbaijan Ties After the Third Karabakh War  
**Gallia Lindenstrauss**, Institute for National Security Studies

**WC:04-2**

Between Allies and Opportunities: Israel's Balancing Act in Its Relations with China and the U.S.  
**Chenghua Fu**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WC:04-3**

Hamas Attack on Israel and Israeli Response: Gauging the Response of Ruling Regimes and Muslim Awaam of South Asia  
**Divya Malhotra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mount Carmel College

**WC:04-4**

When Hashtags Harm: Examining Anti-Semitic Discourse in Indian Digital Spaces  
**Deborah Samuel**, University of Haifa

**WC:05 Under the Shadow of War: Navigating DEI Challenges in Israeli Academia**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair:

**WC:05-1**

Shenkar Teaching Compass: Teaching Art and Design During Times of Escalation  
**Michal Pazuener**, Shenkar. Engineering. Design. Art.

**WC:05-2**

The Critical Role of Administrative Faculty in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the Academy During War  
**Tammy Rubel Lifschitz**, Rula Hamdan, Sharon Ben-Arie, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WC:05-3**

The Academic Community at War: Navigating Between Freedom of Expression and Community Cohesion  
**Sharon Abraham-Weiss**, Or Rappel-Kroyzer, Tel Aviv University, Yael Ben David, New York University, Tammy Rubel-Lifshitz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## WC:06 Zionism, Diplomacy and Historical Memory: Statecraft and Perceptions of Israel in the 20th Century

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Asaf Shamis**, University of Haifa

### WC:06-1

The Oslo Process and Israel's Peace Treaty with Jordan: An Example of the Peace Dividend?

**Louise Fischer**, Israel State Archives

### WC:06-2

The Basic Equities of the Palestine Problem

**Monty Penkower**, Machon Lander Graduate School of Jewish Studies (Emeritus)

### WC:06-3

"Zionist Action for Israel": Hungarian State Security Report from 1976

**Attila Novak**, Ludovika University of Public Service

## WC:07 Architecture of Change and Ethics of Space

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Naomi Simhony**, University of Haifa / Holon Institute of Technology

### WC:07-1

Architecture of Change: Alexander Klein's Urban Networks for Zionist Settlement

**Ekaterina Prozorov**, Alona Nitzan-Shiftan, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

### WC:07-2

The Central Synagogue of Nazareth Illit and its Architectural Dialogue with Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation

**Naomi Simhony**, University of Haifa / Holon Institute of Technology

### WC:07-3

"Spatial Ethics": Controversies in Planning University Campus Synagogues in Israel

**Hagit Leshem**, Tel Aviv University, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

## WC:08 Israel-Diaspora at a Junction: New Research on Shlichim (emissaries) and Shlichut

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Yosef Aharonov**, Ministry of Social Affairs and Services

### WC:08-1

Building the Bridge: The First Zionist Shlichim (Emissaries) to the United States 1909-1931

**Daniel Steiner**, University of Haifa

### WC:08-2

The Impact of October 7 on Teaching Emissaries

**Michal Shapira-Junger**, Ariel University

### WC:08-2

"Here I am the attachment of... ": Israeli Women Relocating with their Partner

**Efrat Tzadik**, Université Catholique de Louvain

## WC:09 Social Media, Memory and Discourse: Digital Narratives of Israel, Zionism and Identity

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Sandrine Boudana**, Tel Aviv University

### WC:09-1

Holocaust's Manifestations on Social Media Before and After October 7th

**Motti Neiger**, Bar-Ilan University, Anat Ben-David, The Open University of Israel, **Oren Meyers**, University of Haifa

### WC:09-2

BDS on Social Media: Shaping Identity, Belonging, and Alienation among Palestinian Arab-Israelis

**Meirav Iboga Rasumni Urşar**, University of Haifa

### WC:09-3

Creating News Media Projects in Response to the 7th October: Russian-speaking Citizen Journalism in Israel

**Anna Smoliarova**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## WC:10 Maps, Stamps and Rockets: Symbols and Elusiveness of Peace

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Javier Simonovich**, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

### WC:10-1

Where is the Middle East? Israeli Student's Geographical Knowledge and Perceptions

**Tal Yaar-Waisel**, Oranim College of Education, Moran Zaga, University of Haifa

### WC:10-2

Miniature Narratives of Muqawama: Hamas's Postage Stamps as Tools of Propaganda and National Identity Construction

**Ido Zelkovitz**, Yezreel Valley College, Yehiel Limor, Bar-Ilan University

### WC:10-3

Hamas Locations for Storage of Weapons and Rockets and Use of Rockets

**David Matas**, B'nai Brith Canada

## WC:11 Queerness, Language and Nation: Gendered Identities in Israeli Institutions and Public Spaces

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Maya Maor**, Ariel University

### WC:11-1

Queer in grammatical drag: Performing queerness through 'misbehaved' loanwords in Israeli Hebrew

**Uri Mor**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, **Lior Laks**, Bar-Ilan University

### WC:11-2

Inclusive Exclusion: The IDF and the Israeli Classroom Socializing their Sexed, Gendered, and Queered Futures

**Brandon William Epstein**, Bar-Ilan University

### WC:11-3

COFFEE BREAK  
15:00 – 15:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025  
WD SESSION  
15:30 – 17:00

**WD:01 Roundtable on the Yemenite Children Affair: Ethnic Tensions, Immigration and Public Records in Israel**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Avi Picard**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:01-1**

**Gur Alroey**, University of Haifa

**Uri Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

**Avshalom Ben-Zvi**, Independent Scholar

**WD:02 AI, Ethics and Innovation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Technology in Society**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Moshe Lavee**, University of Haifa

**WD:02-1**

The Local and Global Impact of Israeli Radical, Discontinuous, and Disruptive Innovations

**Ilan Bijaoui**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:02-2**

The Good Mida Model: Integrating the Ethical into Digital Architecture

**Gaya Bitman**, Jonathan Dortheimer, Edna Langenthal, Ariel University

**WD:02-3**

Implications of Artificial Intelligence Applications in Reproductive Medicine: Israeli and International Perspectives

**Orit Cherny Golan**, Yezreel Valley College

**WD:02-4**

Integrating the SAMR Model and Bloom's Taxonomy with AI for Teaching Hebrew as a Second Language

**Iris Cohen**, University of Florida

## WD:03 Israel, International Law and Transitional Justice: Legal Challenges in the Post-October 7 Era

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### WD:03-1

From Trauma to Transformation: Transitional Justice and Constitution Making in Post-October 7 Israel

**Michal Tamir**, The Academic College of Law and Science, Sigall Horovitz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### WD:03-2

Circumventing the Security Council: The ICJ, the ICC and Israel

**Steven E. Zipperstein**, UCLA

### WD:03-3

“Metoo unless You Are a Jew” and the Erosion of the International Regime of Human Rights

**Hadas Cohen**, University of Oklahoma

## WD:04 Book Roundtable on Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman's “Zionut MeBeten UmiLeida”: Birthrate in the Yishuv and Israel 1918-1960

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair and Respondent: **Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel

### WD:02-1

**Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

**Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University

**Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, Ramat Gan Academic College

## WD:05 Degrees of Belonging: Arab Educational Pathways and the Politics of Inclusion in Israel

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Shai Dror Tagner Haim**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### WD:05-1

Educational Attainment and Barriers to Social Mobility among Israeli Arab Graduates of Technological fields

Einat Lavee, **Asaf Levanon**, Daria Gomelsky-Haiby, Rawan Kabiya, University of Haifa

### WD:05-2

Teacher Professional Commitment in the Israeli Arab Education System: Principal Leadership and School Outcomes

**Yasmin Abd Alkader**, Bar-Ilan University

### WD:05-3

Factors Associated with Subjective Violence-Related Threat in Residential Settings: The Case of Israeli Arab Citizens Aged 50 Years and Older

**Nohad 'Ali**, Western Galilee College / Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, **Dennis Rosenberg**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **WD:06 Messianic Politics versus Territorial Claims in Israeli History and Society**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Einat Libel Hass**, Bar-Ilan University / Ramat Gan Academic College

### **WD:06-1**

Building the Temple as a Solution to World War - Avraham Tzfati and the Gun Incident in the Knesset

**Itzhak Pass**, Bar Ilan University

### **WD:06-2**

Attempts to Establish Settlements in Judea and Samaria: Between the Revisionist "Nablus Group" (1969-1973) and Supporters of Greater Israel from the Labor Movement (1967-1979)

**Elchanan Shilo**, Bar-Ilan University, Sapir College

### **WD:06-3**

Populism and Provocation at the Temple Mount.

**Yiftach Har-gil**, Heidelberg University

## **WD:07 From Lecture Halls to National Halls: The Making of the 'New Jew' in Zionist Cultural Imagination**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Zehavit Schenkolewski**, Ashkelon Academic College

### **WD:07-1**

The Founding Ceremony of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem: The Birth of the 'New Jew'

**Uri Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

### **WD:07-2**

Zionism of Mountain and Valley: The Hebrew University and the Yishuv Between Tension and a Shared Destiny

**Yehonatan Hershberg**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **WD:07-3**

Reflections of a Nation: "The Decade Exhibition" in Jerusalem (1958) and Its Role in Shaping Israeli Identity

**Galia Limor-Sagiv**, Shamoon College of Engineering

## **WD:08 Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel During Wartime: Historical Perspectives**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Meirav Iboga Rasumni Urşar**, University of Haifa

### **WD:08-1**

The Plan for the British Withdrawal from Palestine and its impact on Arab-Jewish Violence in the Spring of 1948

**Robert DeBoard**, Emory University

### **WD:08-2**

Egyptian Jewish Settlement on Kibbutzim Kfar Aza and Bror Hayil

**Yitzhak Kerem**, Sefarad VehoMizrah / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WD:08-3**

The Arab Palestinians in Israel and the 10/7 War



**WD:09 Israel's Foreign Policy in a Shifting Landscape: Türkiye, Africa and the Kurds**

Wednesday, July 9 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Efrat Aviv**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:09-1**

The Impact of October 7 Events on Israeli-Turkish Relations: Antisemitism, Economic Disruptions, and Community Effects

**Efrat Aviv**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:09-2**

The KRG's Neutrality: Assessing Its Response to the Gaza War and Relations with Israel

**Anuradha Jangra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**WD:09-3**

Israel's Shifting Bilateral Ties with Africa: An Assessment of African Responses to October 2023 War

**Ritika Shashwat**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**WD:10 Family – Social Transformations, Religion and the Politics of Conversion**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Michal Palgi**, University of Haifa

**WD:10-1**

Learned Family on the Educator-kibbutzim – Knowledge, Kinship, and Social Transformation as Historical Legacy

**Lauren Erdreich**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rotem Bar Israel, Hashomer Hatzair Adult Movement

**WD:10-2**

Digital Genealogy of Communal Life: Network Analysis of Family Structures in a Religious Kibbutz

**Rappel Kroizer Or**, **Yanir Marmor**, Tel Aviv University

**WD:10-3**

Family Values - Religious Resurgence?

**Guy Ben Porat**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WD:10-4**

Israeli Conversion – A New Political Creation

**Lilach Ben Zvi**, Shalom Hartman Institute

**WD:11 From Satire to Streaming, Stadiums to Screens: Shaping Israeli Identity in a Time of Conflict**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Rachel Levi Herz**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:11-1**

The Zehu Ze Elders Protocols :: How Elderly Characters in Israeli Satire Contribute to the War Effort

**Sharon Ramer Biel**, The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo

**WD:11-2**

“The Netflix Effect”? How Watching Berlin Genre Streaming Series Impacts Israeli Perceptions of Germany

**Assaf Uni**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WD:11-3**

From the 7/10 Terror Attack to 7/10 Olympic/Paralympic Medals in Paris 2024: Israeli Athletes' Construction of Meaning in the Olympic Games Transition

**Assaf Lev**, Ono Academic College, Gershon Tenenbaum, Roy Samuel, Reichman University

**WD:12 State's Rights and Responsibilities**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Niva Golan-Nadir**, Reichman University

**WD:12-1**

The State of Israel's Right to Self Defence

**Farid Shukurlu**, University of Hull

**WD:12-2**

Between Security and Democracy: The Limits of Military Power

**Teofan Axinte**, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

**WD:13 Haredi Society in Israel: Identity, Democracy and Historical Memory in the Shadow of Crisis**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Attila Novak**, Ludovika University of Public Service

**WD:13-1**

“I Identify myself as Haredi, Hasidic and Nationalist”: Haredi Youth Negotiating their Civic Identity since October 7th

**Malki Poryes**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WD:13-2**

The Ultra-Orthodox, Democracy, and Israel: A Study in Times of Crises

**Estee Rieder-Indursky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Shahaf Zamir, Reichman University

## CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE