

ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

AIS

SINCE 1985



אוניברסיטת חיפה
UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA
جامعة حيفا

41st Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies
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

[Monday sessions continue on the next page]

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
MB SESSION
10:30 – 12:00

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

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

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 Plisilova, 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 7th 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

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 16:30

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

Imagined Political Identities: Emerging Concepts in Zionism and the Yishuv
Amit Assis, Jewish National Fund

This session is sponsored by the Jewish National Fund

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

[Welcome, Award Ceremony, Keynote and Banquet follow]

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
AIS BANQUET
(For Ticket Holders)
20:30 – 21:30

[Tuesday sessions follow on next page]

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 Scheuftan

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 7th

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 Nosssek**, 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

COFFEE BREAK

10:00 – 10:30

[Tuesday sessions continue on next page]

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
TB SESSION
10:30 – 12:00

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

This session is presented under the auspices of the Kibbutz and Labor Movement Researchers Forum

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 21st 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, Rachely 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

COFFEE BREAK
14:30 – 15:00

[Tuesday sessions continue on next page]

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 Hamatatch 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

COFFEE BREAK

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, Shahar 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 Czerwonołóga, 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: **Tammy Rubel-Lifshitz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WC:05-1

Shenkar Teaching Compass: Teaching Art and Design During Times of Escalation
Michal Puzner, 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