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*Israel and the International Community: Challenges and Prospects*  
**University of Haifa, July 7-9, 2025**

# **AIS 2025**

## **Final Conference Program**

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 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, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**MA:01-1**

**Eyal Benvenisti**, Tel Aviv University

**Doreen Lustig**, Tel Aviv University

**Hala Khoury Bisharat**, Ono Academic College

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

**MA:02 Burdens of Service: Mental Health, Aging Leaders and the Fragility of Military Power**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 09:30

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

**MA:02-1**

"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

**MA:02-2**

Perceived Stress and Personal Growth following the Transition to Military Service: The Role of Sense of Coherence and Perceived Social Support

**Shlomit Weiss-Dagan**, Orit Taubman Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

**MA:02-3**

Was Physical Weakness Due to Old Age A Major Cause for Hawkish Israeli Prime Ministers' Failure to Uphold Their Principles?

**Or Honig**, University of Florida

**MA:03 Contested Spaces: Planning, Power and Ethics in Israel Post-October 7**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Esther Hertzog**, Zefat Academic College

**MA:03-1**

"Spatial Ethics": Controversies in Planning University Campus Synagogues in Israel

**Hagit Leshem**, Tel Aviv University, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**MA:03-2**

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

**Rassem Khamaisi**, University of Haifa

**MA:03-3**

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

## MA:04 Tracing the Vernacular: Focusing on Israeli Culture

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### MA:04-1

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:04-2

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

**Roe Joseph**, Bar-Ilan University

### MA:04-3

Western Trends or Local Reality: Negotiating Cohabitation in Contemporary Israel

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

### MA:04-4

Art's Alchemy: Spirituality Awakens for Disbelieving Israelis

**Tammar Friedman**, Bar Ilan University

### MA:04-5

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:05 Navigating Complexity: Public Policy and Administration in Israel Amid Contemporary Crises

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### MA:05-1

*"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:05-2

Urban Politics and Ethno-gentrification in Israeli Mixed Cities

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

### MA:05-3

‘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:05-4

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:06 Who Are We Now? Air, Water and the Search for Israeli Identity After October 7**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Oded Haklai**, Queen's University

### **MA:06-1**

Israel's Ontological Security Post-October 7

**Roe Kibrik**, Yezreel Valley College / Mitvim

### **MA:06-2**

Managing Israeli Ontological Security Inside-Out and Outside-In: "The Next Star for the Eurovision"

**Galia Press-Barnathan**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **MA:06-3**

Air Transportation Disruptions Following the October 7 War: Impacts, Resilience and Historical Comparisons

**Uzi Freund-Feinstein**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### **MA:06-4**

Desalination, Diplomacy, and Democracy: Exploring Israel's Identity Through Constructivism and Water Politics

**Jeffrey Sosland**, American University

## **MA:07 Cultural Imaginaries and Media Narratives: Israel in Fiction, Film and Religious Discourse**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Zef Segal**, College of Management Academic Studies

### **MA:07-1**

'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:07-2**

"It's Home, Isn't It?": The Israeli Press on Golan and Globus in 1980s Hollywood

**Boaz Hagin**, Tel Aviv University

### **MA:07-3**

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

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

## **MA:08 Historical Understanding of Urban Transformations and Social Tensions in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa during the 20th Century**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Ofir Abu**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### **MA:08-1**

Ethicizing Poverty: Professional Interventions and Oriental Jewish Communities in Nachlaot, 1930s  
Jerusalem  
**Elia Etkin**, University of Haifa

**MA:08-2**

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:08-3**

Queering Memorials: Subversive Temporalities in Haifa's Urban Landscape from the British Mandate to the 1970s  
**Dotan Brom**, Tel Aviv University

**MA:09 Curtains Up, Walls In: Cultural Production and Representation in a Time of Crisis**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Vered Weiss**, Michigan State University

**MA:09-1**

Israel on the Broadway Stage: The Case of "Milk and Honey" (1961)  
**Edna Nahshon**, JTS

**MA:09-2**

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

**MA:09-3**

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

**MA:09-4**

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

**MA:10 Diaspora Responses to October 7: Identity, Solidarity and Public Discourse in European and Australian Jewish Communities**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**MA:10-1**

"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:10-2**

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:10-3**

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

## **MA:11 Extracting Demographic and Intellectual History Data from Archival Tables**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### **MA:11-1**

Hospital Registers as Data for Research of Mandatory Palestine

**Amuna Nesreen**, Sinai Rusinek, University of Haifa, **Zvi Ben-Ishai**, Rambam Hospital

### **MA:11-2**

Trajectories of Israeli Culture and Society in the Strashun Library Ledgers: DH Approach

**Moshe Lavee**, University of Haifa

### **MA:11-3**

"The Mukhtar Books in Hebrew of the Jewish Colonies in the Ottoman Census of 1905"

**Yuval Ben-Bassat**, University of Haifa

## **MA:12 Hityashvut Ovedet in Israel - New Research Directions**

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### **MA:12-1**

A Century of Latin American Jewish Migrations to Kibbutzim, 1923-2023

**Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

### **MA:12-2**

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:12-3**

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:12-4**

Between Political Differentiation and a United Front: The (re)Formation of the Rural Sphere in Israel

**Naama Zohar**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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

Monday, July 7, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Einav Segev**, Sapir Academic College

### **MA:13-1**

Beyond the Curriculum: Navigating Power and Knowledge in Informal Trans Healthcare Initiatives

**Inna Blus-Kadosh**, Bar-Ilan University

### **MA:13-2**

Group Supervision as Experienced by Child Protective Social Workers in Israel

**Tamar Darvish**, Keren Michael, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

**MA:13-3**

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, JULY 7, 2025**

**MB SESSION**

**10:30 – 12:00**

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

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Jonathan Rynhold**, 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 Roundtable: A National, Regional and International Assessment of the Middle East following the Iron Swords Campaign**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Shlomit Weiss Dagan**, Bar-Ilan University

**MB:02-1**

**Eyal Lewin**, Ariel University

**Dan Naor**, Ariel University

**Chen Kertcher**, Ariel University

**Gadi Hitman**, Ariel University

**MB:03 Law, Land and Legitimacy: Competing Legal Frameworks in the West Bank and Beyond**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**MB:03-1**

The Status of the West Bank and the British Mandate

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

**MB:03-2**

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

**MB:03-3**

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:03-4**

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

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

Monday, July 7, 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 Is the Past the Future? Interpreting the Impact of Israeli History Going Forward**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Elad Wexler**, Tulane University

**MB:05-1**

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

**MB:05-2**

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

**MB:05-3**

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:06 Perceptions of Equality amongst Minority Citizens of Israel**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Hadas Mesgena Yaron**, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

### **MB:06-1**

"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

### **MB:06-2**

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

### **MB:06-3**

Nationalizing the Criminal: Palestinians in Israel  
**Liora Sion**, University of Copenhagen

### **MB:06-4**

Beyond Integration: Educational Policies and their Lasting Impact on Ethiopian-Israeli Youth  
**Esther Hertzog**, Zefat Academic College

## **MB:07 Migration, Gender and Belonging: Moving Across Borders**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

### **MB:07-1**

"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:07-2**

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

### **MB:07-3**

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

### **MB:07-4**

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

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

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **William Miles**, Northeastern University

### **MB:08-1**

IMEC and the Historical Context of Israel-India Trade  
**Hananya Goodman**, Shamoon College of Engineering

**MB:08-2**

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

**MB:08-3**

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

**MB:08-4**

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

## **MB:09 Digital Tools and Historical Discourses: Rethinking Jewish History and Diplomacy through Technology**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**MB:09-1**

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

**MB:09-2**

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:09-3**

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

**MB:09-4**

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

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

Monday, July 7, 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:10-3**

Outflanking the Right: Kach's Journey in Israeli Parliamentary Politics  
**Neil Bar**, Bar-Ilan University

## **MB:11 Israel Institute Session: Tips for Israeli Scholars Seeking Academic Work in the United States**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Erika Falk**, Israel Institute

Information session for Israeli scholars seeking academic work at American colleges and universities. It covers common mistakes that Israelis make and tips for making the search for post doctorates or faculty positions more successful.

## **MB:12 Development Politics in the Galilee under the British Mandate**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Lily Eilan**, Heidelberg University

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

Between Modern Planning and Historic Preservation: The Struggle Over Acre's Urban Identity During the British Mandate

**Anat Kidron**, Tel-Hai College

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

Power and Politics in the Upper Galilee: The Electrification of Safed

**Nadav Heidecker**, University of Haifa

### **MB:12-3**

British Planners and Municipal Planning of Tiberias during the Mandate period

**Esther Yankelevitch**, University of Haifa

## **MB:13 Press, Poetry and Passage: Shaping Jewish Identity from the 19th Century to the Soviet Aliyah**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

### **MB:13-1**

Immigration as a News Item: Attitudes toward Jewish Immigrants in the 19th-Century Hebrew Press

**Zef Segal**, College of Management Academic Studies

### **MB:13-2**

Between Two Homelands: Yehuda Amichai's "Mein Judentum" and the Politics of Memory in 1970s Israel

**Marc Volovici**, University of Haifa

### **MB:13-3**

Leadership in the Soviet Jewish Emigration 1967-1989

**Ilan Riss**, Central Bureau of Statistics (Retired)

## **MB:14 Aspects of Distress, Trauma and Post-Trauma in Israeli Children's Literature**

Monday, July 7, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Vered Tohar**, Bar-Ilan University

### **MB:14-1**

Narrative and Poetic Strategies of Trauma Literary Representations in Israeli Children's Literature  
**Vered Tohar**, Bar-Ilan University

**MB:14-2**

The Trauma of Losing a Father in Israeli Children's Literature  
**Shai Rudin**, Gordon College of Education

**MB:14-3**

Traumas Waiting to be Rediscovered: Mizrahi Literature  
**Lily Glasner**, Kibbutzim College of Education / Bar-Ilan University

**LUNCH BREAK**  
12:00 – 14:30

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**  
**AIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**(Including Boxed Lunches)**  
12:15 - 14:15

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**  
**MC SESSION**  
14:30 – 16:00

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

Monday, July 7, 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 Israel, Security and the International Order: Strategic Thought and Foreign Policy After October 7**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Ariel Roth**, Israel Institute

**MC:02-1**

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

**MC:02-2**

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

**MC:02-3**

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

**MC:02-4**

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

**MC:03 Between Allies and Autonomy: U.S. Influence and Independent Peace Efforts in Israeli-Palestinian Diplomacy**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

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

**MC:03-1**

Strained Relationship: George W. Bush, Yizhak Shamir and Israel-USA Relations, 1989-1992  
**David Tal**, University of Sussex

**MC:03-2**

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

**MC:03-3**

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

**MC:04 From Surprise to Strategy: Rethinking Israeli Defense in the Wake of October 7**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

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

**MC:04-1**

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:04-2**

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:04-3**

Whistleblowing, National Security and Democracy in Israel  
**Daphne Inbar**, University of California, Irvine

**MC:04-4**

Why Did Israel Not Take Defense More Seriously Prior to the October 7th Hamas Attack?

**Or Honig**, University of Florida

## **MC:05 Public Diplomacy, Soft Power and National Identity: Israel's Struggle for International Legitimacy**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

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

### **MC:05-1**

Mismanaging Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israel

**Yair Eddie Fraiman**, Bar-Ilan University

### **MC:05-2**

The Limits of Public Diplomacy: Evaluating Israeli Responses to Soft Power Warfare Before and After October 7

**Gerald Steinberg**, Bar-Ilan University

### **MC:05-3**

"Israel's Realist hypocrisy"? The Role of Values and Interest in Israeli Public Rhetoric Before and After October 7

**Ariel Reichard**, Charles University, Prague

### **MC:05-4**

Cultural Diplomacy and Israel's International Image: A Qualitative Study of Soft Power in Action

**Suchibrata Roy**, Charles University, Prague

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

Monday, July 7, 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, July 7, 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 Birkvadker**, 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 Mass Jewish Immigration to Israel in Comparative Perspective: Between Arab Nationalism, British Colonialism, the Cold War and Israel**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

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

**MC:08-1**

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

**MC:08-2**

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

**MC:08-3**

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

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

Monday, July 7, 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, July 7, 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, July 7, 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**, School of Communication-Bar Ilan University

**MC:12 Public Education in Israel: Political, Ethnographical and Historical Analysis 1880-2023**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

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

**MC:12-1**

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

**MC:12-2**

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

**MC:12-3**

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

**MC:13 Pilgrims, Providers and Peace Deals: Tourism at the Crossroads of Culture and Commerce**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Shay Rabineau**, Binghampton University

**MC:13-1**

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:13-2**

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

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

**MC:13-3**

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

**Rebekka Ramdohr**, Bar-Ilan University

**MC:13-4**

Tourism and Normalization—The Case of Abraham Accords

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

**MC:14 Importing the World? Shaping Israeli Culture through Translation**

Monday, July 7, 2025 14:30 - 16:00

Chair: **Gilad Halpern**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MC:14-1**

The Role of Translated Literature in the Creation of a Hebrew Readership: 'Rimon' as a Case in Point

**Rachel Weissbrod**, Bar-Ilan University, Zohar Shavit, Tel Aviv University,

**MC:14-2**

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

**Nir Ratzkovsky**, University of Haifa

**MC:14-3**

De-liberalizing Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in Hebrew Translation

**Omri Asscher**, Bar-Ilan University

**COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 – 16:30

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025**

**MD SESSION**

16:30 – 18:00

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

Monday, July 7, 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 Environmental History and Cultural Landscape in Israel: From British Mandate to Statehood**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

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

### **MD:02-1**

The Roots of Waste Management Challenge in Israel  
**Yaron Jorgen Balslev**, University of Stavanger

### **MD:02-2**

Revisiting Hiriya: Waste Management, Environmental Injustice, and the Loss of Cultural and Ecological Legacy  
**Galia Limor-Sagiv**, Shamoon College of Engineering

### **MD:02-3**

Landscape Architecture in Israel (1970s-2000s): A Unique Global Professional Institutionalization  
**Omer Aloni**, Techion, Glass-Balaban Foundation, Tal Alon Mozes, Techion

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

The Establishment of the First Natural History Collections in Eretz Israel  
**Noga Raved, Havatzelet Yahel**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **MD:02-5**

Sylvan Dreams: Alexander Eig and the Quest for Ecological Restoration in Mandatory Palestine.  
**Naomi Yuval-Naeh**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **MD:03 Roundtable on Reclaiming Scholarly Authority: Pedagogical Strategies and Challenges on Teaching Israel-Palestine During Conflict**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Dotan Greenvald**, Harvard University

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

**Rhona Burns**, Cornell University  
**Daniel Arnon**, The University of Arizona  
**Oded Haklai**, Queen's University

## **MD:04 JNF-KKL Panel on Reimagining Jewish Identity: Nationalism, Culture and Power in Zionist Thought and Practice**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

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

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

Even Just an Echo: Propaganda Among Haredim for the Jewish National Fund, 1926-1945  
**Ayala Shklar**, Hemdat Hadarom Academic College of Education

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

Babylon and Jerusalem: Then and Now  
**Yizhar Hess**, World Zionist Organization

**MD:04-3**

Power of the Purse, Power of Purpose: KKL-JNF UK Relations Through the Years  
**Lilach Barak**, University of Haifa

**MD:04-4**

The Cultural Controversy in Zionism: Ahad Ha'am versus Herzl  
**Moti Friedman**, Jewish National Fund

*This session is sponsored by the Jewish National Fund*

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

Monday, July 7, 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 The Post-Euphoria Decade: Community, Education and (in) Security**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

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

**MD:06-1**

Hope and Despair in 'Second Israel': Community Struggles in Neve Shareit and Musrara in the 1970s  
**Paula Kabalo**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**MD:06-2**

Israeli Education in the 1970s: The Short-Lived Golden Age of Educational Equality, 1969-1978  
**Amir Aizenman**, Oranim Academic College, Tel-Hai College

**MD:06-3**

Civil-Military Relations After the Yom Kippur War: Reserve Soldiers' Challenges in 1973  
**Anat Stern**, The Open University of Israel

**MD:06-4**

The Establishment of the Civil Guard and the Crisis of (In)security  
**Orit Rozin**, Tel Aviv University

## **MD:07 Frames of the Nation: Gender, Ethnicity, Trauma and Memory in Israeli Cinema**

Monday, July 7, 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:07-4**

Failing Intersectionality: The Pseudo Progressive Discourse on Gender and Ethnicity in Israeli Cinema

**Yaron Shemer**, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

## **MD:08 Book Roundtable and Responses to “Expressivist Religious Zionism: Modernity and the Sacred in a Nationalist Movement” by Shlomo Fischer**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

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

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

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

**Sara Yael Hirschhorn**, University of Haifa

**Erica Weiss**, Tel Aviv University

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

Monday, July 7, 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, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

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

### MD:10-1

Between a “Ball and Chain” and a “Half-full Glass”: Work-family Balance Experiences of Fathers to Children with Disabilities

**Einav Segev**, Limor Gadot, Maayan Fine, Sapir Academic College

### MD:10-2

Coerced Volunteering: Provision of Frontline Social Services During Emergencies

**Ofri Shalev Greenman**, Einat Lavee, University of Haifa

### MD:10-3

The Psychosocial Outcomes of Stigma-related Stress: A Study of Israeli Adults with ADHD

**Michal Soffer**, Einat Binyamin Carmel, University of Haifa

### MD:10-4

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:11 Israel Institute Session on Grants

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Erika Falk**, 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, July 7, 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 Digital Antisemitism in Asia: Online Discourses and their Geopolitical Implications Post-October 7**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Yuri Keum**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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

Rethinking the Nature of Online Anti-Semitism in China and Its Impact on Sino-Israeli Relations  
**Yanyan Chen**, Shandong University

#### **MD:13-2**

Antisemitism in China after 7. October  
**Meng Yang**, Peking University

### **MD:14 Technology, Security and Sustainability in Modern Conflict: The Case of the Israel-Hamas War**

Monday, July 7, 2025 16:30 - 18:00

Chair: **Daphne Inbar**, University of California - Irvine

#### **MD:14-1**

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

#### **MD:14-2**

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

#### **MD:14-3**

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

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MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025  
AIS AWARD CEREMONY, WELCOME  
AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
18:30 – 20:30

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

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025  
AIS BANQUET  
(For Ticket Holders)  
20:30 – 21:30

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025  
TA SESSION  
08:30 – 10:00

**TA:01 New Manifestations, Old Hatred: Antisemitic Discourse in the Political and Academic Spheres Following October 7th**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**TA:01-1**

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

**TA:01-2**

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

**TA:01-3**

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:01-4**

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

**TA:02 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, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**TA:02-1**

**Dan Scheuftan**, University of Haifa

**Jesse Ferris**, Israel Democracy Institute

**Michael Oren**, Former Ambassador to the United States

**TA:03 Media, Conflict and Identity: Representing Israel and its Others in War and Protest**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Eyal Lewin**, Ariel University

**TA:03-1**

Covering Israel 'en famille': The International Edition of The Palestine Post

**Gilad Halpern**, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

**TA:03-2**

#BringThemHome: Temporality and Addressivity in the Digital Protest for Hostages' Release

**Shani Dalyot**, Shirley Druker Shitrit, Sapir College

**TA:03-3**

"The Shadow and the Mouse": Representations of Yahya Sinwar in the Israeli Media

**Nissim Katz**, **Hillel Nosseck**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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:04-3**

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:04-4**

The Lights of Freedom: The Online Weddings in Israel

**Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, The Israel Academic College in Ramat Gan



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

Tuesday, July 8, 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

Meanings of Protest in an era of Democratic Erosion  
**Aya Shoshan**, Jennifer Oser, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### TA:05-3

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:05-4

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, July 8, 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 and 1970s: Navigating Local Phenomena and Global Influences

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Janet Cohen**, Zefat Academic College

### 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**

Young Leadership in the Periphery of Israel from the 1960s to the Present: The "Mekumi-Locally"  
Project Case Study  
**Janet Cohen**, Safed Academic College

**TA:08 The Female Caregiver and Patient: Addressing Gendered Needs in Israeli Health and Welfare Systems**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**TA:08-1**

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

**TA:08-2**

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:08-3**

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:08-4**

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

**TA:09 Israel-Diaspora Relations: Multiple Forms of Transnational Politics**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Jonathan Rynhold**, Bar-Ilan University

**TA:09-2**

Shaming during War: Israeli Public Response to Diaspora Criticism  
**Yehonatan Abramson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Anil Menon**, University of California - Merced

**TA:09-3**

Diaspora Mobilization and Foreign Policy: The case of the Jewish and Israeli Diasporas in Germany and Sweden  
**Isabell Schierenbeck**, University of Gothenburg

**TA:09-4**

Does Group-Based Threat Trump Support for Democratic Norms? The Role of Protective Policies

**Liron Lavi**, Bar-Ilan University, Dietlind Stolle, Isaac Noveck, Elisabeth Gidengil, McGill University, John Hicks, University of Wisconsin–Madison

**TA:09-5**

Building a State, (dis)Engaging the Diaspora: Examining Israel's Transition from National Movement to Independent State and its effect on Diaspora Engagement

**Jason A. Silverman**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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 International Games, International Community and a Humanitarian Superpower**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Artur Skorek**, Warsaw School of Economics

**TA:11-1**

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

**TA:11-2**

How the International Community Makes Sense of a Strong Accommodation Dilemma: The Competing Narratives of the Russia–Ukraine and Hamas–Israel Wars

**Tereza Plistilova**, Michal Parizek, Jakub Stauber, Charles University

**TA:11-3**

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

**Olaf Gloeckner**, University of Potsdam

## TA:12 Literary Reflections on Identity and Conflict in Israel

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### TA:12-1

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

### TA:12-2

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

### TA:12-3

The Rise of Israeli Right-wing Poetry  
**Amir Segal**, Ruppin Academic Center

## TA:13 Kosher Whisky and Startup Dreams: Cultural Capital and Israeli Innovation Worldwide

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### TA:13-1

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

### TA:13-2

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

### TA:13-3

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

### TA:13-4

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:14 Street, Campus and Home: Arab and Institutional Responses to Post-October 7 Israel

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Yuval Yonay**, University of Haifa

### TA:14-1

DEI or Military Governorate: Israeli Campuses after October 7 and the Israeli Dilemma  
**Yuval Yonay**, University of Haifa

### TA:14-2

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

**Gadi Hitman**, Ariel University

**TA:14-3**

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

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:00 – 10:30**

**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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, July 8, 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 Arab Palestinians in Israel and the 10/7 War

**Elie Rekhess**, Northwestern University, Idan Franco, Tel Aviv University

**TB:01-4**

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, July 8, 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**, Kibbutz and Labor Movement Researchers Forum

**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 Roundtable: Reimagining Place, Myth and Memory in Zionist and Israeli History**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Janet Cohen**, Zefat Academic College

**TB:03-1**

**Amit Levy**, University of Haifa

**Shay Rabineau**, Binghamton University

**Rebekka Grossmann**, Leiden University

**Eva Gurevich**, Brandeis University

**TB:04 Book Roundtable on “Minorities, Policing and Citizenship in Israel” by Guy Ben Porat and Yair Yassan**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chairs: **Guy Ben Porat** and **Yair Yassan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TB:04-1**

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

**Yair Yassan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Abeer Baker**, University of Haifa

**Doron Navot**, University of Haifa

**TB:05 Revisiting the Israeli Right: New Perspectives on Politics, Society and Culture**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**TB:05-1**

Prisons in the Creative Path of Abba Achimeir

**Brian Horowitz**, Tulane University

**TB:05-2**

Menachem Begin's Theory of Civil Disobedience

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

**TB:05-3**

"Mizrahi Voters and the Class Dynamics of the 1977 Political Upheaval"

**Amir Goldstein**, **Ofir Ubu**, Tel-Hai College

**TB:06 Mizrahi / Sephardi Struggles in Early Israeli History**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Avi Picard**, Bar-Ilan University

**TB:06-1**

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

**TB:06-2**

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

**TB:06-3**

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

**TB:06-4**

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

**TB:07 From Protest to Pedagogy: Teaching and Debating Israel-Palestine on Today's Campuses**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**TB:07-1**

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

**TB:07-2**

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

**TB:07-3**

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:08 Emergency Preparedness in Israel: From Perception to Implementation**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**TB:08-1**

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

**TB:08-2**

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

**TB:08-3**

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

## **TB:09 Women, Religion, Rabbis: Israeli Women and the Religious Establishment**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

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

"Why Didn't You Leave Him?": Women Survivors of Domestic Violence in Israeli Rabbinical Courts

**Nitzan Caspi Shiloni**, Bar Ilan University

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

Between Halakha and the Body: Rabbinic Authority and Women's Physical Experience in Jewish Law

**Sarah Segal Katz**, Bar-Ilan University

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

As God Intended?: Acceptance as a Religious-Feminist Strategy

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

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Avner Ben-Amos**, Tel Aviv University

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

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

The Effect of a Teenager's Conscription on Their Mother's Political Opinion: The Israeli Case

**Enav Hecht-Filiba**, Bar-Ilan University

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

Diaspora Soldiers in Israel: Between Ethnic Immigrants and Temporary Sojourners

**Lior Yohanani**, Tel Aviv University / Israel Democracy Institute

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

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

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

Reconciliation under Duress: Engaged Buddhist Paradigms in Middle East Conflict

**Umesh Regmi**, Tribhuvan University

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

Gender Dynamics in Druze Reincarnation: Exploring Notq Stories

**Maha Nattoor**, University of Haifa

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

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:13 Disrupted Geographies: Airports, Activism and Migrant Landscapes in a Warring Nation**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

### **TB:13-1**

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

**Eldad Brin**, University of Haifa

### **TB:13-2**

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

**Efrat Hildesheim**, Tel Aviv University

### **TB:13-3**

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

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

**LUNCH BREAK**

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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025  
TC SESSION  
13:00 – 14:30

**TC:01 Roundtable: Between Alienation and Cooperation – Evolving Muslim-Jewish Relations in Europe Post-October 7**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:01-1**

**Marcela Menachem Zoufala**, Charles University

**Olaf Gloeckner**, Potsdam University

**Artur Skorek**, Warsaw School of Economics

**Timea Crofony**, Charles University

**Alisa Jachnowitsch**, Potsdam University

**TC:02 Populism, Power and Identity in Contemporary Israeli Politics**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:02-1**

Populism in Israel: Netanyahu and the Strategic Approach

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

**TC:02-2**

Constitutional Coup through office holder ‘Enablers’

**Menachem Hofnung**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TC:02-3**

Reconceptualizing and Analyzing Mizrahi Political Ethnicity in Contemporary Party Politics

**Ariel David**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TC:02-4**

The Elephant in the Room: Netanyahu’s Entrenchment as PM and Alternative Preventive Legislation

**Reuven Shapira**, Western Galilee College

**TC:03 Governance, Society and Reconciliation: Systemic Reflections on Israel in the Aftermath of October 7**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:03-1**

The War and Potential Implications for the Israeli Regime

**Gal Ariely**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:03-2**

Israeli Society Between Social Unrest and War in Gaza

**Eyal Lewin**, Ariel University

**TC:03-3**

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

**TC:03-4**

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:04 Craft, Colonialism and the Production of Visual Culture**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:04-1**

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

**TC:04-2**

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

**TC:04-3**

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

**TC:04-4**

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

**TC:05 The Politics of Denial and Israel's Marginal Voices**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Meir Amor**, Concordia University

**TC:05-1**

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:05-2**

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

**TC:05-3**

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

**TC:06 Israel as a Transnational Anchor in Multiethnic Jewish Diasporic Contexts: Case Studies from Australia, Latin America and Western Europe**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:06-1**

Home and Away: The Interconnected Histories of "Sephardim" between Australia and Israel  
**Aviad Moreno**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:06-2**

The Role of Israel in Constructing Transnational Identity Among Jewish Migrants in Paris, Brussels, and Antwerp  
**Lilach Lev Ari**, Oranim College of Education

**TC:06-3**

New Diaspora Connections: The Latin American Jewish Case  
**Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa

**TC:07 Love, Intimacy, Fantasy: Debating and Feeling Emotions in the Yishuv and Israel**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:07-1**

Solitude and Loneliness - The Case of Hana Meisel and Eliezer Shohat  
**Galia Hasharoni**, University of Haifa

**TC:07-2**

Zionist Lesbians: Invisible Intimate Relationships  
**Orit Yaal**, Kinneret Academic College

**TC:07-3**

The Forfeited Fantasy: The Downplay of Fantasy in writings on Love and Sexuality in the Yishuv  
**Yael Itai-Pak**, Bar-Ilan University

**TC:08 From Wounds to Healing: Post-Trauma, Medical Collaboration and Shared Futures**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:08-1**

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

**TC:08-2**

Arab Representation in Israeli Healthcare Professions: Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities  
**Bruce Rosen**, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sami Miaari, Tel Aviv University / Yale University

**TC:08-3**

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:08-4**

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

**TC:08-5**

Acknowledging Pain: The Role of Recognition in Shaping the Foreign Policies of Traumatized States

**Irena Kalhousova**, Charles University, Prague, Emmanuelle Blanc, University of Haifa

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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**, Yad Vashem

**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:09-4**

Third Space of Enunciation of Religions in Exile

**Rameshwar Aryal**, Tribhuvan University

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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:10-4**

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

**Elie Friedman**, Michal Neubauer, Ashkelon Academic College

**TC:11 From Vision to Realpolitik: Disraeli, George Eliot, Weizmann and Jabotinsky**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Stefania Manca**, Italian National Research Council

**TC:11-1**

Benjamin Disraeli's Ideas about Jewish Restoration to Zion  
**Yael Halevi-Wise**, McGill University

**TC:11-2**

A Hawk among Doves? Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Zionist Internationalism and the League of Nations  
**Eran Shlomi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**TC:11-3**

Chaim Weizmann's Leadership Magic: Zionism as the Art of the Possible  
**Meir Chazan**, Tel Aviv University

**TC:11-4**

George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda* – The Transition from Antisemitism to Philosemitism in the Victorian Era  
**Maya Stav**, Bar-Ilan University

**TC:12 Resilience in the Kibbutz Community after October 7, 2023**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

Chair: **Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

**TC:12-1**

"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:12-2**

Back Home Amidst War: Older Adults Returning to Kibbutzim Severely Attacked on October 7th  
**Hadas Bar-El Fremder**, Gabriela Spector-Mersel, Sapir College

**TC:12-3**

Our Home, Our Story: Shaping October 7th Narratives and Commemorative Space in Western Negev Kibbutzim  
**Anat Marle**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TC:13 Migration, Memory and Democracy: Jewish Histories and Political Discourses Between Brazil and Israel**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

**TC:13-1**

Jewish Immigration from Brazil to Israel in the Years 1948–1964  
**Karen Ayalon-Brustein**, University of Haifa

**TC:13-2**

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:13-3**

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

## TC:14 Christian, Jewish and Academic Responses to Israel and Multi-culturalism in Asia

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 13:00 - 14:30

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

### TC:13-1

The Singaporan Evangelical Church after October 7<sup>th</sup>: A Community Caught In-Between  
**Jasmine Kolano**, Nanyang Technological University

### TC:13-2

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:13-3

Israel Studies in Asia: A Vibrant Research Field in China, Japan, and India  
**Guangmeng Chen**, Sichuan International Studies University

COFFEE BREAK  
14:30 – 15:00

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025  
TD SESSION  
15:00 – 16:30

## TD:01 Women, Power and Structural Change in Contemporary Israeli Society

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

### TD:01-1

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

### TD:01-2

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

### TD:01-3

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

## **TD:02 Roundtable on the Yemenite Children Affair: Ethnic Tensions, Immigration and Public Records in Israel**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Avi Picard**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TD:02-1**

**Gur Alroey**, University of Haifa

**Uri Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

**Nirit Ben-Ari**, University of California - Riverside

**Avshalom Ben-Zvi**, Independent Scholar

## **TD:03 Roundtable: Israel's Security Doctrine Put to the Test – Lessons from Operation Iron Swords**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Eitan Shamir**, Bar-Ilan University

### **TD:03-1**

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

**Eran Ortal**, IDF (retired)

**Eado Hecht**, IDF (retired)

## **TD:04 Media, Polarization and Public Discourse: Challenges to Israeli Democracy in the Digital Age**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Idit Manosevitch**, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

### **TD:04-1**

What Missing Printed Newspapers Means to Israeli Democracy?

**Hillel Nossek**, Kinneret Academic College on the Sea of Galilee

### **TD:04-2**

The Spiral of Mediated Polarization

**Arnon Kedem**, Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan University

### **TD:04-3**

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:05 Roundtable on Recent Achievements of Israeli Arabs in the Healthcare Professions – Implications within Israel and Internationally**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Bruce Rosen**, Myers-JDC-Brookdale Institute / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **TD:05-1**

**Nour Abed Elhadi Shahbri**, Israel Ministry of Health

**Ilan Troen**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev / Brandeis University

**Mohammed Wattad**, Ramat Gan Academic College



## TD:06 Law and Constitutional Culture in Israel

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

### TD:06-1

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:06-2

The Declaration of Independence as a Skeletal Constitution: The Intriguing Case of Israel  
**Noya Rimalt**, University of Haifa

### TD:06-3

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

### TD:06-4

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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:07-2

The 'Crying Out' of the Walls: A New Home for Holocaust Survivors in Yiddish-Israeli Prose  
**Gali Drucker Bar-Am**, The Levinsky-Wingate Academic Center

### TD:07-3

"As though the merciful God has died, and the fallen lead shadow is heavy as a sealed grave:" Else Lasker-Schüler in Jerusalem  
**Mei-Tal Nadler**, The Open University of Israel

### TD:07-4

Milk and Yogurt Transported in Tanks: Nathan Alterman's Songs for the Satirical Theatre Hamatateh during the Arab Revolt in Palestine (1936)  
**Leah Gilula**, The Israel Goor Theatre Archives and Museum

## TD:08 Class Formation and Economic Transformation in Israel: New Perspectives on Labor, Capital and Social Mobility, 1920-1965

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

### TD:08-1

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:08-2**

Unraveling the Forgotten 1952 Palestinian Workers' Strike Wave in Israel  
**Oded Marck**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**TD:08-3**

A Peripheral Global Town: The Making of a Mediator Class in Kiryat Shmona  
**Uri Schuster**, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**TD:08-4**

The Dissolution of the Cooperative Housing of the General Histadrut  
**Boaz Garfinkel**, MALI / Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## TD:09 Ultraorthodox Society in Israel

Tuesday, July 8, 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, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

Chair: **Marcela Menachem Zoufalá**, Charles 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**

Leveraging Social Media for Peace: Middle Eastern Activists Shaping Global Discourse on Israel and the Gaza Conflict  
**Stefania Manca**, Italian National Research Council

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

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Language, Power and Social Structures in Bedouin and Druze Communities in Israel**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

### **TD:12-1**

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

**Rami Zeedan**, The University of Kansas

### **TD:12-2**

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:12-3**

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

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

## **TD:13 From Damascus to Teheran: Israel and the New Geopolitics of the Region**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

### **TD:13-1**

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

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

### **TD:13-2**

Israel, the New Syrian Regime, and UNDOF: The end of the Decade-long Supportive Approach?

**Eitan Barak**, Shalem College / Bar-Ilan University

### **TD:13-3**

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

**Soli Shahvar**, University of Haifa

**TD:13-4**

Israel's Relations with Abraham Accord Nations Post October 7  
**Aditya Kumar Singh**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**TD:14 Crossroads of Conviction: Faith, Activism, Solidarity and non-Solidarity with Israel After October 7**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

**TD:14-1**

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

**TD:14-2**

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

**TD:14-3**

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

**TD:15 Theatre and City: The Performance of Israeli Urbanism**

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 15:00 - 16:30

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

**TD:15-1**

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

**TD:15-2**

Performative Returns to Haifa: Rethinking the Theatre in a 'Wounded City'  
**Dorit Yerushalmi**, University of Haifa

**TD:15-3**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025**  
**WALKING TOURS OF HAIFA WITH FACULTY GUIDES**  
**(RSVPs Requested. Buses depart campus after the last session)**  
**16:40 – 19:00**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025  
WA SESSION  
08:30 – 10:00

**WA:01 Israel, International Law and Transitional Justice: Legal Challenges in the Post-October 7 Era**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**WA:01-1**

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

**WA:01-2**

Circumventing the Security Council: The ICJ, the ICC and Israel

**Steven E. Zipperstein**, UCLA

**WA:01-3**

“Metoo unless You Are a Jew” and the Erosion of the International Regime of Human Rights

**Hadas Cohen**, University of Oklahoma

**WA:02 Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Women and War: From the Spanish Civil War to October 7, 2023**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Pnina Abir-Am**, Brandeis University

**WA:02-1**

Jewish Couples' from Mandatory Palestine in the Spanish Civil War: Between and Betwixt Fighting and Intimacy

**Raanan Rein**, Tel Aviv University / University of Florida, Dror Sharon, Tel Aviv University

**WA:02-2**

Captivity and Beyond: Women POWs of 1948 and Gendered Narratives in Israeli Discourse

**Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:02-3**

Lacunae in the Public Memory of the Six Day War: Restoring the Agency of Women Soldiers

**Pnina Abir-Am**, Brandeis University

**WA:02-4**

"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

**WA:02-5**

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

## **WA:03 After October 7: Analyzing, Remembering and Questioning in American Jewish Communities**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Amnon Cavari**, Reichman University

### **WA:03-1**

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:03-2**

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

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

### **WA:03-3**

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

**Mervin Verbit**, Touro University

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### **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, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Amir Aizenman**, Oranim Academic College / Tel-Hai College

### **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**

Responding to the Fallout from October 7: From Crisis to Opportunity.  
**Iris Posklinsky**, University of Haifa, Ezra Kopelowitz, Shlomi Ravid, Jonathan Golden, Jake Gills,  
Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education

**WA:05-3**

Jewish Israeli Adolescents Engage Ethically with the 1948 War: Before and After October 7  
**Roy Weintraub**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WA:05-4**

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, July 9, 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 Nation-Building and Inequality: Political Structures in Early Israel**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**WA:07-1**

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

**WA:07-2**

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

**WA:07-3**

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

**WA:08 Crafting Hybrid Identity through Language in Israel**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**WA:08-1**

Toward a Multilingual Study of Israeli Literature: The Case of Early Israeli Yiddish Prose  
**Gali Drucker Bar-Am**, The Levinsky-Wingate Academic Center

**WA:08-2**

Finding a Voice: The Myth of Acquiring Speech in Russian-Israeli Literature  
**Aleksei Surin**, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:08-3**

Exterritoriality in the Israeli Francophone Community: *Continuum* Literary Journal (2002-2023)  
**Galia Yanoshevsky**, Bar-Ilan University, **Maya Michaeli**, The Open University of Israel

**WA:09 When Crisis Meets Leadership: Gender, Diplomacy and Transnational Activism in Jewish History**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Alexandra Mandelbaum**, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:09-1**

When Crisis Made Leadership Possible and Social Norms Restricted It: Sarah Stern-Katan's Journey  
**Malka Kinast**, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:09-2**

Swiss-Israeli Relations After the Holocaust Through the Eyes of Ambassador Yitzchak Mayer: Crisis, Optimism, and Growth  
**Gitit Hoze**, Bar-Ilan University

**WA:09-3**

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

**WA:10 Bullets and Bodies: Performing Power and Femininity in Post-October 7 Israel**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

**WA:10-1**

"We're the toughest badass Israeli force!" Women Combatants in Israel's Border Police Negotiate High-risk Routine, Social Challenges and Powerful Womanhood  
**Ilanit Berenzon**, Zefat Academic College

**WA:10-2**

"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:10-3**

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:11 Women's Agency in Reimagining Security and Peace in Israel and Beyond**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### **WA:11-1**

Militaristic Maternal Care During the Israel-Hamas War

**Yael Assor**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA:11-2**

Rethinking Security: The Importance of Local Knowledge in Assessing Threats and Establishing Security

**Tal Nitsan**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### **WA:11-3**

From Protesting the State to Protecting the Nation: Gendered Forms of Nonviolent Resistance in Israel's Pro-Democracy Protest and War

**Veronica Lion**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Liv Halperin, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

### **WA:11-4**

Religious Agency: Islamic Feminist Identity in Relation to the Western-Israeli and Islamic-Palestinian Conflict

**Nahed Ashqar Sharary**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## **WA:12 Hope, Climate and Protest: Designing Meaning in the Israeli Urban Landscape**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

Chair: **Janet Cohen**, Zefat Academic College

### **WA:12-1**

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:12-2**

Urban Renewal: Between Europe and Israel

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

### **WA:12-3**

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

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

### **WA:12-4**

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

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

## **WA:13 From Cincinnati to Tel Aviv: Reform and Hassidic Judaism, and the Making of a Transnational Jewish Identity**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 08:30 - 10:00

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

### **WA:13-1**

Hebrew Union College and Zionism - from 1948 to October 7

**Ofer Chizik**, University of Haifa

**WA:13-2**

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:13-3**

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

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

**WA:13-4**

Neo-Hassidic Practice in Israel: Between Universal Spirituality and National Sentiment

**Rachel Werczberger**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**COFFEE BREAK**

**10:00 – 10:30**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025**

**WB SESSION**

**10:30 – 12:00**

**WB:01 Justice for the Victims of the Sexual Crimes of October 7th: Three Battlefields**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University

**WB:01-1**

October 7th Sexual Violence Denialism

**Merav Amir**, Queen's University Belfast

**WB:01-2**

#MeTooUnlessYouAreAJew?

**Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University

**WB:01-3**

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Mervin Verbit**, Touro University

**WB:02-1**

Institutional Strategies for Addressing Antisemitism in American Universities

**Nathaniel Shils**, Amherst College

**WB:02-2**

Women's Organizations: Antizionism and Antisemitism  
**Esther Carmel Hakim**, University of Haifa

**WB:02-3**

The African National Congress (ANC), Genocide, and Israel/Palestine  
**Asher Lubotzky**, University of Houston

**WB:03 Book Roundtable on Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman's "Zionut MeBetan UmiLeida": Birthrate in the Yishuv and Israel 1918-1960**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair and Respondent: **Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel

**WB:03-1**

**Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman**, Bar-Ilan University  
**Hizky Shoham**, Bar-Ilan University  
**Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui**, The Israel Academic College in Ramat Gan

**WB:04 Live on and Prosper: Science Fiction, Memory and the Arts**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**WB:04-1**

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:04-2**

Echoes of Evil: Spielberg's Sci-Fi Antagonists and the Specter of Nazi Memory  
**Alon Judkovsky**, Sapir Academic College

**WB:04-3**

*A Merderlekhe Froy*: Femme Fatales, Memory, and Jews in Alternate History  
**Keren Omry**, University of Haifa

**WB:05 The Israeli Presidency: Symbolism, Strategy and Political Function in a Divided Democracy**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**WB:05-1**

The Puzzle of Left-Wing Majorities in Israeli Presidential Elections, 1978-1998  
**Csaba Nikolenyi**, Concordia University

**WB:05-2**

The Expression of Established Bipartisanship: Israeli Presidents in Light of Israeli Domestic and International Conflicts  
**Alon Helled**, University of Turin

**WB:05-3**

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:06 Governance, Resistance and Empire: Political Encounters in Mandatory Palestine**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**WB:06-1**

“Good Governance” for “Backward Peoples”: The Palestine Police 1920-1948  
**Ruth Amir**, Yezreel Valley College

**WB:06-2**

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:06-3**

The Plan for the British Withdrawal from Palestine and its impact on Arab-Jewish Violence in the Spring of 1948  
**Robert DeBoard**, Emory University

**WB:07 "What Do Women Merit?" (Berachot 17): The Development of Women's Religious-scholarly Leadership in Israel Before and After October 7th**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**WB:07-1**

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:07-2**

Female Torah Scholarship in Modern Orthodox Judaism in Israel: Development and Future Prospects  
**Hagit Hacohen Wolf**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WB:07-3**

Gender, Social Boundaries and Activism Among Ultra-Orthodox Women Studying Talmud  
**Estee Rieder Indursky**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**WB:08 Zionism, Anti-Zionism and Alternative Political Visions in Jewish and Israeli History**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Steven Zipperstein**, UCLA

**WB:08-1**

Bar Kochbaite Zionism and the dream of Multinationalism in Palestine/Israel  
**Ingrid Anderson**, Boston University

**WB:08-2**

Yerahmiel Domb: Initial Biographical Profile of a Haredi anti-Zionist Activist  
**Kimmy Caplan**, Bar-Ilan University

**WB:08-3**

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:09 Kibbutz Spaces and Symbols: Memory, Ideology and Communal Life in Zionist History**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Omri Senderowicz**, University of Kansas

**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 Arab and Druze Women in Israel: Navigating Social Services, Family Structures and State Institutions**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

**WB:10-1**

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:10-2**

Being an Arab-Muslim Middle-aged Single Never Married Women in Israel Marrying an Older Widower  
**Chaya Koren**, Doaa Atamneh, University of Haifa

**WB:10-3**

"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:10-4**

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:11 Students and Teachers: Bereavement, Alienation and Local Humanitarianism**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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

### **WB:11-1**

Understanding Gendered Responses to Workload and Help-Seeking During Wartime Among Students in Higher Education

**Shlomit Hadad**, 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, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

Chair: **Rhona Burns**, Cornell University

### **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**

Privatized Nationalization: The Birth of Israel's Oil Industry

**Adam Hefetz**, Arizona State University

**LUNCH BREAK**

**12:00 – 13:30**

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**WOMEN'S CAUCUS**  
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**12:00 – 13:15**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 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, July 9, 2025 10:30 - 12:00

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 Roundtable on Global Trauma: The October 7, 2023 Pogrom and Time/Space Compression 2.0**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Dani Kranz**, El Colegio de Mexico

Discussant: **Marc Hermann-Cohen**, Bielefeld University

**WC:02-1**

**Gunther Jikeli**, Indiana University

**Anja Ballis**, Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München

**Rakefet Zalashik**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Marc Grimm**, Universität Bielefeld / Bergische Universität Wuppertal

**WC:03 Book Roundtable: "Women's Zionism Worldwide, 1897-1948"**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair and Respondent: **Michal Ben Ya'akov**, Efrata College of Education

**WC:03-1**

**Mira Yungman**, The Open University of Israel (Emerita)

**Ariel Feldestein**, Ariel University

**Haim Saadoun**, The Open University of Israel

**Katarzyna Czerwonogóra**, Tel Aviv University

## **WC:04 Geographies of Coexistence: New Approaches to Visual Culture in Contemporary Israel**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Roni Tzoreff**, The Open University of Israel

### **WC:04-1**

Mapping as Subversive Method for Documenting Israeli Feminist Theatre

**Gillit Kroul**, Tel Aviv University

### **WC:04-2**

Autonomy and Women Artists in Pre-State Israel

**Ela Krieger**, Oranim Academic College of Education

### **WC:04-3**

The Golan Archaeological Museum and the Construction of a Historical Visuality

**Ronit Milano**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

### **WC:04-4**

What is Dialogical Cultural Practice and Why is it a Land-Free Terminology?

**Noa Avron Barak**, Lehigh University

## **WC:05 Under the Shadow of War: Navigating DEI Challenges in Israeli Academia**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Gil Troy**, McGill University

### **WC:05-1**

Shenkar Teaching Compass : Teaching Art and Design During Times of Escalation

**Michal Pazuener**, Shenkar. Engineering. Design. Art.

### **WC:05-2**

The Critical Role of Administrative Faculty in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the Academy During War

**Tammy Rubel Lifshitz**, 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, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Adam Hefetz**, Arizona State University

### **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 The Aftermath of October 7th: Trauma, Evacuation and their Impact on Kibbutzim Resilience**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Shlomo Getz**, University of Haifa

**WC:07-1**

Justice Dilemmas in a Hosted Kibbutz and in its Hosting Community  
**Michal Palgi**, University of Haifa

**WC:07-2**

Solidarity as a Coping Mechanism: Insights from the Kibbutz Movement during the 2023 Crisis  
**Zeev Greenberg**, Tel-Hai College, Sibylle Heilbrunn, Seminar Hakibutzim

**WC:07-3**

The Impact of Northern Communities' Evacuation on Community Resilience  
**Shlomo Getz, Jana Goldemberg**, University of Haifa

**WC:07-4**

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:08 Social Media, Memory and Discourse: Digital Narratives of Israel, Zionism and Identity**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

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

**WC:08-1**

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:08-2**

BDS on Social Media: Shaping Identity, Belonging, and Alienation among Palestinian Arab-Israelis  
**Meirav Iboga Rasumni Ursar**, University of Haifa

**WC:08-3**

Creating News Media Projects in Response to the 7th October: Russian-speaking Citizen Journalism in Israel  
**Anna Smoliarova**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WC:09 Maps, Stamps and Rockets: Symbols and Elusiveness of Peace**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Javier Simonovich**, Max Stern Yezreel Valley College

**WC:09-1**

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:09-2**

Miniature Narratives of Muqawama: Hamas's Postage Stamps as Tools of Propaganda and National Identity Construction

**Ido Zelkovitz**, Yeezrel Valley College, Yehiel Limor, Bar-Ilan University

**WC:09-3**

Hamas Locations for Storage of Weapons and Rockets and Use of Rockets

**David Matas**, B'nai Brith Canada

**WC:10 Queerness, Language and Nation: Gendered Identities in Israeli Institutions and Public Spaces**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Maya Maor**, Ariel University

**WC:10-1**

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:10-2**

Inclusive Exclusion: The IDF and the Israeli Classroom Socializing their Sexed, Gendered, and Queered Futures

**Brandon William Epstein**, Bar-Ilan University

**WC:10-3**

Stubborn Homonationalism: Gender Space and Politics at the Tel Aviv LGBTQ Center

**Gilly Hartal**, Bar-Ilan University

**WC:11 Bridges and Balances: Israel Between the Caucasus, South Asia and Superpower Rivalries**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Gerald Steinberg**, Bar-Ilan University

**WC:11-1**

Evolving Dynamics: Israel-Azerbaijan Ties After the Third Karabakh War

**Gallia Lindenstrauss**, Institute for National Security Studies

**WC:11-2**

Between Allies and Opportunities: Israel's Balancing Act in Its Relations with China and the U.S.

**Chenghua Fu**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WC:11-3**

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:12 Israel-Diaspora at a Junction: New Research on Shlichim (emissaries) and Shlichut**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Yosef Aharonov**, Ministry of Social Affairs and Services

**WC:12-1**

Building the Bridge: The First Zionist Shlichim (Emissaries) to the United States 1909-1931  
**Daniel Steiner**, University of Haifa

**WC:12-2**

“Here I am the attachment of... “: Israeli Women Relocating with their Partner  
**Efrat Tzadik**, Université Catholique de Louvain

**WC:12-3**

The Impact of October 7 on Teaching Emissaries  
**Michal Shapira-Junger**, Ariel University

**COFFEE BREAK**  
15:00 – 15:30

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025**  
**WD SESSION**  
15:30 – 17:00

**WD:01 AI, Ethics and Innovation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Technology in Society**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

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

**WD:01-1**

The Local and Global Impact of Israeli Radical, Discontinuous, and Disruptive Innovations  
**Ilan Bijaoui**, Bar-Ilan University

**WD:01-2**

The Good Mida Model: Integrating the Ethical into Digital Architecture  
**Gaya Bitman**, Jonathan Dortheimer, Edna Langenthal, Ariel University

**WD:01-3**

Implications of Artificial Intelligence Applications in Reproductive Medicine: Israeli and International Perspectives  
**Orit Cherny Golan**, Yezreel Valley College

**WD:01-4**

Integrating the SAMR Model and Bloom's Taxonomy with AI for Teaching Hebrew as a Second Language  
**Iris Cohen**, University of Florida

**WD:02 Family Values, Deliberative Faith and Rare Concensus in a Polarized Society**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Bat-Zion Eraqi Kolman**, The Open University of Israel

**WD:02-1**

Family Values - Religious Resurgence?

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

**WD:02-2**

Deliberative Faith and Deliberative Listening in the Polarized Israeli Context

**Idit Manosevitch**, Efrat Daskal, Haim Hagay, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Elie Friedman, Ashkelon Academic College

**WD:02-3**

Israeli Conversion – A New Political Creation

**Lilach Ben Zvi**, Shalom Hartman Institute

## **WD:03 Haredi Society in Israel: Identity, Democracy and Historical Memory in the Shadow of Crisis**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Attila Novak**, Ludovika University of Public Service

**WD:03-1**

“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:03-2**

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

**WD:03-3**

Teaching the Holocaust in Haredi Girls' Schools: A Four-Generation Perspective from Beit Ya'akov Schools in Israel

**Michal Shaul**, Herzog College

## **WD:04 From Lecture Halls to National Halls: The Making of the 'New Jew' in Zionist Cultural Imagination**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Zehavit Schenkolewski**, Ashkelon Academic College

**WD:04-1**

The Founding Ceremony of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem: The Birth of the 'New Jew'

**Uri Cohen**, Tel Aviv University

**WD:04-2**

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:04-3**

The Cultural Dimension in the Zionist Movement

**Yitzhak Conforti**, Bar Ilan University

**WD:04-4**

Reflections of a Nation: “The Decade Exhibition” in Jerusalem (1958) and Its Role in Shaping Israeli Identity

**WD:05 Degrees of Belonging: Arab Educational Pathways and the Politics of Inclusion in Israel**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Yuval Yonay**, University of Haifa

**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**

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

**Mery Najjar Aboud**, University of Haifa

**WD:05-4**

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, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Lihi Lahat**, Sapir Academic College / Concordia University

**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**

Egyptian Jewish Settlement on Kibbutzim Kfar Aza and Bror Hayil

**Yitzchak Kerem**, Sefarad VehoMizrah / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WD:06-3**

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:06-4**

Populism and Provocation at the Temple Mount.

**Yiftach Har-gil**, Heidelberg University

## **WD:07 Reconnections: Yekkes Between Israel and Post-Holocaust Germany**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

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

### **WD:07-1**

A Conceptual and a Tangible Re-Encounter: The Israeli Purchasing Mission to Cologne in the 1950s

**Irit Chen**, University of Haifa

### **WD:07-2**

Returning to Germany in/with Memory. Autobiographies of Yekkes

**Cyra Sommer**, University of Haifa

### **WD:07-3**

Rebuilding Lives After the Holocaust: Jewish Returnees Between Israel and Germany

**Daniel Mahla**, University of Haifa

### **WD:07-4**

The New Yekkes: History, Present, and Possible Futures of German Israeli Identities

**Dani Kranz**, El Colegio de Mexico

## **WD:08 Between Law and Loyalty: Citizenship and Immigration into Israeli Society**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Hadas Cohen**, University of Oklahoma

### **WD:08-1**

Citizenship in Modern Jewish Political Thought

**Rhona Burns**, Cornell University

### **WD:08-2**

“Selling” the 1952 Israeli Citizenship Law

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

### **WD:08-3**

When Immigrants Choose not to Become Citizens

**Amir Segal**, Ruppin Academic Center

## **WD:09 Israel’s Foreign Policy in a Shifting Landscape: Türkiye, Morocco, 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**

Moroccan-Israeli Relations in Light of the Abraham Accords and the Events of October 7th

**Said Alahyane**, Cadi Ayyad University

### **WD:09-3**

The KRG's Neutrality: Assessing Its Response to the Gaza War and Relations with Israel  
**Anuradha Jangra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**WD:09-4**

Israel's Shifting Bilateral Ties with Africa: An Assessment of African Responses to October 2023 War

**Ritika Shashwat**, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**WD:10 Learned Family, Genealogy and the Benefits of Alienation: The New Kibbutz?**

Wednesday, July 9, 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**

The Benefits of Alienation: A New Look at the Downfall of the Kibbutz's Socialist Experiment  
**Omri Senderowicz**, University of Kansas

**WD:11 Lobbying, Museums and Philanthrocapitalism: Mapping the Influence and Imagination of Global Jewry**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

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

**WD:11-1**

Who Led Who? Israel, the Diaspora, and the Israel Lobby: A Retrospective

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

**WD:11-2**

From Barbara Streisand to Sarit Hadad: Anu Museum of the Jewish People and the Concept of Jewish Peoplehood

**Avner Ben-Amos**, Tel Aviv University, Shelly Shenhav-Keller, Beit Berl College

**WD:11-3**

Philanthrocapitalism and the Jewish World

**Benjamin (Benjy) Maor**, University of Haifa

**WD:12 Markets, Monuments and Shade: Contested Spaces in Israeli Urban Life**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Shai David Ben Ami**, University of Washington

**WD:12-1**

Mahane Yehuda Market during the British Mandate: Between Nation-Building Processes and Local Identity

**Tal Chenya**, University of Haifa

**WD:12-2**

Urban Cooling Through Stakeholder Engagement: A Case Study of Israel's National Tree-Shading Plan in Cities

**Yifat Holzman-Gazit**, College of Management

**WD:12-3**

Architecture of Change: Alexander Klein's Urban Networks for Zionist Settlement

**Ekaterina Prozorov**, Alona Nitzan-Shiftan, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

**WD:13 From Satire to Streaming, Stadiums to Screens: Shaping Israeli Identity in a Time of Conflict**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

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

**WD:13-1**

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:13-2**

"The Netflix Effect"? How Watching Berlin Genre Streaming Series Impacts Israeli Perceptions of Germany

**Assaf Uni**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**WD:13-3**

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:14 State's Rights and Responsibilities**

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 15:30 - 17:00

Chair: **Niva Golan-Nadir**, Reichman University

**WD:14-1**

The State of Israel's Right to Self Defence

**Farid Shukurlu**, University of Hull

**WD:14-2**

Between Security and Democracy: The Limits of Military Power

**Teofan Axinte**, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

**WD:14-3**

Limits of Conflict Resolution as Peacemaking in International System: Contextualising Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Legal Imperative on Failed Peace Processes

**Premanand Mishra**, Jamia Millia Islamia

**CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE**