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Conference Program

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025
MA SESSION
08:30 – 10:00

MA:01 Navigating Complexity: Public Policy and Administration in Israel Amid Contemporary Crises

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

Chair: **Niva Golan-Nadir**, Reichman University

MA:01-1

"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**, Hillel Schmid, Bar-Ilan University,

MA:01-2

Urban Politics and Ethno-gentrification in Israeli Mixed Cities

Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

MA:01-3

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

Lihl Lahat, Sapir Academic College, Concordia University, Zehavit Levitats, Bar-Ilan University

MA:01-4

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

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

MA:02 "What Do Women Merit?" (Berachot 17): The Development of Women's Religious-scholarly Leadership in Israel Before and After October 7th

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

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

MA:02-1

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

MA:02-2

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

Hagit Hacohen Wolf, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MA:02-3

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

MA:03 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

MA:03-1

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

Elia Etkin, University of Haifa

MA:03-2

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:03-3

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

Dotan Brom, Tel Aviv University

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

Roece 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 Hityashvut Ovedet in Israel - New Research Directions

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

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

MA:05-1

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

MA:05-2

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

MA:05-3

Limited Collaboration? Urban-Rural Relations in The Israeli Periphery
Irit Shmuel, Hadassah Academic College, Michael Sofer, Levia Applebaum, Nir Cohen, Irit Amit-Cohen, Bar-Ilan University, Yardena Shaul, Western Galilee College

MA:05-4

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

MA:06 Extracting Demographic and Intellectual History Data from Archival Tables

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

MA:06-1

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

MA:06-2

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

MA:06-3

"The Mukhtar Books in Hebrew of the Jewish Colonies in the Ottoman Census of 1905"
Yuval Ben-Bassat, University of Haifa

MA:07 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:07-1

Eyal Benvenisti, Tel Aviv University
Doreen Lustig, Tel Aviv University
Hala Khoury Bisharat, Ono Academic College
Tamar Megiddo, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MA:08 Beyond Protocol: Informal Healing, Mindful Practice, and the Politics of Social Care

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

MA:08-1

Beyond the Curriculum: Navigating Power and Knowledge in Informal Trans Healthcare Initiatives
Inna Blus-Kadosh, Bar-Ilan University

MA:08-2

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

MA:08-3

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

MA:09 Cultural Imaginaries and Media Narratives: Israel in Fiction, Film, and Religious Discourse

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

MA:09-1

'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:09-2

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

MA:09-3

Imagined Geographies: Landscapes and Timescapes in Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's Audio-Visual Sermons
Netta Schramm, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MA:10 Burdens of Service: Mental Health, Aging Leaders, and the Fragility of Military Power

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

MA:10-1

"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:10-2

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:10-3

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

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

MA:11-1

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

MA:11-2

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

MA:11-4

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

MA:11-5

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

MA:12 Who Are We Now? Air, Water and the Search for Israeli Identity After October 7

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

MA:12-1

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

MA:12-2

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

MA:12-3

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

MA:12-4

Desalination, Diplomacy, and Democracy: Exploring Israel's Identity Through Constructivism and Water Politics
Jeffrey Sosland, American University

MA:13 Contested Spaces: Planning, Power, and Ethics in Israel Post-October 7

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

MA:13-1

"Spatial Ethics": Controversies in Planning University Campus Synagogues in Israel
Hagit Leshem, Tel Aviv University, Technion

MA:13-2

Israeli Planning in West Bank after October 7: Deepening Control and Restriction
Rassem Khamaisi, University of Haifa

MA:13-3

Reconsidering Optimism in Border Region Planning: Lessons from the 2023 War
Tal Yaar-Waisel, Oranim College of Education

MA:14 Diaspora Responses to October 7: Identity, Solidarity and Public Discourse in European and Australian Jewish Communities

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

MA:14-1

“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:14-2

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:14-3

Italian Jews After October 7th, 2023: Between Overt Solidarity, Cautious Silence and "Hasbara"

Alon Helled, University of Turin

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

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

MB:02-1

Eyal Lewin, Ariel University

Dan Naor, Ariel University

Chen Kertcher, Ariel University

MB:03 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:03-1

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

MB:03-2

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

MB:03-3

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

MB:04 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:04-1

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

MB:04-2

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

MB:04-3

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

MB:05 Development Politics in the Galilee under the British Mandate

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

Chair: **Lily Eilan**, Heidelberg University

MB:05-1

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

MB:05-2

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

MB:05-3

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

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

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

MB:06-1

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

MB:06-2

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

MB:06-3

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

MB:06-4

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

MB:07 Digital Tools and Historical Discourses: Rethinking Jewish History and Diplomacy through Technology

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

MB:07-1

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

MB:07-2

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

MB:07-3

Digital Recognition and Israeli Diplomacy
Rohit Sharma, Jawaharlal Nehru University

MB:07-4

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

MB:08 Aspects of Distress, Trauma, and Post-Trauma in Israeli Children's Literature

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

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

MB:08-1

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

MB:08-2

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

MB:08-3

Traumatised Waiting to be Rediscovered: Mizrahi Literature

MB:09 India and Israel in Historical and Contemporary Perspective: Trade, Religion, and Transnational Identity

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

MB:09-1

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

MB:09-2

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

MB:09-3

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

MB:09-4

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

MB:10 Battlegrounds of Identity: The Gaza Strip, Military Culture, and the Ethics of Collaboration

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

MB:10-1

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

MB:10-2

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

MB:10-3

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

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

MB:11-1

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

MB:11-2

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

Marc Volovici, University of Haifa

MB:11-3

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

MB:12 Migration, Gender, and Belonging: Moving Across Borders

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

MB:12-1

“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:12-2

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

MB:12-3

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

MB:12-4

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

MB:13 Perceptions of Equality amongst Minority Citizens of Israel

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

MB:13-1

"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:13-2

Affective and Republican, 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:13-3

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

MB:14 Israel Institute Session: Tips for Israeli Scholars Looking for Academic Work in the United States

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

Chair: **Erika Falk**, Israel Institute

This information session is for Israeli scholars looking for academic work at American colleges and Universities. It will cover common mistakes that Israelis make in trying to land academic jobs in the United States and tips for making the search for post doctorates or faculty positions more successful.

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, 2024 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 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:02-1

Haredi Recruitment to the IDF in Light of the Swords of Iron War

Menachem Keren-Kratz, Independent Scholar

MC:02-2

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

Tehila Gado, The Hebrew University

MC:02-3

Stressful Events in the Lives of Ultra-Orthodox Jewish Students of Social Work

Daniel J.N. Weishut, Hadassah Academic College, **Moshe Baruch Blackman**, Hadassah Academic College / Bar-Ilan University

MC:03 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:03-1

Enduring Patterns, Shifting Contexts: 150 Years of Zionist Education Conducted in Hebrew in Israel (1880–2023)

Miriam Szamet, Bar Ilan University

MC:03-2

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 Academic College

MC:03-3

Discourse Analysis of Educational Policy in Israeli State-Religious Secondary Education: Between Equality and Competition

Nehoray Eliakim, Hemdat College of Education

MC:04 Public Diplomacy, Soft Power, and National Identity: Israel's Struggle for International Legitimacy

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

MC:04-1

Mismanaging Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israel

Yair Eddie Fraiman, Bar-Ilan University

MC:04-2

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

Gerald Steinberg, Bar-Ilan University

MC:04-3

"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:04-4

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

Suchibrata Roy, Charles University, Prague

MC:05 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

MC:05-1

The Accelerated Exodus of Jews from Yemen in 1949 Through the Lens of October 2023 Events.

Adi Japhet Fuchs, Ben-Gurion Research Institute

MC:05-2

Jewish Migrations from MENA Countries: The British Involvement

Esther Meir-Glitzstein, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MC:05-3

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

MC:06 The 'Iron Swords' War and Israel-Asia Relations: Change and Continuity

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

MC:06-1

India and the Gaza War: Navigating Ideologies, Interests, and Alliances
Oshrit Birvadker, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security

MC:06-2

South Korea Reevaluates the Implications of the Middle East Conflict.
Alon Levkowitz, Bar-Ilan University

MC:06-3

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

MC:07 Between Allies and Autonomy: U.S. Influence and Independent Peace Efforts in Israeli-Palestinian Diplomacy

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

MC:07-1

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

MC:07-2

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

MC:07-3

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

MC:08 Headlines and Heroines: Women's Voices in Israeli Politics, Social Media, and Wartime Media

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

MC:08-1

"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:08-3

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

MC:08-4

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

MC:09 Israel, Security, and the International Order: Strategic Thought and Foreign Policy After October 7

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

MC:09-1

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

MC:09-2

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

MC:09-3

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

MC:09-4

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

MC:10 Antisemitism, Memory, and Identity in the Wake of October 7

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

MC:10-1

October 7 and Comparisons to the Holocaust
Dina Porat, Tel Aviv University

MC:10-2

Jewishness as "Counter-intersectionality"
Balázs Berkovits, University of Haifa

MC:10-3

The Ideological Roots of 'Jew Hatred' (Antisemitism)
Nikolay (Noy) Tabah, University of Haifa, Yad Yitzhak Ben Zvi Institute

MC:10-4

The Politics of Expertise: Antisemitism Research after the Holocaust
Tom Eshed, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MC:11 Imagining Israel: Zionism, Law, and Dialogue Across Black, Christian, and Canadian Contexts

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

MC:11-1

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

MC:11-2

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

MC:11-3

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:12 From Surprise to Strategy: Rethinking Israeli Defense in the Wake of October 7

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

MC:12-1

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:12-2

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:12-3

Whistleblowing, National Security and Democracy in Israel

Daphne Inbar, University of California, Irvine

MC:12-4

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

Or Honig, University of Florida

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

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

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: A Grounded Theory of Inter-Religious Dynamics and Business Strategies

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

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

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

MD:01-1

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

Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

MD:01-2

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

Amir Aizenman, Oranim Academic College, Tel Hai Academic College

MD:01-3

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

Anat Stern, The Open University of Israel

MD:01-4

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

Orit Rozin, Tel Aviv University

MD:02 Environmental History and Cultural Landscape in Israel: From British Mandate to Statehood

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Chair: **Yaron Jorgen Balslev**, University of Stavanger

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 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:03-1

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

MD:02-5

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

MD:02-5

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

MD:02-5

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

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MD:04 Roundtable on Israel Public Diplomacy during the Israel Hamas War

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

MD:04-1

Arava Rotman, University of Haifa
Moran Yarchi, Reichman University

Eli Avraham, University of Haifa
Chen Kertcher, Ariel University

MD:05 Book Roundtable on Representing Settlers and Religious Zionists: Responses to Expressivist Religious Zionism – Modernity and the Sacred in a Nationalist Movement by Shlomo Fischer

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MD:05-1

Shlomo Fischer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Sara Yael Hirschhorn, University of Haifa
Erica Weiss, Tel Aviv University

MD:06 Israeli State Institutions – Navigating Unity amidst Crisis and Diversity

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

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

MD:06-1

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

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University

MD:06-2

Religion as Security: Religious Responses to October 7 in Israel

Michael Freedman, University of Haifa

MD:06-3

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

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

MD:07 Roundtable: Talking About Israel and Palestine in the Shadow of the War in Gaza – Challenges and Opportunities

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

Chair: **Dotan Greenvald**, Harvard University

MD:07-1

Rhona Burns, Cornell University
Lauren Cohen-Fisher, Colby College
Daniel Arnon, The University of Arizona

MD:08 Family, Identity, and Social Norms: Lived Experiences in Contemporary Israeli Society

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MD:08-1

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

Dana Zarhin, University of Haifa

MD:08-2

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

Ola Abu-Hasan Nabwani, Ariel University

MD:08-3

The Multi-Dimensional Complexities of Jewish Identities in Contemporary Israeli Society:
Transcending Mainstream Religious/Secular Typologies
Stephanie Colley, University of Haifa

MD:08-4

The Hebrew Catholic Movement in Israel
Shai Wineapple, Ruth Kark, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

MD:09 Frames of the Nation: Gender, Ethnicity, Trauma and Memory in Israeli Cinema

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

MD:09-1

How Times Passed in Our Fields: Retrospective Kibbutz Films as Israeli Historiography
Miri Talmon, Tel-Aviv University

MD:09-2

Ethiopian Jews in Film- The Formative Years
Elad Wexler, Tulane University

MD:09-3

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

MD:09-4

Failing Intersectionality: The Pseudo Progressive Discourse on Gender and Ethnicity in Israeli Cinema
Yaron Shemer, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

MD:10 Digital Antisemitism in Asia: Online Discourses and Their Geopolitical Implications Post-October 7

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MD:10-1

When Hashtags Harm: Examining Anti-Semitic Discourse in Indian Digital Spaces
Deborah Samuel, University of Haifa, Athulya Robert, University of Haifa / University of Warsaw

MD:10-2

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

MD:10-3

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

MD:11 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:11-1

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

MD:11-2

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

MD:11-3

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

MD:12 Well-being, Care, and Crisis: Psychosocial Perspectives from Contemporary Israeli Society

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MD:12-1

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:12-2

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

MD:12-3

An Oasis in Time: The Relationship of Observing Shabbat with Health and Well-being among Israeli Jews in a time of crisis
Ephraim Shapiro, Ariel University

MD:12-4

The Psychosocial Outcomes of Stigma-related Stress: A study of Israeli Adults with ADHD
Michal Soffer, University of Haifa
Einat Binyamin Carmel, University of Haifa

MD:12-5

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

MD:13 Technology, Security, and Sustainability in Modern Conflict: The Case of the Israel-Hamas War

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MD:13-1

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:13-2

Counter Terrorism in Liberal Peacemaking: A Study of Israel

Suman Kumari, Central University of Gujarat

MD:13-3

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

MD:13-4

Security Alliances and Global Value Chain Restructuring: Implications for Israel
Etel Solingen, University of California - Irvine

MD:14 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.

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 – 22:00

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:02 Democratic Institutions and Political Power: Governance, Protest, and Accountability in Israel

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

TA:02-1

The Dynamics of the Relationship between the Executive and Legislative Branches in Israel
Osnat Akirav, Western Galilee College

TA:02-2

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

TA:02-3

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:02-4

Near-Miss Democracy through Civil Resistance: Israeli Coup D'état Revisited
Gayil Talshir, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TA:03 Israel-Diaspora Relations: Multiple Forms of Transnational Politics

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

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

TA:03-2

Shaming during War: Israeli Public Response to Diaspora Criticism

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

TA:03-3

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

Isabell Schierenbeck, University of Gothenburg

TA:03-4

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:03-5

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

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

TA:04-1

Dan Scheuftan, University of Haifa

Jesse Ferris, The Israel Democracy Institute

Ambassador **Michael Oren**

TA:05 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:05-1

Menachem Begin and Youth Activity in Likud (1973–1977)

Ofira Gruweis-Kovalsky, Zefat Academic College, University of Haifa

TA:05-3

High School Student Protests and "Educational Anxiety" (1967–1977)

Anat Kidron, Tel Hai Academic College

TA:05-4

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:06 State Practices of Exclusion in the Neoliberal Era: Mechanisms of Control and Marginalization in Contemporary Israel

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

TA:06-1

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:06-2

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:06-3

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

TA:07 Roundtable on Kabbalah in Contemporary Israeli Society

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

TA:07-1

Mordy Miller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Boaz Huss, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Rachel Werczberger, Hadassah Academic College

TA:08 International Games, International Community and a Humanitarian Superpower

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

TA:08-1

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

TA:08-2

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

TA:08-3

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:09 Literary Reflections on Identity and Conflict in Israel

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

TA:09-1

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

TA:09-2

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:09-3

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

TA:10 Narratives of Conflict and Coexistence: Media, Memory, and Cultural Representation in Israeli-Palestinian Relations

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

TA:10-1

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

TA:10-2

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:10-3

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

TA:10-4

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

TA:11 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

TA:11-1

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University
Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar-Ilan University
Tamar Katriel, University of Haifa

TA:12 Media, Conflict, and Identity: Representing Israel and Its Others in War and Protest

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

TA:12-1

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

TA:12-2

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

TA:12-3

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

TA:13 Post-October 7 Realities: Identity, Displacement, and Cross-Cultural Engagements

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

TA:13-1

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:13-2

Before and After October 7th: Insights from Interactions with Iranian Colleagues
Esther Hertzog, Zefat Academic College

TA:13-3

95% Heaven, 5% Hell: Uprooting and Imagining the Future in the Eyes of IDPs from the Gaza Belt
Hadas Yaron Mesgena, Ziv Redlich, Amit Shany, The Academic College Tel Aviv Yaffo

TA:13-4

The Lights of Freedom: The Online Weddings in Israel
Sylvie Bijaoui, The Israel Academic College in Ramat Gan

TA:14 Kosher Whisky and Startup Dreams: Cultural Capital and Israeli Innovation Worldwide

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

TA:14-1

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

TA:14-2

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

TA:14-3

Upgrading the Free Trade Agreement Between the United Kingdom and Israel in the Post-Brexit Era—Economic Incentives and Political Aspects
Daniel Schiffman, Erez Cohen, Ariel University

TA:14-4

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

COFFEE BREAK
10:00 – 10:30

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
TB SESSION
10:30 – 12:00

TB:01 Roundtable: Reimagining Place, Myth and Memory in Zionist and Israeli History

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

TB:01-1

Amit Levy, University of Haifa
Shay Rabineau, Binghamton University
Rebekka Grossmann, Leiden University
Eva Gurevich, Brandeis University

TB:02 Book Roundtable on “Usual Suspects: Minorities, Policing and Citizenship in Israel” by Guy Ben Porat and Yair Yassan (Open University Press)

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

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

TB:02-1

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:03 Kibbutz Identity after October 7, 2023

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

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

TB:03-1

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:03-2

Kibbutz Discourse After October 7
Alon Gan, Kibbutz and Labor Movement Researchers Forum

TB:03-3

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:04 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:04-1

Prisons in the Creative Path of Abba Achimeir

Brian Horowitz, Tulane University

TB:04-2

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

TB:04-3

"Mizrahi Voters and the Class Dynamics of the 1977 Political Upheaval"
Amir Goldstein, Ofir Ubu, Tel-Hai College

TB:05 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:05-1

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

TB:05-2

Cyber-War? Ambiguities in Israel's National Cyber Crisis Preparedness
Amit Sheniak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, **Shai Balaish, Eyal Lewin**, Erez Cohen, Ariel University

TB:05-3

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

TB:06 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:06-1

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:06-2

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:06-3

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

TB:07 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:07-1

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

TB:07-2

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

Sarah Segal Katz, Bar-Ilan University

TB:07-3

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

Elisheva Rosman Stollman, Bar-Ilan University

TB:08 Disrupted Geographies: Airports, Activism, and Migrant Landscapes in a Warring Nation

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

TB:08-1

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

Eldad Brin, University of Haifa

TB:08-2

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

Efrat Hildesheim, Tel Aviv University

TB:08-3

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

Zohar Shvarzberg, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

TB:09 Sacred Narratives in Tension: Druze, Bahā'ī, and Buddhist Perspectives in a Conflict Zone

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

TB:09-1

Reconciliation under Duress: Engaged Buddhist Paradigms in Middle East Conflict

Umesh Regmi, Tribhuvan University

TB:09-2

Gender Dynamics in Druze Reincarnation: Exploring Notq Stories

Maha Nator, University of Haifa

TB:09-3

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:10 Arab Society in Israel in the Shadow of War: Identity, Protest, and Lived Experience Post-October 7

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TB:10-1

Why do Israel's Palestinian Arabs Play by the Rules, even During the October 7th War?

Sammy Smooha, University of Haifa

TB:10-2

Freedom of Speech in War Times: The Case of Arab-Palestinian Citizens in Israel

Kais Nasser, University of Haifa

TB:10-3

The Arab Palestinians in Israel and the 10/7 War
Elie Rekhess, Northwestern University, Idan Franco, Tel Aviv University

TB:11 Impacting Behavior in Israeli Society

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

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:11-3

Social Equity in Public Administration: Lessons from the Street-Level
Ofek Edri-Peer, University of Haifa, Israel Institute, Nissim Cohen, University of Haifa

TB:11-4

Diaspora Soldiers in Israel: Between Ethnic Immigrants and Temporary Sojourners
Lior Yohanani, Tel Aviv University / Israel Democracy Institute

TB:12 Hostages, Memory, and Recognition: Israel's Strategic and Moral Challenges in Times of Terror

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

TB:12-1

Why has Israel Abandoned its "Bargaining Chips" Policy in Dealing with the October 7 Hostages
Alexander Bligh, The Institute for Maritime Policy and Strategy

TB:12-2

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

TB:12-3

Acknowledging Pain: The Role of Recognition in Shaping the Foreign Policies of Traumatized States
Irena Kalhousova, Charles University, Prague, Emmanuelle Blanc, University of Haifa

TB:13 Mizrahi / Sephardi Struggles in Early Israeli History

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

TB:13-1

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

TB:13-3

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

TB:13-4

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

TB:13-5

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

TB:14 From Protest to Pedagogy: Teaching and Debating Israel-Palestine on Today's Campuses

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

TB:14-1

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

TB:14-2

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

TB:14-3

It's Possible to Teach Israel-Palestine on Ivy League Campuses in 2024-25: Here's How We Did It
Shiri Goren, Yale University

TB:14-4

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

LUNCH BREAK

12:00 – 13:00

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, Jagiellonian University
Timea Crofony, Charles University
Alisa Jachnowitsch, Potsdam University

TC:02 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:02-1

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

TC:02-3

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

TC:02-4

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

TC:03 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:03-1

"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:03-2

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

TC:03-3

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

TC:04 The Politics of Denial and Israel's Marginal Voices

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

Chair: **Meir Amor**, Concordia University

TC:04-1

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:04-2

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

TC:04-3

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

TC:05 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

TC:05-1

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

TC:05-2

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

TC:05-3

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

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

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

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

13:00 - 13:15

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

13:15 - 13:30

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

13:30 - 13:45

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

13:45 - 14:00

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

TC:07 Christian, Jewish and Academic responses to Israel and Multi-culturalism in Asia

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

TC:07-1

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:07-2

The Singaporean Evangelical Church after October 7th: A Community Caught In-Between
Jasmine Kolano, Nanyang Technological University

TC:07-3

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

TC:08 Sacred Spaces and Contested Voices: Zionism, Exile, and the Politics of Remembrance

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

TC:08-1

Between Antisemitism, Hatred, and Love: Yehezkel Kaufmann and the Critique of Zionism
Yossi Kugler, Yad Vashem

TC:08-2

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

TC:08-3

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

TC:08-4

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

TC:09 Governance, Society, and Reconciliation: Systemic Reflections on Israel in the Aftermath of October

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

TC:09-1

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

TC:09-2

Israeli Society Between Social Unrest and War in Gaza
Eyal Lewin, Ariel University

TC:09-3

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

TC:09-4

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:10 Migration, Memory, and Democracy: Jewish Histories and Political Discourses Between Brazil and Israel

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

TC:10-1

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

TC:10-2

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

TC:10-3

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

TC:11 Citizenship, Belonging, and Transformation in Israeli Higher Education Post-October 7

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

TC:11-1

Pedagogies of Citizenship in Israeli Academia: Neoliberal Paradox
Tamar Kaneh Shalit, Dalit Simchai, Tel-Hai College

TC:11-2

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:11-4

Enhancing Global Ties: A Cultural Exploration of Indian Researchers in Israeli Academia
Rebecca Sayo Laitflang, Gad Yair, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TC:12 Populism, Power, and Identity in Contemporary Israeli Politics

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

TC:12-1

Populism in Israel: Netanyahu and the Strategic Approach
Asaf Day, Rami Zeedan, University of Kansas

TC:12-2

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

TC:12-3

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

TC:12-4

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

TC:13 From Vision to Realpolitik: Disraeli, George Eliot, Weizmann and Jabotinsky

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

TC:13-1

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

TC:13-2

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

TC:13-3

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

TC:13-4

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

TC:14 From Wounds to Healing: Post-Trauma, Medical Collaboration, and Shared Futures

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

TC:14-1

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

TC:14-2

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:14-3

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

COFFEE BREAK

14:30 – 15:00

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

TD SESSION

15:00 – 16:30

TD:01 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:01-1

Gur Alroey, University of Haifa
Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University
Avshalom Ben-Zvi, Independent Scholar

TD:02 Women, Power, and Structural Change in Contemporary Israeli Society

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

TD:02-1

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

TD:02-2

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:02-3

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: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 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:04-1

Palestinian War Poetry Between Witness and Memory
Daniel Behar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

TD:04-2

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:04-3

"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:04-4

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:05 Class Formation and Economic Transformation in Israel: New Perspectives on Labour, Capital and Social Mobility, 1920-1965

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

TD:05-1

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:05-2

Unraveling the Forgotten 1952 Palestinian Workers' Strike Wave in Israel

Oded Marck, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TD:05-3

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

Uri Schuster, Technion

TD:06 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:06-1

Ultra-Orthodox Society on the Axis between Conservatism and Modernity: A proposal for an update of the axis 2025

Lee Cahaner, Oranim Academic College, Gilad Malach, Israel Democracy Institute

TD:06-2

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:06-3

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:07 Theatre and City: The Performance of Israeli Urbanism

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

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

TD:07-1

Theater in Dimona or Dimona Theater?

Naphtaly Shem-Tov, The Open University of Israel

TD:07-2

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

Dorit Yerushalmi, University of Haifa

TD:07-3

Performing Emotions of Urbanity in Tel Aviv in the 1930s

Shelly Zer-Zion, University of Haifa

TD:08 Putting Children First: Education and Coping Strategies During Stressful Times

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

TD:08-1

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:08-2

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:08-3

Grandparenting in Times of Trauma: Experiences and Roles

Lia Ring, Orit Taubman Ben-Ari, Bar-Ilan University

TD:09 Law and Constitutional Culture in Israel

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

TD:09-1

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:09-2

The Declaration of Independence as a Skeletal Constitution: The Intriguing Case of Israel

Noya Rimalt, University of Haifa

TD:09-3

Doctrinal Realism and Hyper-Realism in Israeli Law

Ariel Bendor, Michal Alberstein, Bar-Ilan University

TD:09-4

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:10 Language, Power, and Social Structures in Bedouin and Druze Communities in Israel

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

TD:10-1

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

Rami Zeedan, The University of Kansas

TD:10-2

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:10-3

The Performance of a Shared Dinner: The Bedouin Family Table as Position and Power
Elizabeth Rosner, The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

TD:11 Crossroads of Conviction: Faith, Activism, Solidarity and non-Solidarity with Israel After October 7

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

TD:11-1

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

TD:11-2

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

TD:11-3

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

TD:12 Roundtable: 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:12-1

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

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

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 Religion, Identity, and Intragroup Dynamics in the Israeli-Palestinian
Peacebuilding Process**

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

TD:14-1

Religionizing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
Alon Burstein, Tufts University

TD:14-2

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:14-3

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
SPECIAL TOUR OF THE BAHAI GARDENS
(RSVPs Requested)
17:00 – 19:30

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

WA:01 Hope, Climate, and Protest: Designing Meaning in the Israeli Urban Landscape

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WA:01-1

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:01-2

Urban Renewal: Between Europe and Israel

Dalit Shach-Pinsly, Hadas Shadar, University of Haifa

WA:01-3

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

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

WA:01-4

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

Yamit Shimon, Technion

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 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:03-1

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

Malka Kinast, Bar-Ilan University

WA:03-2

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

Gitit Hoze, Bar-Ilan University

WA:03-3

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:04 Nation-Building and Inequality: Political Structures in Early Israel

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

WA:04-2

United We Stand? Transnational Zionist Women's Networks as a Political Mechanism

Bat-Sheva Margalit Stern, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

WA:04-3

The Absorption of Polish Jews in Israel, 1949-1950: Preferential Conditions for Ashkenazi Immigrants?

Avi Picard, Bar Ilan University

WA:04-4

Between Religious and Liberal Nationalisms: Complexity and Tensions among the Liberal Religious Zionist Leadership

Cohen Kovacs Gilad, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:05 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:05-1

Toward a Multilingual Study of Israeli Literature: The case of Early Israeli Yiddish Prose

Gali Drucker Bar-Am, The Levinsky-Wingate Academic Center

WA:05-2

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

Aleksei Surin, Bar-Ilan University

WA:05-3

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

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

WA:06 Educational Policy, Ethics, and Integration in Israel: Historical and Contemporary Challenges

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

WA:06-1

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

Adi Sherzer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:06-2

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:06-3

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

Roy Weintraub, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:06-4

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

Orit Fisher Shalem, Kinneret Academic College

WA:07 After October 7: Analyzing, Remembering and Questioning in American Jewish Communities

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

WA:07-1

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:07-2

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

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

WA:07-3

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

Mervin Verbit, Touro University

WA:08 Bullets and Bodies: Performing Power and Femininity in Post-October 7 Israel

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

WA:08-1

"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:08-2

"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:08-3

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:09 Israeli Journalism, Public Diplomacy and National Image: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

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

WA:09-1

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

Giora Goodman, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee

WA:09-2

Journalistic Interventionism: What is so special about Israeli Journalists?

Sandrine Boudana, Akiba Cohen, Tel Aviv University

WA:09-3

Training for Citizen Public Diplomacy: The Case of Israeli Backpackers

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

WA:09-4

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

Shimon Erez Blum, Sapir Academic College

WA:10 Emotional Labor, Social Resilience and Mental Health in Israeli Society during Armed Conflict

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

WA:10-1

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

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

WA:10-2

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:10-3

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

Javier Simonovich, Zefat Academic College

WA:11 Israel, International Law, and Transitional Justice: Legal Challenges in the Post-October 7 Era

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

WA:11-1

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:11-2

Circumventing the Security Council: The ICJ, the ICC and Israel
Steven E. Zipperstein, UCLA

WA:11-3

“Metoo unless You Are a Jew” and the Erosion of the International Regime of Human Rights
Hadas Cohen, University of Oklahoma

WA:12 Women’s Agency in Reimagining Security and Peace in Israel and Beyond

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

WA:12-1

Militaristic Maternal Care During the Israel-Hamas War
Yael Assor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:12-2

Rethinking Security: The Importance of Local Knowledge in Assessing Threats and Establishing Security
Tal Nitsan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WA:12-3

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:12-4

Religious Agency: Islamic Feminist Identity in Relation to the Western-Israeli and Islamic-Palestinian Conflict
Nahed Ashqar Sharary, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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

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

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:14 Israel’s Foreign Policy in a Shifting Landscape: Middle East, Africa, and Diplomatic Reactions to Crisis

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

WA:14-1

The Impact of October 7 Events on Israeli-Turkish Relations: Antisemitism, Economic Disruptions, and Community Effects
Efrat Aviv, Bar-Ilan University

WA:14-2

Moroccan-Israeli Relations in Light of the Abraham Accords and the Events of October 7th
Said Alahyane, Cadi Ayyad University

WA:14-3

The KRG's Neutrality: Assessing Its Response to the Gaza War and Relations with Israel
Anuradha Jangra, Jawaharlal Nehru University

WA:14-4

Israel's Shifting Bilateral Ties with Africa: An Assessment of African Responses to October 2023 War
Ritika Shashwat, Jawaharlal Nehru University

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 From Lecture Hall to Boardroom: Mapping the New Terrain of Antisemitism

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

WB:02-1

Institutional Strategies for Addressing Antisemitism in American Universities
Nathaniel Shils, Amherst College

WB:02-2

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

Dikla Yogev, University of Toronto

WB:02-3

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

Asher Lubotzky, University of Houston

WB:03 The Female Caregiver and Patient: Addressing Gendered Needs in Israeli Health and Welfare Systems

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

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

WB:03-1

Essential Traits and Coping Strategies in Institutional Dementia Care in Israel

Felix Kaplan, Zefat Academic College

WB:03-2

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

WB:03-3

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

WB:03-4

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

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

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

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

WB:06-1

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

WB:06-2

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

WB:06-3

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

WB:07 Governance, Resistance, and Empire: Political Encounters in Mandatory Palestine

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

WB:07-1

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

WB:07-3

Transnational Encounters: Jewish, Arab, and British Officials under the Palestine Mandate
Itamar Radai, The Open University of Israel, Hanan Harif, Tel-Hai Academic College

WB:07-4

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

WB:08 Labor and Power: Employment, Production and Nationalization

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

WB:08-1

"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:08-2

When Israel produced Bicycles: An Experiment in Economic Independence

Dror Goldberg, The Open University of Israel

WB:08-3

Privatized Nationalization: The Birth of Israel's Oil Industry

Adam Hefetz, Arizona State University

WB:09 Book Roundtable on Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman's Zionut MeBeten 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:09-1

Lilach Rosenberg-Friedman, Bar-Ilan University

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

Sylvie Fogiel Bijaoui, College of Management

WB:10 Kibbutz Spaces and Symbols: Memory, Ideology and Communal Life in Zionist History

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

WB:10-1

Shifting Symbols: Founding Kibbutz Lohamei HaGetaot

Sharon Geva, Kibbutzim College

WB:10-2

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:10-3

The Pinat Hai of the Kibbutz

Shai David Ben Ami, University of Washington

WB:11 Arab and Druze Women in Israel: Navigating Social Services, Family Structures, and State Institutions

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

WB:11-1

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:11-2

Being an Arab-Muslim Middle-aged Single Never Married Women in Israel Marrying an Older Widower

Chaya Koren, Doaa Atamneh, University of Haifa

WB:11-3

"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:11-4

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:12 Students and Teachers: Bereavement, Alienation and Local Humanitarianism

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

WB:12-1

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

Shlomit Hadad, The Israel Academic College in Ramat-Gan

WB:12-2

"Bereaved Teacher" - Everyday Challenges of Israeli Educators in Times of War

Shachar Knaani, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WB:12-3

"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, **Dennis Rosenberg**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB:12-4

Beyond Humanitarian Imagination - The Action Model of Social-Educational Movements in Emergency Events in Israel and Around the World

Yuval Becker, Rinat Levi, Yonatan Alexndro, Nir Hinuchi Shatfani, Lauren Erdreich, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WB:13 Zionism, Anti-Zionism and Alternative Political Visions in Jewish and Israeli History

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

WB:13-1

Bar Kochbaite Zionism and the dream of Multinationalism in Palestine/Israel

Ingrid Anderson, Boston University

WB:13-2

Yerahmiel Domb: Initial Biographical Profile of a Haredi anti-Zionist Activist

Kimmy Caplan, Bar-Ilan University

WB:13-3

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

WB:13-4

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

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(Including Light Lunch)
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WC:01 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:01-1

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:02 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:02-1

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

WC:02-2

Solidarity as a Coping Mechanism: Insights from the Kibbutz Movement during the 2023 Crisis

Zeevik Greenberg, Tel-Hai College, Sibylle Heilbrunn, Seminar Hakibutzim

WC:02-3

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

WC:02-4

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

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

WC:03-1

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: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

WC:05-1

Shenkar Teaching Compass : Teaching Art and Design During Times of Escalation
Michal Pazner, Shenkar. Engineering. Design. Art.

WC:05-2

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

Tammy Rubel Lifschitz, Rula Hamdan, Sharon Ben-Arie, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WC:05-3

The Academic Community at War: Navigating Between Freedom of Expression and Community Cohesion

Sharon Abraham-Weiss, Or Rappel-Kroyzer, Tel Aviv University, Yael Ben David, New York University, Tammy Rubel-Lifshitz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WC:06 Israeli Planning Conflicts - Local and Global Scale

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

Chair: **Hagit Leshem**, Tel Aviv University / Technion / Ariel University

WC:06-1

Between Preservation and Development in the Haredi Center

Sharon Shlossberg Dinur, Jerusalem Municipality

WC:06-2

Memory Between the Local and the Global: Analyzing Physical and Virtual Memorial Sites in Israeli and American Cultures

Avner Ofek, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design

WC:06-3

Burial After October 7: Challenges and Rethinking

Orit Ofek-Feidman, Ariel University

WC:07 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:07-1

Building the Bridge: The First Zionist Shlichim (Emissaries) to the United States 1909-1931

Daniel Steiner, University of Haifa

WC:07-2

“Here I am the attachment of... “: Israeli Women Relocating with their Partner

Efrat Tzadik, Université Catholique de Louvain

WC:07-3

The Impact of October 7 on Teaching Emissaries

Michal Shapira-Junger, Ariel University

WC:08 Street, Campus and Home: Arab and Institutional Responses to Post-October 7 Israel

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

WC:08-1

DEI or Military Governorate: Israeli Campuses after October 7 and the Israeli Dilemma

Yuval Yonay, University of Haifa

WC:08-2

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

Gadi Hitman, Ariel University

WC:08-3

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

WC:09 Social Media, Memory and Discourse: Digital Narratives of Israel, Zionism and Identity

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

WC:09-1

Holocaust's Manifestations on Social Media Before and After October 7th

Motti Neiger, Bar-Ilan University, Anat Ben-David, The Open University of Israel, Oren Meyers, University of Haifa

WC:09-2

BDS on Social Media: Shaping Identity, Belonging, and Alienation among Palestinian Arab-Israelis

Meirav Iboga Rasumni Ursar, University of Haifa

WC:09-3

Creating News Media Projects in Response to the 7th October: Russian-speaking Citizen Journalism in Israel

Anna Smoliarova, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WC:10 Maps, Stamps and Rockets: Symbols and Elusiveness of Peace

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WC:10-1

Where is the Middle East? Israeli Student's Geographical Knowledge and Perceptions

Tal Yaar-Waisel, Oranim College of Education

Moran Zaga, University of Haifa

WC:10-2

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

Ido Zelkovitz, Yezrel Valley College, Yehiel Limor, Bar-Ilan University

WC:10-3

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

David Matas, B'nai Brith Canada

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

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

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 Queerness, Language, and Nation: Gendered Identities in Israeli Institutions and Public Space

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

WC:12-1

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:12-2

Inclusive Exclusion: The IDF and the Israeli Classroom Socializing their Sexed, Gendered, and Queered Futures
Brandon William Epstein, Bar-Ilan University

WC:12-3

Stubborn Homonationalism: Gender Space and Politics at the Tel Aviv LGBTQ Center
Gilly Hartal, Bar-Ilan University

WC:13 Zionism, Diplomacy, and Historical Memory: Statecraft and Perceptions of Israel in the 20th Century

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

WC:13-1

The Oslo Process and Israel's Peace Treaty with Jordan: An Example of the Peace Dividend?
Louise Fischer, Israel State Archives

WC:13-2

The Basic Equities of the Palestine Problem
Monty Penkower, Machon Lander Graduate School of Jewish Studies (Emeritus)

WC:13-3

"Zionist Action for Israel": Hungarian State Security Report from 1976
Attila Novak, Ludovika University of Public Service

COFFEE BREAK
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WD SESSION
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WD:01 AI, Ethics, and Innovation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Technology in Society

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

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 Markets, Monuments, and Shade: Contested Spaces in Israeli Urban Life

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

WD:02-1

Mahane Yehuda Market during the British Mandate: Between Nation-Building Processes and Local Identity
Tal Chenya, University of Haifa

WD:02-2

Urban Cooling Through Stakeholder Engagement: A Case Study of Israel's National Tree-Shading Plan in Cities
Yifat Holzman-Gazit, College of Management

WD:02-3

Architecture of Change: Alexander Klein's Urban Networks for Zionist Settlement
Ekaterina Prozorov, Alona Nitzan-Shiftan, Technion

WD:03 From Lecture Halls to National Halls: The Making of the 'New Jew' in Zionist Cultural Imagination

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

WD:03-1

The Founding Ceremony of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem: The Birth of the 'New Jew'
Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University

WD:03-2

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:03-3

The Cultural Dimension in the Zionist Movement

Yitzhak Conforti, Bar Ilan University

WD:03-4

Reflections of a Nation: “The Decade Exhibition” in Jerusalem (1958) and Its Role in Shaping Israeli Identity

Galia Limor-Sagiv, Shamoon College of Engineering

WD:04 Lobbying, Museums and Philanthrocapitalism: Mapping the Influence and Imagination of Global Jewry

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

WD:04-1

Who Led Who? Israel, the Diaspora, and the Israel Lobby: A Retrospective

Natan Aridan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WD:04-2

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:04-3

Philanthrocapitalism and the Jewish World

Benjamin (Benjy) Maor, University of Haifa

WD:05 Learned Family, Genealogy and the Benefits of Alienation: The New Kibbutz?

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

WD:05-1

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:05-2

Digital Genealogy of Communal Life: Network Analysis of Family Structures in a Religious Kibbutz

Rappel Kroizer Or, Yanir Marmor, Tel Aviv University

WD:05-3

The Benefits of Alienation: A New Look at the Downfall of the Kibbutz’s Socialist Experiment

Omri Senderowicz, University of Kansas

WD:06 From Satire to Streaming, Stadiums to Screens: Shaping Israeli Identity in a Time of Conflict

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

WD:06-1

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:06-2

“The Netflix Effect”? How Watching Berlin Genre Streaming Series Impacts Israeli Perceptions of Germany

Assaf Uni, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WD:06-3

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:07 Family Values, Deliberative Faith and Rare Concensus in a Polarized Society

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

WD:07-1

Family Values - Religious Resurgence?

Guy Ben Porat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WD:07-2

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:07-3

Israeli Conversion – A New Political Creation

Lilach Ben Zvi, Shalom Hartman Institute

WD:08 Degrees of Belonging: Arab Educational Pathways and the Politics of Inclusion in Israel

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

WD:08-1

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:08-2

Teacher Professional Commitment in the Israeli Arab Education System: Principal Leadership and School Outcomes

Yasmin Abd Alkader, Bar-Ilan University

WD:08-3

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

Mery Najjar Aboud, University of Haifa

WD:08-4

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, **Dennis Rosenberg**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WD:09 Reconnections: Yekkes Between Israel and Post-Holocaust Germany

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

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

WD:09-1

A Conceptual and a Tangible Re-Encounter: The Israeli Purchasing Mission to Cologne in the 1950s

Irit Chen, University of Haifa

WD:09-2

Returning to Germany in/with Memory. Autobiographies of Yekkes

Cyra Sommer, University of Haifa

WD:09-3

Rebuilding Lives After the Holocaust: Jewish Returnees Between Israel and Germany

Daniel Mahla, University of Haifa

WD:09-4

The New Yekkes: History, Present, and Possible Futures of German Israeli Identities

Dani Kranz, El Colegio de Mexico

WD:10 Between Law and Loyalty: Citizenship and Immigration into Israeli Society

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

WD:10-1

Citizenship in Modern Jewish Political Thought

Rhona Burns, Cornell University

WD:10-2

“Selling” the 1952 Israeli Citizenship Law

Ben Herzog, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

WD:10-3

When Immigrants Choose not to Become Citizens

Amir Segal, Ruppin Academic Center

WD:11 Haredi Society in Israel: Identity, Democracy and Historical Memory in the Shadow of Crisis

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

WD:11-1

“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:11-2

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:11-3

Teaching the Holocaust in Haredi Girls' Schools: A Four-Generation Perspective from Beit Ya'akov Schools in Israel
Michal Shaul, Herzog College

WD:12 Messianic Politics versus Territorial Claims in Israeli History and Society

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

WD:12-1

Building the Temple as a Solution to World War - Avraham Tzfati and the Gun Incident in the Knesset
Itzhak Pass, Bar Ilan University

WD:12-2

Egyptian Jewish Settlement on Kibbutzim Kfar Aza and Bror Hayil
Yitzhak Kerem, Sefarad VehoMizrah / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

WD:12-3

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:12-4

Populism and Provocation at the Temple Mount.
Yiftach Har-gil, Heidelberg University

WD:13 State's Rights and Responsibilities

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

WD:13-1

The State of Israel's Right to Self Defence
Farid Shukurlu, University of Hull

WD:13-2

Between Security and Democracy: The Limits of Military Power
Teofan Axinte, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

WD:13-3

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