Wednesday, June 7th
9:00–11:00 Panel 6:
WOMAN, ISLAM AND THE 21st CENTURY
Chair: Ido Shahar, University of Haifa.
Henriette Dahan Kalev, Ben-Gurion University of
the Negev: “Dilemmas in Theorizing Gender and
Feminism in the Contemporary Arab and Muslim
Worlds.”
Salwa Elinat, The Open University: “Female
Activists in Contemporary Islamic Movement in
Israel: Challenges and Achievements.”
Lena Salaymeh, Tel Aviv University: “Imperialist
Feminism and Islamic Law.”
Discussant: Noga Efriati, The Open University.

11:00–11:15 Coffee break.

11:15–13:00 Round Table:
ISLAM AT THE TURN OF THE 21st
CENTURY: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE
Chair: Haggai Ram, Ben-Gurion University of the
Negev.
Albrecht Hofheinz, University of Oslo, Norway.
Joshua Teitelbaum, Bar–Ilan University.
Jakob Skovgaard–Petersen, University of
Copenhagen, Denmark.

13:00–14:00 Lunch break.

14:00–17:00 Excursion:
guided by Omri Paz, Ben–Gurion University of the
Negev: “The Making of Ottoman Be’er–Sheva.”

The workshop will take place on the marcus family
campus in the senate hall, building 71, room −136.
Monday, June 5th

9:00-9:30 Reception
9:30-11:30 Opening panel.

Greetings:
Chair: Relli Shechter, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Chaim (Harvey) Hames, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Iris Agmon, Chair, Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Muhammad al-Atawneh, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Keynote Lecture: Meir Hatina, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem:
“Redefining Liberalism in Middle Eastern Studies.”

11:30-12:00 Coffee break.
12:00-14:00 Panel 1:
ISLAM AND LIBERTY: PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS AND THINKERS
Chair: Avi Rubin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
L.W.C. (Eric) van Lit, Jyväskylä University, Finland: “Modern Islam between Reason and Revelation: Ibn Rushd or al-Ghazali as Role Models.”
Ron Shaham, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem: “Rethinking Islamic Legal Modernism: The Teachings of Shaykh Yusuf al-Qaradawi.”

14:00-16:00 Lunch break.
16:00-18:00 Panel 2:
RETHINKING THE QUR’AN, ISLAMIC TRADITIONS AND RELIGIOUS AUTHORITY
Chair: Nimrod Hurvitz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Iyad Zahalqa, Tel-Aviv University: “Reconfiguring Islamic Law of Muslim Minorities: The Case of Fiqh al-Aqalliyyat.”
Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark: “The New Muslim Anti-Clericalism.”
Jamal Malik, Erfurt University, Germany: “Fiqh al-Da’wa: The Emerging Jurisprudence of Islamic Proselytism.”
Discussant: Livnat Holtsman, Bar Ilan University.

19:30 Dinner.

Tuesday, June 6th

10:00–12:00 Panel 3:
ISLAM, ISLAMISM AND THE ARAB SPRING
Chair: Daniella Talmon-Heller, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Yoram Meital, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: “What if the Brothers Reach the Seat of Government? Political Islam in Revolutionary Egypt.”

12:00–12:15 Coffee break.
12:15–14:00 Panel 4:
REFORMS AND AGENTS OF CHANGE
Chair: Alon Fragman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
Meir Litvak, Tel-Aviv University: “Liberal and Reformist Notions of Liberty in the Iranian Religious Establishment.”
Ido Shahar, University of Haifa: “A New Look at Qadis’ Agency: Israeli Shari’a Courts as a Case Study.”
Dina Lisnyansky, Bar Ilan University: “Generator of Change in Islamic Thought in Europe: The Case of Yahya Pallavicini.”
Discussant: Ron Shaham, The Hebrew University.

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ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY REVISITED
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Uriya Shavit, Tel Aviv University: “Scientific Freedom in Islam: A Critical Reading of the Modernist–Apologetic School.”
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Omri Paz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: “Is Erdogan’s Turkey a Model of an Islamic Democracy?”
Discussant: Becky Kook, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

19:30 Dinner.

Austin Emielu, Kwara State University, Malete, Nigeria: “Contesting Orthodoxy, Negotiating Liberalism: Perspectives on Muslims in Popular Music in Nigeria.”

Sabina Abdulalev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: “Other and Otherness from the Perspectives of Contemporary Wasati Islam.”
Discussant: Daniel Zisenwine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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