



**GERDA HENKEL STIFTUNG**



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**SOCIO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE PASSAGE TO  
MODERNITY IN AND BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Beer-Sheva  
June 4-6, 2012

**Organizers: Iris Agmon & Avi Rubin**

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# PROGRAM

## Monday, June 4th

- 09:00-12:30      Excursion, guided by **Avi Rubin** and **Omri Paz**,  
Ben-Gurion University  
*The Making of Ottoman Beer-Sheva*
- 13:00-15:00      Lunch Break
- 15:00-16:00      **Opening Panel: Greetings and Opening Remarks**  
**Chair: Daniella Talmon-Heller**
- David Newman**, Dean  
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Ben-Gurion University
- Daniella Talmon-Heller**, Chair  
Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University
- Iris Agmon and Avi Rubin**, Ben-Gurion University  
*Opening Remarks*
- 16:00-16:30      Coffee Break
- 16:30-18:30      **PANEL I: LAW AND THE POLITICS OF PROPERTY  
AND LAND**  
**Chair: Avi Rubin**, Ben-Gurion University
- Ruth Kark**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Havatzelet Yahel**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Seth J. Frantzman**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Negev Bedouin Land Claims: Between Ottoman Land  
Laws and Indigenous Rights*

**Oren Yiftachel**, Ben-Gurion University  
**Sandy Kedar**, University of Haifa  
**Ahmad Amara**, New York University  
*The Legal Geography of Land Dispossession in the Negev  
– 'Mawat' Land and the Israeli Courts*

**Discussant: Ursula Wokoeck**, Ben-Gurion University

Dinner

**Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-11:00

**PANEL II**  
**CONTESTED POWER AND AUTHORITY**  
**Chair: Meir Zamir**, Ben-Gurion University

**Ibrahim Kalkan**, New York University  
*Torture, Law and Politics in the Late Ottoman  
Balkans (1904-1909)*

**Jessica Marglin**, Princeton University  
*The Creation of the Ministry of Complaints in Morocco:  
Jews and Legal Reform in the Late Nineteenth Century*

**Kent F. Schull**, University of Memphis  
*Combating Corruption and Abuse in Ottoman Prisons:  
A Socio-legal Perspective*

**Discussant: Dror Ze'evi**, Ben-Gurion University

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-13:30

**PANEL III**  
**THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND ITS**  
**CONCEPTUALIZATIONS**

**Chair: Yair Huri**, Ben-Gurion University

**Engin Deniz Akarlı**, Brown University  
*Transition to the Modern Era: An Overview*

**Rudolph Peters**, University of Amsterdam  
*The Significance of Nineteenth-Century Pre-Colonial Legal Reform in Egypt: The Codification of Criminal and Land Law*

**Aref Abu-Rabia**, Ben-Gurion University  
**Iyad Zahalka**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Determining Paternity between Islamic Law and Local Customs*

**Discussant: Ehud Toledano**, Tel-Aviv University

13:30-15:00

Lunch Break

15:00-16:30

**PANEL IV**  
**COLONIAL LAW: THE CASE OF MANDATE**  
**PALESTINE**

**Chair: Haggai Ram**, Ben-Gurion University

**Deborah Bernstein**, University of Haifa  
**Badi Hasisi**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Law and Culture: Trials of "Family Honor Killing" in Mandate Palestine*

**Assaf Likhovski**, Tel Aviv University  
*Taxation, Law and Modernity in Mandatory Palestine and Israel*

**Discussant: Liat Kozma**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

16:30-17:00

Coffee Break

17:00-18:30

**PANEL V  
CRIMINALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE  
OTTOMAN COUNTRYSIDE**

**Chair: Daniella Talmon-Heller**, Ben-Gurion University

**Ebru Aykut**, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University  
*Old Customs vis à vis New Laws: The Return of the  
Kasame in Rural Arson Cases in the 19th Century  
Ottoman Countryside*

**Omri Paz**, Ben-Gurion University  
*Who Killed Panayot the Vineyard Owner? Understanding  
Torture and Legality Inside the Interrogation Room, 1849*

**Discussant: Kent F. Scull**, University of Memphis

Dinner

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-10:30

**PANEL VI  
MOVING PEOPLE, MOVING LAW**

**Chair: Nimrod Hurvitz**, Ben-Gurion University

**Sara Ellinor Morack**, Free University of Berlin  
*Contestations of Early Republican Property Policies in  
Izmir Following the Greek-Turkish Population  
Exchange, 1924-1928*

**Will Smiley**, University of Cambridge, Yale University  
*Unfreedom and Flight from Service from the Russian to  
the Ottoman Empire, 1774-1838*

**Discussant: Engin Deniz Akarlı**, Brown University

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30

**PANEL VII  
THE AGE OF CODIFICATION**

**Chair: Aref Abu-Rabia**, Ben-Gurion University

**Kenneth M. Cuno**, The University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

*The Origins of Personal Status Law in Egypt:  
Muhammad Qadri's Code*

**M. Safa Saraçoğlu**, Bloomsburg University

*Historicizing Düstur: A Preliminary Look at the Early  
Compendia of Laws in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Empire*

**Discussant: Iris Agmon**, Ben-Gurion University

12:30-13:30

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

14:00-16:00

Lunch Break

16:00-19:00

Excursion, guided by **Oren Yiftachel**,  
Ben-Gurion University

*Living Villages on "Dead" (mevat/mawat) Land:  
Bedouin Spaces around Beer-Sheva*

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**THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SENATE BUILDING,  
THE MARCUS FAMILY CAMPUS**

Monday and Tuesday, 4-5 June: Seminar Room no. -136 (floor -1)  
Wednesday, 6 June: The Shrut Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

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