International Conference on the Occasion of Israel's 70th Anniversary

May 14-16, 2018

ISRAEL: A CASE STUDY

The Jewish State through the Prism of Social Sciences and Humanities

Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism
The Center for Israel Studies
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sede Boqer Campus
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is one of Israel's leading research universities and among the world leaders in many fields.

It has around 20,000 students and 4,000 faculty members in the Faculties of Engineering Sciences; Health Sciences; Natural Sciences; the Pinchas Sapir Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management; the Joyce and Irving Goldman School of Medicine; the Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies; the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism's Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies Program. More than 100,000 alumni play important roles in all areas of research and development, industry, health care, the economy, society, culture and education in Israel.

The University has three main campuses: the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva; the research campus at Sede Boqer and the Eilat Campus, and is home to national and multi-disciplinary research institutes: the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev; the National Institute of Solar Energy; the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology; the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research; the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel & Zionism, and Heksherim - The Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture.
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY’S SEDE BOQER CAMPUS

Ben-Gurion University’s Sede Boqer campus is adjacent to the tomb of David Ben-Gurion and to his desert home at Kibbutz Sede Boqer. The SB campus, with its superior research infrastructure, comfortable accommodations, and wonderful location, overlooking the spectacular biblical Zin valley, guarantees a unique academic environment and an unparalleled learning experience for Students and researchers alike.

THE JACOB BLAUSTEIN INSTITUTES FOR DESERT RESEARCH
The Institutes for Desert Research were established in Sede-Boqer in 1974, following a 1972 recommendation of the Council for Higher Education and a 1973 decision of the Israeli government. In 1980, The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation made a generous contribution to BGU, and the institutes were named The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR).

A balanced professional blend of scientists, technical and administrative staff members, and Israeli and foreign research students, has the capacity to perform basic and applied research related to “Desert Sciences”.

THE BEN-GURION RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ISRAEL AND ZIONISM
The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism is devoted to the study, documentation, and research of the Zionist movement and the history of Israel. Established in 1982 under a special agreement between Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) and the Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute, the Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism prides itself on its broad research horizons and strongly interdisciplinary nature. The Institute advocates an integrative approach that eliminates barriers between disciplines and fosters the development of fresh and innovative areas of research on Israel and Zionism.

Researchers at the Institute examine the social, economic, political, cultural, and historical aspects of Israel’s existence and address the multiple complexities of Israeli society, past, present, and future.

THE WOODMAN-SCHELLER ISRAEL STUDIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (WSISIP)
In June 2011, the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism inaugurated the International MA Program in Israel Studies. The program is aimed at students who wish to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of Israel and its development. Now in its seventh year, the International MA Program in Israel Studies includes more than thirty students from all over the world. The Institute is also home to PhD students and post-doctoral researchers in the field of Israel Studies.

THE CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES (CIS)
Established in 2016, the center offers a research environment for BGRI’s PhD students, post-doctorate fellows, visiting scholars, and faculty members. CIS brings together scholars from various disciplines and in different stages of their academic careers, and combines academic research on core Israel Studies themes with an applied science approach—aiming to offer innovative thought and analysis to policy makers in all branches of Israeli government, alongside disseminating and connecting academic knowledge to the general public. The Center’s programs are made possible thanks to the generous support of The Azrieli Foundation Canada - Israel.
THE BEN-GURION ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY

The archives contain more than 3 million items that reflect the history of Israel from the early twentieth century until the present day. Among these are David Ben-Gurion’s personal Diaries and correspondence in addition to protocols of the main organizations of the Yishuv and the State, minutes of meetings, memoranda and photographs. The archive also houses the personal documents of other prominent Zionist figures as well as a number of special collections. Most of the documents are fully searchable online.

The Institute’s Library houses more than 40,000 titles, all related to Israel Studies and a collection of articles by and about David Ben-Gurion that were published in newspapers and journals over the years.

THE BGRI PUBLISHING HOUSE

Publishes around twelve books annually providing in-depth insights into relevant research on Israel from various angles. The publication activity includes two peer-reviewed Journals. The Hebrew language Journal Iyunim Bitkumat Israel and the English Journal Israel Studies co-sponsored by Brandeis University.
That being said, however, after 70 years of Israeli existence, we believe that Israel can, and should, also be perceived as a ‘normal’ case study. This proposition does not reject the former perspective, but actually complements it, since it reflects the relative success of the Zionist project in its basic meaning – transforming the Jewish people into “a nation like all nations.” When treated as a ‘normal’ state, the uniqueness of Israel is what makes it more than a regular case study, but a rather fruitful one.

Both perspectives, then, should be borne in mind when we use Israel as a case study, and indeed, they are both represented in the conference. The processes of mass-immigration and rapid nation-building, the establishment of a democratic political and legal system, the notable process of creating homeland-diaspora relations, the highly important interaction between military and civil society, processes of collectivization and privatization, the emergence of a multi-cultural society – all in a very small place and during a relatively short time – makes Israel a laboratory of social, cultural, economic and political processes. This combination of the uniqueness of Israel, with the way it represents the general core developments of the 20th and the early 21st centuries, will stand at the center of this conference. We wish everyone an enjoyable conference!

Tal Elmaliach and Avi Bareli
Conference Chairs, Israel: A Case Study
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TUESDAY
MAY 15, 2018
SESSION 5 (T5)
11:00 - 12:30

TSR1
China-Israel Relations
Chair: Aviad Moreno (avad.moreno@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Bo Zhang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Some Aspects of China-Israel Relations in 2017
Guangda Duan and Dayi Ma, Heilongjiang University
Some Comments on the Tourism Cooperation between China and Israel

TSR2
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict II
Chair: Emir Galilee (emir.galilee@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Eliad Wexler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Amos Assia, the Arab Left, and the Future of the West Bank
Jacob Toye, University of Halle
"Deported for Seven Decades": Israel and the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1948-2018
Meir Chazan, Tel Aviv University
The Struggle for Peace as a Key Factor in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 1948-1967

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### M1R1  
**Israeli Diplomacy I**

Chair: Ben Herzog (herzogb@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

David Tal, University of Sussex  
*The Israeli-American Special Relationship: Beyond Political and Diplomatic History*

Johannes Becke, The Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg  
*Israel as a Middle Eastern State: Potentials and Limitations of a Counter-Hegemonic Research Agenda*

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### M1R2  
**Minorities I**

Chair: Arieh Saposnik (saposnik@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Alexandre Kedar, University of Haifa, and Oren Yiftachel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*The Land Dispute between the Jewish State and the Bedouin and the Shaping of the Legal Geography of the Negev*

Havatzelet Yahel, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Israel and International Law: The Rights of Indigenous People*

Izhak Schnell, Tel-Aviv University  
*A Global Model of Segregation versus Integration*

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### M1R3  
**Popular Culture I**

Chair: Ofer Shiff (oschiff@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Jerome A. Chanes, The City University of New York  
*‘Mainstream’ and ‘Fringe’: Israeli Society Refracted through the Prism of Theatre*

Shahar Marnin-Distelfeld, Zefat Academic College  
*“Flora Palaestina”: Wild Flowers in Israeli Art – Past and Present*

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### M1R4  
**Core Issues in Contemporary Israel**

Chair: Tali Tadmor-Shimony (talits@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Paul Scham, University of Maryland  
*A Nation that Dwells Alone*: Implications of the Evolution of Israeli Religious Zionism

Tal Shamur, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya  
*Melancholic Citizenship in South Tel Aviv Protest against Global Migration*
SESSION 1 (M1)
10:30 – 12:00

M1R5  Confictual Arenas in the Israeli Space: How Do Youngsters from Different Cultural Groups Cope with Them?

Chair: Orna Braun-Lewensohn (ornabl@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Haled Al-Said and Orna Braun-Lewensohn, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Sense of Coherence, Hope, and Home Demolition, Differentially Associated with Anger and Anxiety among Bedouin Arab Adolescents in Recognized and Unrecognized Villages

Dvir Mazri and Orna Braun-Lewensohn, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Motivations for Volunteering, Personal and Interpersonal Resources as Contributors to Resilience and Future Orientation of 'Shnat Sheirut' Volunteers

Nirit Portugies and Orna Braun-Lewensohn, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Commanders’ Resilience: How Does It Contribute to the Acclimatization of Military Recruits?

Assaf Malchi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Israel Democracy Institute
The Israeli Army as an Employer of Haredim: Expectations and Benefits of Military Service in the Ultra-Orthodox Sector

SESSION 2 (M2)
13:00 – 14:30

M2R1  Minorities II

Chair: Havatzelet Yahel (havatzelety@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rima Farah, Brandeis University
Aramaic Identity in Israel: The Emergence of a New Christian Nationality in Israel

Kobi Peled, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Forgetfulness: A Case Study – The Palestinian Citizens of the Jewish State through the Prism of Forgetfulness and Silence

Arik Rudnitzky, Tel-Aviv University; Israel Democracy Institute
Israel at 70: The Arab Minority’s Discourse on a “Jewish State”

12:00-13:00
LUNCH
**M2R2  Political Thought and Religion**

Chair: David Barak-Gorodetsky (davidbarak1@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Marwa Maziad, University of Washington, and
Amr Yossef, Independent Scholar

*Religious Extremism: Israel in the Orient, the Orient in Israel*

Ari Moshkovski, Brandeis University

“Ha’Mavdil Beyn Kodesh Le’Hol?” Israeli Discourse Surrounding the Geo-Political Aftermath of the Yom Kippur War as Reflected in the Responsa of Rabbi Hayim David Halevi

Bar Guzi, Brandeis University

*Mordecai M. Kaplan’s Zionist Critique of the State of Israel: Jewishness, Nationalism, Religion*

**M2R3  Popular Culture II**

Chair: Aviad Moreno (aviad.moreno@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Dvir Tzur, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Yoram Kaniuk, Moshe Dayan, and the Image of the ‘Filthy’ Sabra

Na’ama Sheffi, Sapir Academic College, and
Anat First, Netanya Academic College

*The Power of Hegemony: Human Figures on Israeli Banknotes*

Edna Nahshon, Jewish Theological Seminary

*Every Generation Has Its Own Kazablan: A Theatrical Work as Reflection for Societal Realities and Values, 1954–2012*

**M2R4  Israeli Diplomacy II**

Chair: Natan Aridan (aridan@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Tim Alexander Brockmann, University of Warwick

*Criticism of Israel and Antisemitism in the Federal Republic of Germany, 1949–2005*

Michael B. Bishku, Augusta University

*Israel and Rwanda: The Development of a Special Relationship*

Berkay Gulen, University of Washington

*Turkey-Israel Relations from the Perspectives of Turkish Diplomats*
M2R5  "Perhaps the Most Important Factor in a Nation’s Life": Police, Public and Nation-Building

Chair: Nir Kedar (nirzilk@gmail.com), Bar-Ilan University

Omri Pelerman, Tel-Aviv University
A Fundamental Change Must Occur – Attitudes towards the Israel Police in the Formative Years: Effects, Affects, Influences, and Reactions

Shlomi Chetrit, Bar-Ilan University
A Levantine London? The Police Quest for Public Trust, 1948–1953

Lior Yohanani, Rutgers University
Constructing the Western-Native: Zionist Identity and the Role of Western Actors in Mandatory Palestine

M3R1  India-Israel Relations

Chair: Natan Aridan (aridan@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Suraj Rajan K., O.P. Jindal Global University
The Role of Indian Jewish Diaspora in Building the State of Israel: A Focus on the Cochini Jews of Kerala

Nanda Kishor, Manipal University
India-Israel Relations: Reflections from the Israeli Diaspora in the State of Kerala

Aishe Ghosh, Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Foreign Policy of Israel: Focus on Indo-Israel Relations in the Post-Netanyahu Period

M3R2  ROUNDTABLE
The Jewish Diaspora in Israeli and Non-Israeli Historiography: Aloofness and Dialogues

Chair: Aviad Moreno (aviad.moreno@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Gur Alroey, University of Haifa
Guy Miron, The Open University of Israel
Yaron Tsur, Tel-Aviv University
MONDAY MAY 14, 2018

SESSION 3 (M3) 15:00 – 16:30

M3R3
Borders and Frontiers in Early Israel

Chair: Nahum Karlinsky (nahumk@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Avi Shilon, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Issue of Borders in David Ben-Gurion’s Perception

Barak Ben-Zur, Bar-Ilan University
The Role of PM David Ben-Gurion in Establishing and Evolving the Israeli Intelligence Community, 1947–1948

Amit Hacham, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Reexamination from a Micro-Historical Perspective: The Nizanim Affair in Israel’s War of Independence

M3R4
Popular Culture III

Chair: Dvir Tzur (dvir_tzur@yahoo.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Oryan Shachar, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
“Clear Out the Old to Make Way for the New”: On the Development of Conservation in Israel

Netta Schramm, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Jewish Preaching: From the Shtetl to the Kibbutz

Tal Dekel, Kibbutzim College of Education; Tel-Aviv University
Is Feminism a Substantial Component in Contemporary Israel? Looking through Visual Arts in 21st Century Israeli Society

M3R5
Israeli Diplomacy III

Chair: Uri Mintzker (umintzker@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Allon Gal, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Israel-USA Special Relations: Values and Roots

Jacob Abadi, United States Air Force Academy
Israel’s Relations with the Francophone States of Western Africa: The Economic and Strategic Imperatives

Yongcheng Song, Shaanxi Normal University
Insights on the Soviet Union’s Support for Founding the State of Israel
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M3R6  Israeli Law as a Test Case

Chair: Nir Kedar (nirzk@gmail.com), Bar-Ilan University

Raphael Bitton, Sapir Academic College
*In Law We Trust: The Israeli Case of Overseeing Intelligence and Security Organizations*

Nourit Zimerman, Sapir Academic College
*Between Law, Welfare, and Bureaucracy: What Can We Learn from the Case of the Israeli Bankruptcy Courts?*

Edo Eshet, Sapir Academic College
*The Renaissance of Labor Representation: Can Israel Serve as a Case Study?*

MONDAY
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PLENARY SESSION (R1)

17:00–18:30

Israeli Nation-Building: Theoretical and Comparative Aspects

Chair: Paula Kabalo (pkabalo@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Greetings:
Danna Azrieli, Chair, Azrieli Group and Azrieli Foundation Israel
Zvi HaCohen, Rector, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Gur Alroey, Dean of Humanities, Director of the Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies, Head of the School of History, University of Haifa

Lectures:
Ran Halévi, Centre de Recherches Politiques Raymond Aron (Paris)
*The Path to Democracy: Nations Old and New*

Yoram Peri, University of Maryland
*How to Best Understand Israel: A Story of an Intellectual Search*

Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
*Labor Zionism and the Hegelian Conception of Civil Society*

Orit Rozin, Tel-Aviv University
*Constructing Independent Citizens: Sovereignty as Mentality*

19:15
Buses leaving for dinner at Sefinat HaMidbar Khan

19:30–20:15
DINNER

20:15–21:00
M4 (Sefinat HaMidbar) ROUNDTABLE
*Yosef Gorny’s ‘Identity Card’: Personal Memories and National Outlook*

Chair: Zohar Segev (zsegev@research.haifa.ac.il), University of Haifa

Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Paula Kabalo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Ofer Shiff, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Yosef Gorny, Tel-Aviv University
TUESDAY
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SESSION 4 (T4)
09:00 – 10:30

T4R1  
**Israeli-Palestinian Conflict I**

Chair: **Avi Shilon** (shilon.avi@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Anam**, English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) Hyderabad  
*Conflict and Peace: Exploring the Potentialities of Reflective Nostalgia in the Israel-Palestinian Conundrum with Reference to “The Lemon Tree”*

**Lev Topor**, Bar-Ilan University  
*How Democracy Can Undermine Peace: The Israeli-Palestinian Case*

**Omri Shafer Raviv**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  

T4R2  
**ROUNDTABLE**  
*In His Footsteps and in His Shadow: Challenges and Dilemmas of Commemoration of National Figures*

Organized by The Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute

Chair: **Maoz Azaryahu** (maoz.azaryahu@gmail.com), The Herzl Institute; University of Haifa

**Dafna Arbel**, The Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute  
**Nurit Cohen Levinovsky**, The Yitzhak Rabin Center  
**Shlomit Sattler**, The Herzl Center

T4R3  
**Israel-Latin America Diaspora: Aid, Support, Identity, and Migration**  
*Presented by the members of Asociación de Investigadores del Judaísmo Latinoamericano (AMILAT)*

Chair: **Silvia Schenkolewski-Kroll** (sil_sch@netvision.net.il), Bar-Ilan University

**Sebastian Klor**, University of Haifa  
*The Eichmann Case and Jewish-Argentine Migration to Israel*

**Efraim Zadoff**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Israel’s Commitment to Jews in the Diaspora in Times of Crisis: The Case of Argentina, 1976–1983*

**Silvia Schenkolewski-Kroll**, Bar-Ilan University  
*Israel-Latin America Relations: Youth Movements and Community Centers as a Case Study*

**Paulette Schuster**, The Open University of Israel  
*Two Faces of the Same Coin: Aliya and Yerida — The Cases of Mexico and Israel*
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**T4R4**

**Nationalism, Redemption and Secularism**

**Chair:** David Barak-Gorodetsky (davidbarak1@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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

“Hosanna! — The British have arrived”: Zionist Expectations and Redemptive Eschatologies after Balfour

**Lilach Ben-Zvi,** University of Haifa

*Nationalism as a Human Need — Reexamination of Nationalism in the Political Theory: Zionism as a Case Study*

**Gideon Katz,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

*Leibowitz on Secularism*

**T4R5**

**The Third Angle in Israel Studies: Multidisciplinary Case Studies from the Third Sector and Civil Society**

**Chair:** Tali Tadmor-Shimony (talits@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Hadara Bar-Mor,** Netanya Academic College

*Israeli Non-Profit Law Mirroring Modern Civil Society and the Third Sector*

**Michal Almog-Bar,** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Evolution of the Relations Between the State and the Nonprofit Sector in the 21st Century: Insights from the Israeli Case*

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

*Civic Participation in View of a State in the Making*
SESSION 5 (T5)  11:00 – 12:30

T5R1  China-Israel Relations
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Bo Zhang, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Some Features of China-Israel Relations in 2017
Guangda Duan and Deyi Ma, Heilongjiang University
Some Comments on the Tourism Cooperation between China and Israel

T5R2  Israeli-Palestinian Conflict II
Chair: Emir Galilee (emir.galilee@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Elad Wexler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Amos Kenan, the New Left, and the Future of the West Bank
Jacob Tovy, University of Haifa
"Displaced for Seven Decades": Israel and the Palestinian Refugee Problem, 1948–2018
Meir Chazan, Tel-Aviv University
The Struggle for Peace as a Key Factor in the Israeli Political Arena, 1948–1967

T5R3  Aspects of Nation Building
Chair: Arieh Saposnik (saposnik@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Gal Ariely, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Israel from a Comparative Perspective: What is the Unit of Analysis?
Aaron T. Walter, University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava
Friend, Partner, Ally: Case Study of Czechoslovakia and Israeli Nation-Building
Nahum Karlinsky, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Crises of Israeli Society: A Model

T5R4  Immigration Reconsidered I
Chair: Ben Herzog (herzogb@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Hao Hu, Henan University
Social Integration and Ethnic Identity of Ethiopian Jewish Immigrants in Israel
Ayala Keissar-Sugarmen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Family Narratives of Young Russian-Speaking Israelis of Mixed Jewish Origin: An Identity Forming Site at the Junction of Different Cultural-Historical Ethoses
Lianne Merkur, Universität Potsdam
Pillars of Salt: Israelis in Berlin and Toronto
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Immigration Reconsidered II

| **Chair:** Ofir Abu (abuofir@post.bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev |
| **Chen Bram**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Hadassah Academic College |
| *“Lo!” and “HaOlim Hahadashim”: Re-visiting Popular Depictions and Theoretical Approaches to Ethnic Relations in Israeli Society* |
| **Aviva Halamish**, The Open University of Israel |
| *Israel as an Immigrant Society* |

#### T5R6
Israeli Diplomacy IV

| **Chair:** Csaba Nikolenyi (csaba.nikolenyi@concordia.ca), Concordia University |
| **Natan Aridan**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev |
| *Who’s Leading Whom? Israel and Its Advocates — The Early Years: A Retrospective* |
| **Toby Greene**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| *Israel as a Case Study for Foreign Policymaking in Multi-Party Coalitions* |

### LUNCH
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Dipanwita Chakravortty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Oshrat Revivo, Bar-Ilan University
*“The Children of ’73”: The Yom Kippur War in Israeli Children’s Periodicals in 1973–1974 as a Reflection of Israeli Society*

Marc E. Brueggemann and Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
*Munich, Entebbe, and Beyond: Memory Frames of Terrorism in Israel*

T6R4  War, Peace and Security Challenges

Chair: Havaztelet Yahel (havazteley@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Ronnie Olesker, St. Lawrence University
*Israel’s Securitization Dilemma: Legitimacy, Identity, and the Battle against BDS*

Hirak Jyoti Das, Jawaharlal Nehru University
*The Impact of Political Islam in Israeli Domestic and Security Policy*

Melanie Garson, University College London
*The Reconciliation Paradox: Exploring the Role of Reconciliation in Preventing the Breakdown of Peace Agreements*

T6R5  Popular Culture IV

Chair: Michal Ephratt (mephratt@research.haifa.ac.il), University of Haifa

Michal Ephratt, University of Haifa
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13:30 – 15:00

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Chair: Arnon Ben Israel (arnonbe@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Aviva Avidan, Gordon College of Education; Kibbutzim College of Education
Dr. Nissan Touroff — Leadership in the Face of Crises: Founder and Principal of the “Levinsky Seminar,” 1907–1917

Adi Livny, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The University and the State: Academic Freedom in the First Israeli Republic, 1948–1967

Pnina Abir-Am, Brandeis University
Gender, Science, and Nation-Building from a Historical Perspective: The Case of Ora Kedem’s Life as a Leading Scientist and Inventor

SESSION 7 (T7)
15:30 – 17:00

T7R1  Revisionism and Its Aftermath

Chair: Avi Shilon (shilon.avi@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Eliran Zered, Bar-Ilan University
Deus ex Machina: The Metaphors Underlying Ze’ev Jabotinsky’s Conception of the Nation

Amir Goldstein, Tel-Hai Academic College
Antisemitism and Nation Building in Jabotinsky’s Outlook

Maya Mark, Tel-Aviv University
Menachem Begin’s Worldviews on Law and Regime

T7R2  Society and Religion

Chair: Gideon Katz (katzgid@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Kimmy Caplan, Bar-Ilan University
The Missing Link: Comparative Perspectives in the Study of Jewish Religious Societies in Israel

Einat Libel-Hass, Ashkelon Academic College
In the Face of Challenge: Beit Daniel as a Case Study for the Challenges Faced by Reform Judaism as It Seeks Israeli Society’s Acceptance

Moria Ran Ben-Hai, Bar-Ilan University
Religious Female Leadership and Its Role in the Development of Religious Feminism in Israel

Inbal E. Cicurel and Neomi Silman, Ashkelon Academic College
Changes in the Uses of Nida by Israeli National Religious Women
T7R3  
*The Impact of the Diaspora on the Homeland’s Politics and Public Policy: The Case of Israel*

Chair: **Omri Asscher** (oasscher@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
**Ofir Abu**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Between Homeland and Diaspora: Contentious Politics and the Issue of Pluralistic Prayer at the Western Wall*

**Yitzhak Mualem**, Ashkelon Academic College  
*The Diaspora Component of Political Parties’ Platforms in Israel*

**Ben Herzog**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*The Jewish Diaspora in the Eyes of Israeli Politicians as Reflected in the Israeli Citizenship Law*

T7R4  
*Social Stratification*

Chair: **Tal Elmaliach** (snir.tal@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
**Divya Malhotra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University  
*Gender-Based Stratification in Israeli Labor Markets*

**Nicole Dehan**, University of Haifa  
*The Support Law (Ensuring Payment) 1972: Intents, Implementation, and Facts*

**Arie Krampf**, Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yafo; Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Institutional Complementarity as a Mechanism of Change: The Liberal Path to Universal Unemployment Insurance in Israel*

T7R5  
*Education*

Chair: **Gilat Gofer** (gilat@tamuz.org.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
**Orit Oved**, Tel-Aviv University  
*Seventy Years of Controversy: ‘Jewish Education’ in the State (Non-Renligious) Education System*

**Orna Vaadia**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Representation of the Borders of the State in Israeli Textbook Maps*

**Tali Tadmor-Shimony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Immigrant Women Teachers from Islamic Countries: Choices of Livelihood, Profession, and Status, 1950–1959*
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17:30-19:00
PLENARY SESSION (Evans Hall)
The Michael Feige Annual Lecture
The Michael Feige Award

Chair: Ben Herzog
(herzogb@bgu.ac.il), Michael Feige Career Development in Israeli Society, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Greetings:
Chaim (Harvey) Hames, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Paula Kabalo, Director, The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Nurit Feige, Representative of the Family

Award Ceremony:
The Michal Feige Award for the Best PhD Proposal on Israeli Society:
Youness (Yona) Abeddour, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Annual Lecture:
Yael Zerubavel, Founding Director, The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, Rutgers University
The Desert and the Island as Symbolic Spaces: On Landscapes, Identity and Memory in Israeli Culture

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T8 (R1)
Piyyut and the Question of Israeli Identity, from Ben-Gurion to the Baba Sali: An Evening of Music and Conversation with the Ben-Zvi Piyyut Ensemble

Music performed by the Ben-Zvi Piyyut Ensemble
Conversation following the performance moderated by Aryeh Tepper, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Sponsored by The American Sephardi Federation (ASF)
W8R1  Center, Periphery, and Colonialism

Chair: Ben Herzog (herzogb@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Avi Picard, Bar-Ilan University
*Development Towns and the Central Place Theory*

Shai Tagner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Università Roma Tre
*Israel as an Asylum State: to Whom?*

Nimrod Lin, University of Toronto
*The Island of Palestine: Geographical Metaphors and Zionism’s Relationship with Colonialism*

W8R2  Israeli Politics

Chair: Uri Mintzker (umintzker@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Csaba Nikolenyi, Concordia University
*The Knesset Committee and the Recognition of New Parties*

Nissim Leon, Bar-Ilan University
*Shas, 1984–2013: From a Revolutionary Movement into an Ethnic Subgroup*

Ephraim Yuchtman-Yaar, Yasmin Alkalay and Tom Aival, Tel Aviv University
*Religiosity’s and Ethnicity’s Effects on the Jewish-Israeli Electorate*

W8R3  State and Religion

Chair: Gideon Katz (katzgid@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Grant Goldberg, Independent Researcher
*A Country of Two Democracies: Ethnicity and Religion and Their Impact on Israeli Democracy*

Niva Golan-Nadir and Aviad Rubin, University of Haifa
*Still Standing Still: Perspectives on Israel's State-Religion Relations at 70*

W8R4  Media

Chair: Dvir Tzur (dvir_tzur@yahoo.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Felicia Waldman, University of Bucharest
*The Image of Palestine and the Zionist Ideal as Reflected in the Romanian Jewish Press, 1890–1940*

Barak Bar-Zohar, University of Haifa
*Death, Memory, and Myth: Death Coverage of Statesmen and Cultural Figures in Hebrew-Language Israeli Newspapers, 1904–1995*

Yael Ben-Zvi Morad, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
*From the Binding to the Crucifixion: Changes in the Political Role of Religious Motifs in Israeli Cinema*
### SESSION 8 (W8)
**9:00 – 10:30**

**W8R5**  
**Israel’s Relations with the Jewish Diaspora**

**Chair:** David Barak-Gorodetsky (davidbarak1@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Hanna Shaul Bar Nissim,** Brandeis University  
*A New Diaspora Philanthropy? Trends and Changes in North American Jewish Diaspora Philanthropy for Israel*

**Mira Yungman,** The Open University of Israel  
*The Contribution of Women’s Zionist Organizations in the Diaspora to the Yishuv and Israel in Its Early Years*

**Geoffrey Levin,** New York University  
*“As a Jew, You Have the Right!”: Ben-Gurion and American Jewish Critiques of Israel*

### SESSION 9 (W9)
**11:00 – 12:30**

**W9R1**  
**Gender**

**Chair:** Ebtesam Barakat (ebtesam1970@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Shlomit Lir,** Brandeis University  
*Israeli Women’s Journey into Leadership Offline and Online*

**Gilat Gofer,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Gender, Nationalism, and Welfare Institutions: Early Israel as a Case Study*

**Ofera Or,** Independent Researcher  
*Israeli Midlife Women in Second Partnerships Choosing Living Apart Together*

**W9R2**  
**Seventy Years of Israeli Citizenship: Between Representation, Citizenship, and Human Rights**

**Chair:** Pnina Motzafi-Haller (pninamh@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Shoshana Madmoni-Gerber,** Suffolk University  
*Fighting to be Remembered: Social Media and the Narrative of the Yemenite Babies Affair*

**Meir Amor,** Concordia University  
*Ethnic Democracy: History of Social Selection, Residential Segregation, and Citizenship in Israel*

**Gal Stav Alfasi,** University of Haifa  
*Grandma Sultana Prepares Mofletta in Ghetto Warsaw: Libyan Jews and the Collective Memory of the Jewish Holocaust*
W9R3  Boundary Spanners in a Dynamic Research University

Chair: Uri Cohen (uricohen@tauex.tau.ac.il), Tel-Aviv University

Jamila Elnashef, Tel-Aviv University
‘On Excellence’— The Struggle for Legitimacy: Women in Science in Israeli Research Universities

Hemi Sheinblat, Tel Aviv University
‘Managing a University’ – Tel Aviv University between Breakthrough and Consolidation, 1971–1983

Doron Timor, Tel Aviv University
Elitistic Center and Radical Periphery — The Students’ Struggle for Representation in University Management

W9R4  Gatekeepers: The Future of Academic Publishing in Hebrew

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Chair: Ofer Shiff (oschiff@gmail.com), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Aviva Halamish, The Open University of Israel
Publish Lest You Perish: The Mutual Challenge of Israeli Scholars and the Hebrew Academic Press

Sheizaf Rafaeli, University of Haifa
Twice Scripture and Once Translation

Eitan Bar Yosef, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Criticism in Theory: Publishing an Academic Journal in Hebrew – Contemporary Challenges

W9R5  Between Jewish and Israeli History: A Transnational Perspective

Chair: Ofir Abu (abuofir@post.bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Rona Yona, Tel-Aviv University
Zionism as a New Type of International Jewish Institution

Mihály Kálmán, National Library of Israel
From Pale to Palestine: Narratives and Practices of Diaspora Paramilitarism in the Yishuv

Alex Valdman, University of Haifa
Beyond Communism and Zionism: Soviet Jews and Jewish Israelis in the USSR, 1953–1967
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**Historiography I**

**Chair:** Nahum Karlinsky (nahumk@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Miriam Shenkar, Ohio State University  
*Placement of Israel Studies under the Historical Lens: A Case Study at Ohio State University*

Kobi Cohen-Hattab, Bar-Ilan University  
*Israeli Historical Archives in the Nation-Building Process: The Founding of the Israel State Archives, 1949*

Khinvraj Jangid, O.P. Jindal Global University  
*Revisiting Revisionist History: Benny Morris and His 1988 Article*

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**Society**

**Chair:** Kobi Peled (kobip@bgu.ac.il), Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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*Israeli Law on Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities: A Review of Legislation and Implementation*

Maya Hadar, Universität Leipzig, and Melanie Garson, University College London  
*In Us We Trust? The Effect of Political Violence on Social Cohesion in Israel, 2003–2015*

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University; Shalom Hartman Institute  
*A Democratic and Judean State: On Jewish Civic Culture in Israel*

W10R2

**New Lenses on the Israeli Past**  
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**Chair:** Denis Charbit (denisch@openu.ac.il), The Open University of Israel

Ilana Rosen, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Documentary Literature as a Bridge between Story and History and between Individuals and Their Communities*

Kimmy Caplan, Bar-Ilan University  
*When the Periphery of the Periphery is at the Center of Attention*

Bat-Sheva Maglit Stern, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies  
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Roman Vater, Cambridge University
Post-Zionism: First Generation

Oded Heilbronner, Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya
A Global History of Young Israel

Boaz Cohen, Western Galilee College; Shaanan College
Israeli Holocaust Memory: The Spatial Approach and Its Benefits

W10R5  Between Academia and Education in Israel
Chair: Jamila Elnashef (jamilael@post.tau.ac.il), Tel-Aviv University

Ilona Sheffer, Tel Aviv University
Elite Education for Military Service: Integrating Military Computer Programs into High Schools

Elad Neemani, Tel Aviv University
The Readiness of the Hebrew University to Cooperate with the IDF in the First Decade

Uri Cohen, Tel Aviv University
Facing the Government and the Academic Establishment, 1967–1977

16:00–17:30  CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (R1) The Strategic Challenges Facing Israel
Chair: Ilan Troen (troen@brandeis.edu), Brandeis University; Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin, Executive Director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel-Aviv University; Former Chief of Military Intelligence, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)

Dore Gold, Former Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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