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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 Iris Agmon, Ben-Gurion University
            *The Making of Ottoman Beer-Sheva*

13:00-15:00  Lunch Break

15:00-16:15  **Opening Panel**
            **Chair: Iris Agmon**, Ben-Gurion University
            
            **Greetings**
            
            *David Newman*, Dean
            Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University
            
            *Daniella Talmon-Heller*, Chair
            Department of Middle East Studies, Ben-Gurion University
            
            **Keynote Talk**
            
            *Huricihan İslamoğlu*, Boğaziçi University, Institut d’Etudes Avancées, Nantes
            *Law and the Modern Predicament of the Ottomans*

16:15-16:30  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

Sara Ellinor Morack, Free University of Berlin

Contestations of Early Republican Property Policies in Izmir Following the Greek-Turkish Population Exchange, 1924-1928

Discussant: Ursula Wokoeck, Ben-Gurion University

Dinner

Tuesday, June 5th

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
11:30-13:00  
**PANEL III**  
THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND ITS CONCEPTUALIZATIONS  
**Chair:** Muhammad Al-Atawneh, 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*

**Will Hanley**, Florida State University  
*Modern Legal Pluralism in the Shadow of the Late Nineteenth-Century Middle East*

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

13:00-15:00  
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 6th**

9:00-10:30  
**PANEL VI**  
**MOVING PEOPLE, MOVING LAW**  
Chair: Nimrod Hurvitz, Ben-Gurion University

*Turan Kayaoğlu*, University of Washington, Tacoma  
*Extraterritoriality and the Passage to Modernity in and beyond the Middle East*

*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 19th Century Ottoman Empire*

Discussant: Huricihan İslamoğlu

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 (2nd floor)

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