

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 Efrati**, 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.



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Monday, June 5th

9:00–9:30 Reception

9:30–11:30 Opening panel.

Greetings:

Chair: **Reli 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.”**

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

Discussant: **Wael Abu-Uksa**, The Hebrew University.

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 Holtzman**, 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.

Jacob Abadi, United States Air Force Academy Colorado Springs, CO: **“The Transformation of Tunisia’s Ennahda Party: Reasons and Consequences.”**

Yoram Meital, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **“What if the Brothers Reach the Seat of Government? Political Islam in Revolutionary Egypt.”**

Sabina Abdulaev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **“Other and Otherness from the Perspectives of Contemporary Wasati Islam.”**

Discussant: **Daniel Zisenwine**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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 Shahaar, 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.

14:00–16:00 Lunch break.

16:00–18:00 Panel 5:

ISLAM AND DEMOCRACY REVISITED

Chair: **Yair Horesh**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Uriya Shavit, Tel Aviv University: **“Scientific Freedom in Islam: A Critical Reading of the Modernist-Apologetic School.”**

Muhammad al-Atawneh, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: **“Rethinking Islam and Democracy: The ‘Other’ in Modern-Day Sunni Islamic Religious Writings.”**

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.