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1ST ANNOUNCEMENT

The 20th Sede Boqer Symposium in Memory of Merav Ziv
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer
Campus, Midreshet Ben-Gurion – 29th May 2019

CONSERVATION ETHICS AND PHILOSOPHY

Conservation ethics and philosophy have been developing alongside conservation science for many years now. These topics aim to tackle underlying and overarching concepts and issues relating to nature and human interactions with it. In doing so they can contribute towards more sound conservation practices, and promote discussion on topics of contention. In Israel, these fields have been discussed only rarely and are not very well known even amongst the conservation science community. In the proposed symposium we plan to bring to the fore some of the current discussions in these fields in general, and in relation to nature conservation problems in Israel. Specifically, we would like to address the following topics:

- What is nature and what is natural?
- What is our motivation for protecting nature? – Who are our targets for conservation?
- Should humans be viewed as detached or integral to nature or natural landscapes?
- What are our elemental components of conservation?

Guest speaker: James Justus, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University.
<https://philosophy.fsu.edu/people/faculty/james-jack-justus>

We welcome talks presented by faculty members, researchers and graduate students from philosophy, social-sciences, and ecology, based in academia, conservation practice and policy.

Please send a title and short abstract in English (maximum one page, 12 pt. font, 1.5 spacing) to Uri Roll uriroll@bgu.ac.il

Deadline for abstract submission: 10 April, 2019

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