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## **Cultures of Human Reproduction: Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Israel, Poland, and France**

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Monday, May 9th, 2:00 p.m.

Barkan Conference Hall (Building 70) ([map](#))

(Coffee and refreshments served at 1:45 p.m.)

It is counterintuitive that in the age of globalization and medical tourism, various Western countries differ so fundamentally in their approaches to assisted reproductive technologies (in vitro fertilization, preimplantation diagnosis, genetic screening and genetic consulting in particular). In my presentation I will explore the cultural underpinnings of these differences and reflect on the lessons that each country could learn from the others' experiences.

Israel, Poland and France each possess their own unprecedented historical experiences, and yet they remain in relative cultural proximity. Therefore, this comparison is particularly instructive.

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**Faculty and students from all disciplines are invited!**