



Religion and Social Change: Intersections between Conservative Religious Groups and Liberal Values

Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, June 5-7, 2023
Feldman Building 301, Weisfeld Hall. Organizer: Michal Pagis

Monday June 5, Bar Ilan University

10:00-10:30 **Greetings and Introduction**

10:30-11:45 **Panel 1. Women, Empowerment and Agency 1**
Rachel Rinaldo, University of Boulder Colorado
Islam, Divorce, and Women's Empowerment in Indonesia.

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, The Hebrew University
The "temporal labor" of Haredi Feminist Activists:
Narrative disjunctions and continuities at the
intersection of gender, religion, and politics.

12:00-13:15 **Panel 2. Women, Empowerment and Agency 2**
Mia Lövheim, Upsala University
Theorizing Women's Religious Agency in the context
of Religious Complexity.

Michal Frankel, The Hebrew University
Gender-Religiosity Intersectionality at Work: Haredi
women career experience and agency.

13:15-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15-16:00 **Panel 3. Boundaries: Materiality, Place and Virtual Space**

Elisabeth Becker, Heidelberg University
Marginality and the Multicultural City? Jewish,
Muslim and Christian space in 21st century Berlin.

Michal Kravel, Tzofiya Malev and Eran
Schwarzfuchs, Tel Aviv University
Purge the Evil from Among You: Material cancel
culture and the Social Life/Death of Chaim Walder's
Books.

Rivka Ben Nerya, Sapir Academic College
"New is Forbidden from the Torah" or Boundary
Management: New Media and the Israeli Ultra-
Orthodox Jews Community.

Tuesday June 6, The Van Leer Institute

10:00-10:30 **Greetings**

10:30-12:30 **Panel 4. Complementing and Conflicting Authorities**

Ayala Fader, Fordham University
Jewish Orthodoxies in the Age of Viral Politics.

Michal Pagis, Bar Ilan University
Popular Psychology as Sub-authority: The new
language of the self among Haredi men and
women.

Lea Taragin Zeller, The Hebrew University
"Kosher Science": Tailoring National
Geographic for Haredi Publics.

Adam Klin Oron, The Van Leer Institute
Discussion: Haredi society looking out and in.

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Jackie Feldman**, Ben Gurion University
"And the earth is His footstool": Making facts on
(and beneath) the ground in contemporary
Jerusalem.

16:00-18:30 **Field Trip: Religions in Jerusalem**

19:00 **Conference Dinner**

Wednesday June 7, Bar Ilan University

9:30-10:00 **Gathering**

10:00-11:30 **Panel 5. Sexuality and Social Change**
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
Christianity, Sexuality and Social Change in
Contemporary African Literature.

Orit Avishai, Fordham University
Queering Orthodoxy: The Struggle over Judaism's
Straight Soul.

Rachel Werczberger, Hadassah Academic College
Discussion: Sexual diversity as religious diversity.

12:00-13:30 **Keynote Talk (Departmental Colloquium)**
Philip Gorski, Yale University
The Fragmentation of the Sacred: An Alternative
Narrative of Western Modernity.

14:00-16:00 **Lunch and Concluding Discussion**