

Reappropriating Durkheim? Cultural Sociology Here and Now

Launching Conference of the Bar Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology

Hosted by

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology
The Interdisciplinary Program for Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies
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Keynote Speaker: Eva Ilouz

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*The **Bar Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology** is dedicated to integrating cultural theory with grounded empirical research. Our goal is to illuminate the constitutive role of cultural representations and symbolic processes in all domains of social life, while also exploring their interrelations with structural and institutional levels of analysis. <https://sociology.biu.ac.il/en/node/2130>*

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Program:

All events are held at Feldman Building (301), Weisfeld Hall (ground floor)

Tuesday, January 1

18:00 -20:00 **Book Launch Celebration with Danny Kaplan: *The Nation and the Promise of Friendship: Building Solidarity through Sociability*** (2018, Palgrave Macmillan).

18:00-18:15 Welcome & Refreshments

Moderator: **Michal Pagis**, Bar Ilan University

Speakers:

Hizky Shoham, Bar Ilan University

Yuval Feinstein, University of Haifa

Paul Frosh, Hebrew University

Danny Kaplan, Bar Ilan University

Wednesday, January 2

9:15 -09:30 Welcome & Refreshments

09:30 -11:15 **Session 1: Cultural/Moral Codes**

Opening greetings: Larissa Remennick, Head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Moderator: **Nadav Appel**, Bar Ilan University

Nitzan Rothem, Ben-Gurion University, The agenda of suicide prevention: Between Durkheim's thought and current sociological research

Hizky Shoham, Bar Ilan University, Why the Hebrew 'Shoah'? A lexical history of two cultural codes

Haim Hazan, Tel Aviv University, Solid others: Impasses in a transformative global age

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 -13:00 **Session 2: Solidarity**

moderator: **Niza Yanay**, Ben-Gurion University

Yuval Feinstein, University of Haifa, Potent but precarious: How national identities drive shifts in public attitudes in the aftermath of national events

Danny Kaplan, Bar Ilan University, Social club sociability between networks and collective effervescence

Ron Dudai, Ben-Gurion University, Israeli political culture and the phantom of the death penalty

13:00-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 **Session 3: Classifications**

moderator: **Dafna Hirsch**, Open University of Israel

Ori Schwarz, Bar Ilan University, Correlative classifications: How the plurality of classification systems is used as a cultural and a political resource?

Nissim Mizrahi, Tel Aviv University, Beyond suspicion: Entering the world of the non-liberal subject

Shai Dromi, Harvard University, Good on paper: Sociological critique, pragmatism, and secularization theory (with Samuel D. Stabler)

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 **Special Session Honoring the Retirement of Ilana Silber**

moderator: Orna Sasson-Levy, Bar Ilan University

Lior Gelernter, "These games of dilettantes": Durkheim's *Individualism and the Intellectuals* relevance to contemporary political discourse

Michelle Shir-Weiss, Independent Scholar, The hierarchization of free time: The sacred and the profane

Iris Cohen, Bar Ilan University, Revisiting Durkheim's solidarity: Moral emotions among religious and non-religious food aid activists in Israel

Respondent: **Ilana Silber**, Bar Ilan University

17:30 Refreshments

18:00-19:30 **Keynote Address**

Greetings: Jeffrey Alexander, Director of the Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University
(delivered by video)

Ed Greenstein, Head of the Program for Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies

Danny Kaplan, Co-director, Bar Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology

Moderator: **Ori Schwarz**, Bar Ilan University

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Anomie and Negative Relationships

19:30 Dinner Reception and Wine