

The Humanities and
Social Sciences Fund
Conference on

Theorizing National Solidarity: Mechanisms, Models and Paradoxes

Initiated by the Bar Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology, the international working group on national solidarity aims to explore how the concept of solidarity contributes to our understanding of nationhood (and related forms of civic and ethnic belonging) compared with the overworked concept of national identity.

This workshop brings together leading scholars employing diverse quantitative and qualitative approaches to discuss work-in-progress and enhance further networking.

May 23-24, 2022, Sde Boker Campus
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Monday May 23rd

10:00-10:40 Welcome Breakfast

10:40-12:30 **Panel 1 Mechanisms of national solidarity and identity**

Chair: **Hizky Shoham**

Greetings

Danny Kaplan, Bar-Ilan University

Avi Bareli, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the study of Israel & Zionism, BGU

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Solidarity identity, and models of performance in studies of nationhood

Siniša Malešević, University College Dublin

Between deep comradeship and nationalism: The social dynamics of solidarity on the battlefield

Dan Lainer Vos, University of Southern California

Playing the nation: Constructing cultural revivals in the Irish and Jewish diaspora

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:15 **Panel 2 Nationhood between everyday life and ecstatic moments**

Chair: **Danny Kaplan**

Jon Fox, University of Bristol

From everyday nationhood to everyday nationalism

Michael Skey, Loughborough University

"Solidarity comes from people participating together not thinking together" (Kertzer, 1988: 67): Or why nations are not imagined communities

Hizky Shoham, Bar-Ilan University

"Our way of life": The meaningless rituals of mechanical solidarity

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

- 15:30-17:15 **Panel 3 Nationhood between memories and visions**
Chair: **Avner Bar-Amos**
- Brad West**, University of South Australia
National pilgrimage and ritual solidarity: The cultural affordances of travel at the WWI Gallipoli battlefield
- Gal Arieli**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
National Identity, solidarity, and remembering the past
- Moti Neiger**, Bar-Ilan University
Banal vision: The construction of national solidarity in public discourse referring to the future
- 19:00-20:30 Festive dinner at Kedma Hotel
20:30-21:30 Visit to Ben-Gurion's Desert Home
from 21:30 Chilling out at hotel bar

Tuesday May 24th

- 08:45-09:45 Scenic stroll along the cliff in Sde Boker
- 09: 45-11:30 **Panel 4 Political psychology of national inclusion and exclusion**
Chair: **Dan Lainer Vos**
- Julia Elad-Strenger**, Bar-Ilan University
National identification and solidarity: The importance of "tribal" identifications
- Gina Gustavsson**, University of Oxford
Nordic Gold or Nordic Noir? Nationalizing trust, rallying around the flag, and scapegoating immigrants in Sweden and Denmark during the pandemic
- Thomas Kessler**, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
Authoritarianism and Solidarity: From vices to virtues to vices
- 11: 30-11:45 Coffee break
- 11: 45-13:30 **Panel 5 Historical and comparative analyses of national solidarity**
Chair: **Jon Fox**
- Craig Calhoun**, Arizona State University and LSE
Elites and the fragmentation of national solidarity
- Avner Ben-Amos**, Tel Aviv University
Memory, ritual and solidarity: The Centennial of the First World War in France
- Avi Bareli**, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the study of Israel & Zionism, BGU
Belonging and ownership as non-binary civic concepts: A prism for understanding the relation between nationalism and citizenship
- 13: 30-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:45 **Panel 6 Civic awareness, commitment and giving**
Chair: **Avi Bareli**
- Nir Kedar**, Sapir College
The civic roots of national solidarity
- Ilana Silber**, Bar-Ilan University
Mega-philanthropy as multi-layered connective process: The case of the Giving Pledge
- 16:00-17:30 Closing discussion and farewell event

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