

# List of Workshops and Abstracts

## The 13th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy

### In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus Campus, 13-14 December 2017

#### 1. Workshops List by Date and Type\*

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

##### Methodological Workshops:

##### **WM1:** *"Non-Experimental Methods for Causal Inference"*

Prof. Gizem Arikan Şekercioğlu, Yasar University, Izmir, Turkey; E-mail:

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##### **WM2:** *"Experimental Methods in Political Science and Public Policy Research"*

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Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor, University of Haifa; E-mail: [wisrael@poli.haifa.ac.il](mailto:wisrael@poli.haifa.ac.il)

##### **WM3:** *"Mixed-Methods Approaches for Analyzing Media Narratives"*

Dr. Christian Baden, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail: [c.baden@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:c.baden@mail.huji.ac.il)

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##### **WM4:** *"Political Discourse Analysis"*

Prof. Zohar Kampf, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail: [zohar29@zahav.net.il](mailto:zohar29@zahav.net.il)

Prof. Shaul R. Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail:

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##### **WM5:** *"Security! What Do You Mean? Understanding the Role of Discourse in Contemporary Security Studies"*

Ms. Keren Sasson, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail: [keren.sa@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:keren.sa@mail.huji.ac.il)

##### **WM6:** *"Social Network Analysis: Concepts and Applications" - Social Network Analysis: Concepts and Applications*

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\* How to interpret the workshop symbols? The first letter in each workshop symbol denotes the date by day of the week; "W" for Wednesday and "T" for Thursday. The second letter denotes the type of workshop; "M" for methodological and "P" for research (paper) workshops. The number at the end of each symbol is a workshop type tracking designation.

Research (Paper) Workshops:

**WP1:** *“Consensus/Dissensus in Political Thought”*

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**WP2:** *“Political Psychology”*

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Thursday, December 14, 2017

Research (Paper) Workshops:

**TP3:** *“Conceptual Analysis in Political Theory”*

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Prof. Dan Avnon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail: [dan.avnon@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:dan.avnon@mail.huji.ac.il)

**TP4:** *“Arms Control and Disarmament in the Middle East”*

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Dr. Emily Landau, INSS, Tel-Aviv' E-mail: [emily@inss.org](mailto:emily@inss.org)

**TP5:** *“Man, State, or Waltz?”*

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**TP6:** *“Global Change: Re-ordering or De-ordering?”*

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**TP7:** *“Multiple Identities in World Politics”*

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**TP8:** *“The Political Economy of International Institutions in a Changing World”*

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**TP9:** *“Non-State Actors in Global Politics: Benign and Malign”*

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**TP10:** *“Political Communication, Participation, and the Idea of Deliberative Democracy”*

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**TP11:** *“Political Violence”*

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Dr. Devorah Manekin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; E-mail: [d.manekin@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:d.manekin@mail.huji.ac.il)

**TP12:** *“Regulation, Governance, and Neo-Liberalism”*

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**TP13:** *“Law, Politics, and Society”*

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**TP14:** *“Understanding the Diaspora/Israel Relationship”*

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## **2. Abstracts and Short Bios of the Faculty Leading the Workshops**

**WM1** - *“Non-Experimental Methods for Causal Inference”*

**Prof. Gizem Arıkan Şekercioğlu, Yasar University, Izmir, Turkey**

Social scientists have been increasingly concerned with establishing the causality of relationships between their variables of interest, rather than just associations. Randomized experiments are generally regarded to be the gold standard for establishing causality. However, many causes of interest to political scientists are difficult, impractical, or unethical to manipulate experimentally. A number of methods have been proposed to establish causal inference using observational data for situations where experimental manipulations are not possible or desired. This workshop intends to survey some of these non-experimental methods. After a brief discussion of causality and causal inference, we move on to talk about the concept of as-if randomization and natural experiments, regression continuity designs, instrumental variables, and matching methods. We will examine some of the key works in the political science literature that utilize such methods and discuss the strengths and

weaknesses of each approach. Students are also expected to come up with their own research questions so that we can brainstorm about the possible methods that can be utilized to establish causal inference.

The language of the workshop will be in English. Students who will take the workshop will be asked to familiarize themselves with the articles posted on the syllabus.

**Prof. Gizem Arikan** is Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations at Yasar University, Izmir, Turkey. She studies comparative political behavior and political psychology with a focus on religiosity, values, attitudes towards democracy, and preferences for redistribution and social welfare. Her work has appeared in journals such as *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, and *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. She is also the winner of Turkish Academy of Sciences 2015 Young Scientist Outstanding Achievement Award (GEBIP) and Science Academy's Young Scientist Award 2016.

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### **WM2 - "Experimental Methods in Political Science and Public Policy Research"**

**Dr. Sebastian Jilke, Rutgers University**

**Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor, University of Haifa**

How can experimental methods help us answer political and policy questions? Experimental methods are increasingly salient to Political Science, Public Policy and Public Administration research, making them an essential tool for all of us.

This workshop is intended to offer an introduction to the logic of experimental methods, and provide an opportunity to experience practical ways of addressing research questions with a variety of experimental methods.

We will begin by understanding the general defining characteristics of an experimental design, reviewing some recent studies in the field. Next, participants will present research questions or emerging experimental designs, and we will jointly develop and design experiments to address them and provide feedback for improving existing work-in-progress. The workshop will consider the different types of experimental designs available, including laboratory, survey-embedded, field, and natural experiments, and assess various types of experimental treatments and measurements. The discussion will address their general characteristics, strengths and weakness, using substantive examples from the social sciences. The workshop is intended for graduate and recent PhDs interested in political and social science, broadly defined. Participants are encouraged to present their work in order to receive feedback and advice concerning research design and future publication in major journals. The syllabus and further details relating to the workshop will be posted on the conference website. The number of participants is limited.

The workshop facilitators, Sebastian Jilke (Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration) and Israel Waismel-Manor (Haifa University School of Political Science) specialize in experimental research in the fields of Public Policy and Administration, and in Political Behavior and Political Communication, respectively.

**Dr. Sebastian Jilke** is Assistant Professor in the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark, where he co-directs the Center for Experimental and Behavioral Public Administration. His interests include citizen-state interactions and equality in service provision, and his recent work examines how citizens and public officials respond to market-type mechanisms in service delivery. He is co-editor of *Experiments in Public Management Research: Challenges and Contributions* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

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**Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor** is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Political Science at the University of Haifa. His research focuses on political attitude formation and its effects on voting behavior. His current projects explore the ways in which non-verbal communication, physiological stress, institutional settings and new media influence political preferences and behavior.

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### **WM3 - "Mixed-Methods Approaches for Analyzing Media Narratives"**

**Dr. Christian Badenand, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**Dr. Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

News stories and other media contents play a central role in societies' ability to observe and make sense of themselves and their environment. However, the incremental, sequential, and intertextual organization of media narratives poses several challenges for analysis. In this workshop, we discuss analytic avenues for reconstructing and analyzing media narratives in their discursive context: Departing from an understanding of media texts as episodic continuations of prior discourse, we identify strategies for linking them to their intertextual contexts. Through different forms of comparison and aggregation, we shed light on the different ways in which media texts combine the presentation of novel claims and interpretations with the continuation of ongoing narratives and debates. The workshop makes reference to a wide range of methodological approaches, from discourse analytic, qualitative to quantitative, algorithmic perspectives. It raises important conceptual and analytic concerns and lays out suitable strategies for addressing these, emphasizing potentials for mixed-methods approaches and integrative analysis. The workshop includes a hands-on component, where different analytic tools and strategies will be demonstrated and practiced using media coverage of a current issue (to be determined).

**Dr. Christian Baden** is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Communication and Journalism at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His work focuses on the collaborative construction, resonance and over-time evolution of societally shared meaning in political controversy, crisis, and violent conflict. His publications include contributions to frame analysis, media discourse studies and automated text analysis.

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#### **WM4 - "Political Discourse Analysis"**

**Prof. Zohar Kampf, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**Prof. Shaul Shenhav, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Political Discourse Analysis is essentially a Discourse Analysis of political talk and text. It shares with Discourse Analysis the same interdisciplinary vision, methodological principles, and analytical tools, but applies them on language produced in political contexts. Methodologically, Political Discourse scholars base their analysis on actual manifestations of talk and text, contextualizing them in time and space, relating them to political functions, and also evaluating them in light of critical theory.

This workshop aims to outline traditionally recognized and newly identified links between language and politics. After clarifying some conceptual ambiguities and elaborating the historical roots of political language research, the workshop surveys themes, actors, methods, data, and research goals of Political Discourse Analysis, based on key texts and the latest studies in the field. The second part of the workshop will be dedicated to the analysis of talk and text in political discourse, including political narratives, interviews, speech acts and other materials suggested by the participants. The workshop will be held in both Hebrew and English, depending on the participants' preferred language and the types of texts suggested for analysis.

**Prof. Zohar Kampf**, PhD 2007, is an Associate Professor and a scholar of language and communication at the Department of Communication and Journalism, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His main research interest lies in the multifaceted ties between media, language and politics. These linkages appear in his studies of public speech acts, mediated political interactions, and in his works on the language of peace and conflict. He is the author of 2

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***WM5 - "Security! What Do You Mean? Understanding the Role of Discourse in Contemporary Security Studies"***

**Ms. Keren Sasson, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

It has been over fifteen years since Jeff Huysmans posed the question essential for every student of security: "Security! What do you mean?" Several theoretical orientations have crystallized in response, confirming the observation that the exploration of the meaning of security is the security studies' agenda itself. Guided by the theoretical premise that security is as much about physical things as it is about words and conceptions, this methodological workshop aims at reflecting upon the role and contribution of discourse analysis to the complex study of our contemporary security realm.

After delineating and discussing the theoretical underpinnings of using language in studying security, this workshop will focus on discursive interactions as a valuable lens through which we can identify and scrutinize the social construction of security conceptions and practices, which ultimately guide and dictate the behavioral proclivities of actors in the security arena. By framing discourse as both reflecting and affecting reality, the workshop will be dedicated to tracing and mapping language, wording and rhetoric (within the wider frame of social and political communication), analyzing actors' use of language in security matters and exploring the strategies of verbal and non-verbal communication (of which discourse and the deliberate use of language are one) in securitization processes. By addressing the question of the value embedded in the use of language in the security realm, this workshop connects securitization as both a discourse and a practice within the political field. The second part of the workshop will be dedicated to practical implementation of discourse in security studies by surveying themes, research designs, data and methods, suggested by the participants.

**Ms. Keren Sasson** is a post-doctoral fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her doctoral dissertation engaged with regional security order in the developing world (Middle East and Latin America), and her main research interests include political discourse, security studies, social constructivism and Third World Security.

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***WM6 - "Social Network Analysis: Concepts and Applications"* Social Network Analysis: Concepts and Applications**

**Prof. Ilan Talmud, University of Haifa**

Over the last two decades, there has been a dramatic growth and progression in the use of network theory and analysis across social sciences. This workshop provides a conceptual and methodological overview of social network analysis. The workshop presents an analytical synopsis of the basic assumptions, concepts, goals, and explanatory mechanisms prevalent in the field. Modes of data gathering, and data analytic trade-offs will be discussed, as the ways in which the field is moving from static, cross-sectional design into dynamic designs. Moreover, the workshop will surveys and demonstrates applications of network models to policy networks, political networks, international studies, social and political capital, historical analysis, online networks, community engagement, labor market research, and in inter-organizational relations.

**Prof. Ilan Talmud**, Ph.D. Columbia University, is an Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Haifa, Israel. He specializes in economic and organizational sociology, social capital, network analysis, Internet studies, and online currencies.

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***WP1 - "Consensus/Dissensus in Political Thought"***

**Dr. Nicole Hochner, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**Prof. Annabel Herzog, University of Haifa**

Political liberalism is considered for some too idealistic or too naïve to address the challenges of a multi-cultural society and to cope with the divisions in society. Paradoxically, followers of Marx who saw in conflicts the essence of politics, often did not renounce the ultimate goal of harmony and concord either. The place of divergence and opposition, discord and internal struggle has been at the heart of political philosophy since Socrates. They are definitely omnipresent for Roman political thinkers, radically reimagined by Machiavelli and still pivotal in the most recent theories of Honneth, Mouffe or Rancière to quote but a few.

This workshop invites graduate and doctoral students to explore the nexus of consensus and dissensus in political theory. We will welcome a reconsideration of Ancient and Modern



visions of dissensus, avoiding the too simplistic idea that until Machiavelli political thought celebrated the foundational principle of harmony and consensus (especially in the Roman political heritage) while (post)modern ideology praises dissensus.

Graduate or doctoral students interested in the field of intellectual history, political theory, political philosophy, critical theory or political ideologies should send their proposals with a short bio and curriculum vitae to the Conference Organizers. Students interested in participating are welcome to contact Prof. Annabel Herzog and Dr. Nicole Hochner beforehand and consult with them. Titles and abstracts should be submitted in English together with the registration form via the conference website.

**Dr. Nicole Hochner** is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science and Head of the Graduate Program in Cultural Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her research analyses the production of political ideas in their social and cultural context, at the crossroads of the late medieval and the early modern periods.

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### **WP2 - "Political Psychology"**

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Political Psychology is an approach utilizing psychological processes and findings about the human psyche to understand political behavior. While the official society of Political Psychology had only been formed in 1978, scholars have been discussing the relationship between psychology and political processes as early as in ancient Greece. When one hears the term political psychology, one might envision the study of elections and campaigns. While not inaccurate, this perception excludes a broad range of topics that fall within the purview of political psychology, including political attitude formation, intergroup relations, the role of personality and traits in politics and political decision making. The primary purpose of this workshop will be to bring together young scholars engaged in different aspects of the study of Political Psychology. We welcome mainly empirical quantitative political research of all shapes and forms (e.g., lab in the field, field experiments, surveys, experiment-surveys). Themes may reflect the broad array of interests shared by political psychologists (e.g. the dynamics of public opinion, the organization of political beliefs, political information processing, political socialization and conflict resolution). While contributions will vary theoretically and empirically, they should all overtly discuss the psychological mechanisms of a political phenomenon. Each applicant will submit a 3-page

summary of their research project by September 30, 2017 .Upon admission, each participant will: a) prepare a 10-12 minutes presentation; b) submit their paper to two participants for review; and c) review two papers, preparing written comments (approximately 1-2 pages) and a 2-3 minutes presentation.

**Prof. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom** (PhD, Stony Brook University, 2010) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University and the director of the *Political Psychology Laboratory*, specializing in comparative political behavior and political psychology. Her research examines how religion and values form the basis of political behavior, and specifically how religiosity and moral values both hinder and enhance democratic norms (such as tolerance, support for democracy, social justice, country-level human rights, and good governance). Her work appears in the leading venues of the field, such as *The American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *PLoS One*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Political Psychology* and *Political Behavior*.

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### **TP3 - "Conceptual Analysis in Political Theory"**

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**Prof. Dan Avnon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

A core activity of political analysis is the study of concepts and their clarification. Our workshop invites graduate students whose works apply conceptual inquiry in political theory to historical and contemporary problems to share their work with us. We envision a workshop that crosses languages (we study or supervise research that deals with Arabic, English and Hebrew concepts), and includes a diversity of methods and approaches to conceptual analyses.

We welcome graduate students at all stages of their research to join us and share their work. Recently minted PhD's are also welcome to apply. We encourage potential participants to

devote attention to explaining the approach, school of thought and/or methodology that informs their work. The range is truly broad: from analytic philosophy to Straussian “reading between the lines”; from philosophical hermeneutics to Marxian and neo-Marxian approaches; from Walzerian spheres of discourse to Foucauldian rationalities; from various schools of feminist theories to colonial studies, and any and many more. The point of our gathering is to get a sense of the current “state of the art” and to enable young scholars in our field to learn about relations between methodology and research in political theory in the works of their colleagues. The workshop will be held in both Hebrew and English, depending on the participants' preferred language and the types of texts suggested for analysis.

**Dr. Wael Abu-Uksa** is an expert in the history of political and religious ideas in the Middle East. Among his publications, *Freedom in the Arab World: Concepts and Ideologies in Arabic Thought in the Nineteenth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) and *Liberalism and Left in Arab Thought after 1990* (Davis Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem). He is a lecturer in the Political Science department at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a research fellow at The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. He was a visiting postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University, and a Polonsky postdoctoral fellow at the Van Leer Jerusalem institute.

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#### **TP4 - "Arms Control and Disarmament in the Middle East"**

**Dr. Eitan Barak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**Dr. Emily Landau, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**

A widely accepted truism in international relations is that "the problems of arms control in the Middle East are more complex than in any other region in the world" (The Encyclopedia of Arms Control and Disarmament, 169, 1992). Indeed, the region is characterized by several bitter conflicts, periodic warfare, escalating arms races, shifting alliances and general instability. These characteristics, complicated by the multitude of independent actors

involved, have made any form of conflict amelioration, including arms control, extremely difficult to implement.

This workshop will therefore focus on implementing Arms Control and Disarmament – the theory and practice alike -- in the Middle East. We invite proposals that employ a variety of research strategies and methods to overcome the challenge of negotiating agreements in the realm of arms control, let alone disarmament, in this unstable region.

The length of a workshop paper should not exceed 8,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). The criteria for selection are individual merit and the topics suggested. Workshop participations may be graduate students as well as recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Interested students and faculty wishing to join the conversation are also welcome.

**Dr. Eitan Barak** is a researcher and lecturer at the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University as well as an Associate fellow at The Harry S. Truman Research Institute. Dr. Barak's fields of interest include arms control and disarmament (mainly in the Middle East), international security regimes, peacekeeping operations in the Middle East, and related Israel's foreign and defense policy. Within the International Law discipline his fields of interest are the law of arms control and the law of weaponry. Website: <http://en.ir.huji.ac.il/people/eitan-barak>; <http://truman.huji.ac.il/people/eitan-barak> ; E-mail: [eitan.barak@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:eitan.barak@mail.huji.ac.il)

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#### **TP5 - "Foreign Policy Analysis – Man, State, or Waltz?"**

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How can we conceptualize turning points or dramatic shifts in foreign policy? What are the driving forces behind significant changes in states' foreign policy? Are there any early warning signs for such shifts? What are the necessary (and sufficient) conditions that allow for such turning points to occur?

These are some of the questions we will attempt to address in the workshop. In our search for possible answers, we will inquire whether leaders' background and personality, ideas, and incentives are the ones to initiate such changes. Or is it systemic modifiers that set the wheels

in motion? Or maybe states' characteristics are the ones to look for in searching for alternative explanations. The works of Kaplan, Waltz and Singer in the middle of the previous century revealed the importance of the conceptual framework entitled IMAGES or LEVELS. This framework will serve as our point of departure, but we are open for a myriad of theories and methodologies. While this extremely abstract and controversial concept became central in IR scholarship as a useful analytical tool, we firmly believe that social science scholarship can benefit, and greatly enriched, from multi-method research, and we encourage the submission of papers that employ and combine various methods of inquiry.

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#### **TP6 - "Global Change: Re-ordering or De-ordering?"**

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**Prof. Piki Ish-Shalom, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Ongoing global developments have the potential to undermine the rules-based international order that has helped promote stability, prosperity, and democracy since World War II. These developments include: shifts in the global balance of material power; populism, polarization, and the challenge they pose to liberal values and practices; socio-economic dislocation caused by globalization and automation; "America First" coupled with the fragmentation of the European Union; the rising geopolitical aspirations of China and Russia; increased migration, both forced and voluntary; nuclear proliferation; and climate change. The democratic societies that have anchored the rules-based international order are facing

internal political and economic challenges at the same time that they are confronting a wide array of external sources of instability.

This workshop will address these challenges to the global order and examine the nature of the moment that is upon us. Can the institutional and normative status quo survive, or are we inevitably headed toward either a re-ordering or de-ordering? What steps can be taken to shape outcomes? We invite proposals that engage these issues from different theoretical angles as well as diverse disciplines and methodologies. Appropriate contributions include, but are not limited to: empirical cases, historical and regional comparisons, theoretical inquiry, normative inquiry, and metatheoretical and epistemological reflections on approaching the subject in question.

The length of a workshop paper should not exceed 9,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). The criteria for selection are scholarly merit and topical relevance. Workshop participants may be graduate students as well as recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Interested students and faculty wishing to join the conversation are also welcome.

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#### **TP7 - "Multiple Identities in World Politics"**

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Identity became in the past two decades a core concept in the understanding of world politics in general and of change in particular. Given the fact that today international institutions are powerful than ever and include a wide range of actors, ranging from governments to intergovernmental organizations and multinational corporations, we still know very little about the triangular linkage between actors' identity, institutional design and political

change. Against this background and premised by the notion that identity is not a fixed substance but rather a patterned result of dynamic social and political interactions, this workshop seeks to examine the ways by which political/social identities are molded as a consequence and in response to processes of political change in institutional setting.

We call for papers that ask how does the changing social and political landscape shape actors' identity? How multinational institutions provoke change in international norms and structures? Why similar institutional changes do not yield the same results in different countries? And how identities at different level (national, regional, international) interplay and interact. We aim to focus the discussion on theoretical and empirical notions regarding the connection between identity and political power, the role of identity or community perceptions and on the tensions between overlapping identities.

The length of a workshop paper should not exceed 9,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). The criteria for selection are scholarly merit and topical relevance. Workshop participants may be graduate students as well as recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Interested students and faculty wishing to join the conversation are also welcome.

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### ***TP8 - "The Political Economy of International Institutions in a Changing World"***

**Prof. Yoram Haftel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

**Prof. Asif Efrat, IDC**

Global economic governance is currently in flux. As the distribution of military and political power is gradually changing, so is the landscape of institutions that manage key aspects of the international political economy. While the founding countries of the Bretton Woods economic order are struggling to keep it intact, other forces render it increasingly untenable. In the area of trade, as regional and mega-regional agreements are becoming ever more ubiquitous, the World Trade Organization appears to be treading water. International investment agreements, which have attracted scant public attention until recently, are now facing a great deal of scrutiny and criticism, especially with respect to investor-state dispute settlement arrangements. The ongoing crisis of the Eurozone has raised serious doubts about the prospects of European integration, and China vigorously promotes initiatives that

compete with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. This workshop seeks contributions that deal with such issues from theoretical and empirical perspectives. It especially welcomes studies that examine the implications of the current international order for the design and performance of international organizations and agreements as well as the impact of global and regional economic governance on domestic politics.

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### **TP9 - "Non-State Actors in Global Politics: Benign and Malign"**

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**Dr. Galia Press-Barnathan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

The past several decades have witnessed a dramatic rise in the activity of non-state actors on the global scene. These include domestic NGOs, transnational activist networks, international organizations, and individuals. The discussion surrounding this phenomenon has focused on two very different dimensions: "benign" actors such as various human rights or environmental groups, or the (overall positive) notion of global civil society, and in contrast,



"malevolent" non-state actors like transnational terrorist groups, or transnational crime. This workshop sets to explore the following questions: what is the nature of the relations between non-state actors and the institution of the State? Is it different across issue areas? what are the sources of power and influence of these actors? what are the strategies adopted by states to contend with them? More broadly, are these dynamics fundamentally different when discussing benign or malign non-state actors? We seek papers that address specific non-state actors across these multiple issue areas and how they operate, as well as comparative research. We welcome both theoretical and empirical papers that engage (or at least their authors are willing to engage) the broad questions outlined above.

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### **TP10 - "Political Communication, Participation, and the Idea of Deliberative Democracy"**

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**Dr. Idit Manosevitch, Netanya Academic College**

Deliberative approaches to politics and democratic life have gained much attention in recent decades (rooted in Habermas's, Barber's, Fishkin's work, to name a few). Scholars look at how politics is achieved by ordinary people and how political discourse shapes the political process. Similarly, scholars and practitioners have been studying the growing movement of deliberative civic engagement, seeking an understanding of the nature of these practices and their impact.

This workshop will focus on the study of the theory and practice of participatory democracy, deliberative or otherwise. We invite proposals which employ a variety of research strategies

and discursive methods to study of both naturally occurring and pre-organized political and civic participation, in face-to-face situations, electronic media (Radio phone-ins, TV talk-shows), and in the booming online participatory communities (Online Fora, Online Comments ("Tokbeks"), Facebook (fan) pages, twitter, other social media). The sites can be political sites, arenas that are devoted to democratic deliberation, or nontraditional arenas which are part of "third spaces" (see Wright, 2012).

The length of a workshop paper should not exceed 9,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). The criteria for selection are individual merit and the topics suggested. Workshop participations may be graduate students as well as recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Interested students and faculty wishing to join the conversation are also welcome.

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### **TP11 - "Political Violence"**

**Prof. Jeffrey Kopstein, University of California, Irvine**

**Dr. Devorah Manekin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Unfortunately, violence remains a constitutive feature of political life. In recent years political science has produced important theoretical, methodological, and empirical advances in the study of both the causes and consequences of political violence. These insights come from qualitative and quantitative approaches and use evidence ranging from the cross national to the subnational to the psychological. This literature incorporates ethnic and religious conflict, civil wars and violence within civil wars, terrorism, electoral violence and large-scale protests, genocide and other core phenomena of political life. Even if a unifying theory of political violence is unobtainable, can micro and macro approaches offer mutually supporting

insights? What are the sources of political violence? Is violence good or bad for democratic development? This workshop examines the causes and consequences of political violence using a variety of methodologies and approaches.

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### **TP12 - "Regulation, Governance, and Neoliberalism"**

**Prof. David Levi-Faur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

This workshop is devoted to theoretically-challenging and empirically rich analysis of the governance and regulatory processes and reforms at the national and transnational level. Our interest is in papers that examine how these relations shape regulation, governance and their challenges, including issues such as agency media management, autonomy, accountability, collaboration across agencies and more. Also welcome are papers that study processes of institutional diffusion and translation in the context of governance and regulation. The workshop is open to students and post-docs from wide interdisciplinary background and decisions on acceptance will be taken on the basis of merit.

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### **TP 13 – “Law, Politics, and Society”**

**Prof. Malcolm Feeley, University of California, Berkeley**

In the past forty years, the law-politics nexus and the court-politic nexus have emerged as important focuses in political science, political sociology, and political history, as well among legal scholars. Increasingly, scholars are realizing that the seemingly apolitical nature of law and courts have long been effective instruments for shaping political control. In recent years, students of 19<sup>th</sup> European politics have rethought the emergence of the Rechtsstadt, which not only extended the rule of law and created a great many rights, but also provided for a more effective and efficient state bureaucracy that enhanced centralized state control. As such it may have staved off the eventual collapse of absolute monarchs who adopted it for half a century or longer. Similarly, the use of “apolitical” property law has long been an important tool in extending empire just about everywhere empire has existed. Since at least WWII, the rule of law, constitutions, constitutionalism, and judicial review have been embraced by all sorts of political regimes, ranging from tyrannical despots to open, democratic societies. Almost every constitution written since 1950 provide for not only the rule of law, but judicial review – the power of courts to declare acts of legislatures unconstitutional and void. This has increased the explicit political nature of many courts, and has encouraged judges to take more activist and politically charged roles in deciding issues and inviting litigants to bring cases to them. Once this was the sole purview of the United States Supreme Court, but over the past forty years, the US Supreme Court has been joined and even surpassed in its activism by the Israeli High Court of Justice, and the Supreme Courts of India, Colombia, and Brazil, to name just a few. In addition, in Europe and elsewhere, international courts have intervened to challenge domestic laws under international treaties, and in turn domestic courts have been empowered with judicial review afforded by international treaties and law. Advocates of limited government embrace such a stance, but so too do autocrats – from Singapore to Hungary to Sudan – who successfully use the courts to handle difficult issues they would prefer not to deal with, and to legitimate their rule. In addition, almost everywhere at one time or another, regimes have used the criminal law to attack and suppress their opponents.

We welcome papers on all the above topics and other related topics that explore the use of law and courts for political ends. Graduate students are invited to present their work in various forms of completion.

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**TP 14: "Understanding the Diaspora/Israel Relationship"**

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On June 25, 2017, PM Netanyahu repealed an agreement to create an egalitarian prayer area at the Western Wall. The repeal also addressed Israeli recognition of conversions. There was immediate outrage by Jewish Diaspora leaders, especially in the United States. While the issues are clearly religious, among the reactions by American Jewish Diaspora leaders against the decision, was that the decision was a betrayal. Diaspora Jews play an important role in supporting Israel and this decision demonstrated contempt for their efforts and their identity as Jews. What this debacle revealed was, among other things, the very clear imbalance between how Jews in the Diaspora view Israel, and how Israel, the Jewish State, understands its relationship with Diaspora Jewry. For Diaspora Jews, Israel is central to their identity. But this centrality is not reciprocated. Moreover, among Diaspora Jewish communities there exist other important controversies pertaining to Israel. Mirroring public debates about Israel, debates within Jewish communities reflect standard positions: Doves versus Hawks, Human Rights versus Security. Discussions about Israel operate in a spectrum from a very crude parochial security-first position to one guided by human rights, minority rights, and lessons about freedom that come from being a people taught to never forget that we were once slaves. This spectrum is certainly not dichotomous, but it might as well be.

Israel matters greatly for Jewish identity and Jewish connectivity. However, Israel also more often than not fails to live up to the ideal of what it is often needed or expected to be. Debate about Israel tries to avoid this impasse, because doing so reveals that the role that Israel provides for Diaspora Jews is not as clear as it may seem. This workshop invites papers that explore the dynamics of this relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry, either generally or in regard to specific Diaspora communities. Papers can take normative positions or be more descriptive. The workshops seeks to make greater sense out of a complicated but important transnational relationship by addressing wider questions such as (but not restricted to): What does Israel provide ideationally for Diaspora Jews that serves as the basis for Diaspora/Israel relations and justifies the importance of Israel for Jewish identity? How are we to explain the Diaspora/Israel relationship? And in what ways should the State of Israel recognize its relationship with the Jewish Diaspora, and how far should Israel go in responding to Diaspora views pertaining to Israeli policy decisions?

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