

GIF Young Scientists' Meeting

“Sovereignty, Entitlement, and Belonging. Jewish Legal Responses to Transition and Crisis in the 20th Century”

30 May – 1 June 2022

Yearim Hotel, Kibbutz Ma'ale HaHamisha, Israel

Scientific Committee

Prof. Dr. Yfaat Weiss, Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow, Leipzig / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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Monday, 30 May

17:30 Opening remarks

18:00 **Dan Diner**, Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Keynote: *Reflecting Legitimacy: On Minority, Restitution and Statehood*

Chair: Prof. Yuval Shany (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 31 May

09:00 SESSION 1: Retributive and Restorative Justice after the Holocaust

Chair/Comment: Yael Ronen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Yehudit Dori Deston, Hebrew University Jerusalem

Gabriel Bach and the Prosecution of Nazis in the State of Israel

Tom Eshed, Hebrew University Jerusalem

Sovereignty Renewed - The Legal Debates in Israel and the Diaspora on the Initiative to Confer an Israeli Citizenship upon Holocaust victims in the 1950s

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 SESSION 2: Quests for Restitution after 1945

Chair/Comment: Yechiel Weizman (Bar-Ilan University)

Yehuda Dvorkin, Hebrew University Jerusalem

Pushing an Empire -The long Path for Jewish Restitution in the British Zone

Judith Siepmann, Dubnow Institute Leipzig

A threefold loss of Heimat:

The Restitution Case of Silesian Textile Manufacturer Hans Pinkus

Anna Holzer Kawałko, Hebrew University Jerusalem

Mitzvah Haba Be'avira. The Hebrew University Restitution Mission in Prague and the Status of Jewish Cultural Property in Post-war Czechoslovakia

13:15 – 15:00 Lunch break

SESSION 3: Redefining Statehood and Constitution in the Postwar Era

Chair/Comment: Renana Keydar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Irit Ballas, Hebrew University of Jerusalem / University of Oxford

Israel's Triple System of Military Courts, 1948-1958

Omer Aloni, Tel Aviv University

Traditions, Identities, and a New Citizenship: Early Israeli Law and the Dilemma of Bigamy and Polygamy among Eastern Communities

16:30 – 17.00 Coffee break

Limor Yehuda, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Collective Equality: Revisiting Self-Determination in Israel/Palestine

17:45 end of session

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 1 June

09:00 SESSION 4: Legal Institutions in the Interwar Period

Chair/Comment: Elisabeth Gallas (*Dubnow Institute Leipzig*)

Momme Schwarz, Saxon Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Leipzig
Jewish minority diplomacy in times of upheaval. The World Jewish Congress enters the stage.

Margarita Lerman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Dubnow Institute Leipzig
Between Moysrim and Equal Citizens. Jewish and State Organization's Cooperation in Fighting Crime in Early 20th Century New York.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Maya Kreiner, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Legal Experts in the Service of Zionism: The Interesting Case of the Legislative Council in Palestine

11:45 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 SESSION 5: (Jewish) Concepts of International Law

Chair/Comment: Prof. Yuval Shany (*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*)

Magdalena Gebhart, Max-Planck-Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory
The Jewish Renaissance & International Law

Yuliya Mik, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Customary International Law in the Age of Moral Imperatives

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 Closing remarks

(Free evening, dinner at workshop hotel possible)