

# International Workshop Rational Animals? Monday-Wednesday June 19-21, 2017 at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute



**Monday, June 19, 18:00**

**יום שני, 19 ביוני, 18:00**

**Public lecture** (in Hebrew)

**Prof. Ilan Golani** Tel Aviv University  
**From insects to mammals: On the  
spatial behavior of animals**

**הרצאה לקהל הרחב**

**פרופ' אילן גולני** אוניברסיטת תל אביב  
**מחקר ועד יונק: על ההתנהגות  
המרחבית של בעלי חיים**

**Tuesday, June 20**

▶ **9:00-9:30** Welcome & refreshments

▶ **9:30-10:30**

**Lars Chittka** Queen Mary University of London  
**Does brain size constrain rationality?  
Bees as a model**

▶ **10:30-11:30**

**Sharoni Shafir** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Rationality and irrationality in honeybee  
decision-making**

▶ **11:30-12:00** Coffee break

▶ **12:00-13:00**

**Ofer Feinerman** Weizmann Institute of Science  
**Ants: Rational, but on the wrong scale**

▶ **13:00-14:30** Lunch break

▶ **14:30-15:30**

**Ilan Golani** Tel Aviv University

**Constraints on the morphogenesis of  
locomotor behavior in vertebrates  
and arthropods**

▶ **15:30-16:00** Coffee break

▶ **16:00-17:00**

**Nachum Ulanovsky** Weizmann Institute of Science  
**Codes for natural navigation in the bat brain**

# Wednesday, June 21

▶ **9:30-10:30**

**Alex Kacelnik** University of Oxford

**Rationality and optimality: A biologist's perspective**

▶ **10:30-11:30**

**Angelica Kaufmann** Lichtenberg-Kolleg University of Göttingen

**Do animals represent the passage of time?**

▶ **11:30-12:00** Coffee break

▶ **12:00-13:00**

**Arnon Lotem** Tel Aviv University

**Is there a role for "rationality" in the study of behavioral and cognitive evolution?**

▶ **13:00-14:30** Lunch break

▶ **14:30-15:30**

**Yakir Levin** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

**Itzhak Aharon (Gingi)** Lev Institute, Jerusalem

**Rational animals? Lessons from developmental psychology**

▶ **15:30-16:00** Coffee break

▶ **16:00-17:00**

**Caroline Arruda** University of Texas at El Paso

**Animal agency as a solution to the problem of animal rationality**

**Daniel Povinelli** University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Q&A via Skype**

Academic Directors:

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**Admission is Free**

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