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About the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (VLJI) is a leading intellectual center for the interdisciplinary study and discussion of issues related to society, culture, philosophy, politics, and religion. The Institute gives expression to the wide range of opinions in Israel and takes particular pride in its role as an incubator and a creative home for many of the most important civil society efforts to enhance and deepen Israeli democracy. The Institute was founded by the Van Leer family to advance knowledge in the realms of philosophy, society, and culture. Since 1959 it has operated as a center for advanced studies and for public discourse about ideas and social issues. Its intellectual and research goals are rooted in its commitment to public responsibility and civil ethics. With the support of the Van Leer Group Foundation in the Netherlands, the Institute plays a central role in important and socially sensitive fields, touching on the main foci of tension in Israeli society. The Institute continues to realize its vision in the areas of culture, economy, science, and technology, as well as social, political, and religious diversity.

AIMS

- > To be an incubator for innovative research in the humanities and social sciences
- > To advance public engagement with foundational questions relevant to contemporary society and to point out alternative ways of thinking about current topics
- > To promote humanistic, democratic, and liberal values in public discourse in Israel

ACTIVITIES

According to the Institute's new mission, in the course of 2017 the Academic Committee started developing new research themes that will be the core of our academic projects and intellectual thinking and activities in the coming years. The new themes are:

- > Borders and Sovereignty/Globalization and Sovereignty
- > Science, Technology, and Civilization
- > Sacredness, Religion, and Secularization

The academic work of the new teams will employ innovative methods and approaches in these areas while providing a platform for diverse views and the broad representation of various groups. At the same time, the Institute will continue to cooperate closely with local and international universities and research institutions and to conduct joint projects with visiting scholars from around the world. Another major enterprise is The Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the VLJI. Founded in 2014, the academy hosts outstanding postdoctoral fellows from Israel and abroad, providing them with a stipend for up to five years and a welcoming environment with state-of-the-art facilities for their research, while the VLJI serves as their intellectual home for the duration of their stay in Jerusalem.

Many of the fruits of the intellectual and academic research projects conducted at the VLJI are published by the Van Leer Institute Press. They include books (both in Hebrew and in English), three journals, and research papers. Some of the projects include high-level academic international and local workshops and conferences as well as public events and debates.

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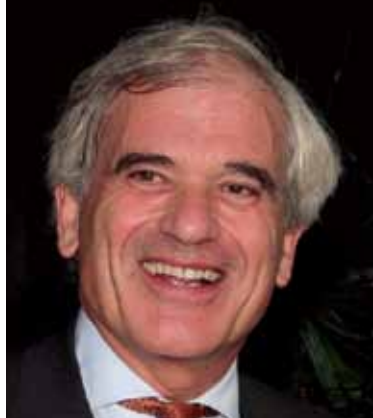
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the end of 2017, after ten years, I stepped down as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. During my tenure as chairman, the Institute underwent major changes. Under the leadership of the previous executive director, Prof. Gabriel Motzkin, the Institute opened up to the outside world by introducing a public call for projects, leading to increased visibility of the VLJI. Moreover, Prof. Motzkin was the driving force in the establishment in 2014 of the Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Studies. The Academy is a major addition to the already highly acclaimed intellectual standing of the Institute. At the end of 2017 the Polonsky Academy is home to 24 postdoctoral fellows, reflecting the great success of the activity.

In 2016, a major strategic review was conducted. On the basis of that, in 2017, under the new leadership of Prof. Shai Lavi, the Institute developed a number of major themes on which it will focus its future work. The themes cover a range of issues, such as borders and sovereignty, the sacred and the profane, and the influence of technological change on the human condition. It is the intention to develop the thinking around these topics into various forms of public engagement.

The environment in which the Institute operates has become harsher again. The increased acceptance of populism around the world and, unfortunately, also in Israel is very worrisome. It incites actions that are alien to everything the Institute stands for. The harsh labeling of reasonable thought and analysis as fake by leaders of certain countries is endangering the sheer essence of our work. It is now more important than ever that the VLJI continue its tradition of open-mindedness, free expression of opinion, and scholarly research.

As far as the composition of the board is concerned, in the December meeting we appointed Prof. José Brunner as a member. He is a professor in the Buchmann Faculty of Law and the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas at Tel Aviv University.

The success of the VLJI is completely dependent on the commitment of all who work for the Institute and those who are connected to it. The board realizes that the Institute is going through major changes that require flexibility and adaptiveness of its collaborators. It is also in this vein that the entire board expresses its sincere gratitude to all of them for their efforts during the past year.

I step down in the knowledge that the position of Chair of the Board will move to the very capable hands of Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE, a longtime member of the board. I wish her lots of success.

I would like to thank my fellow members of the board for the trust they have bestowed on me over all these years. I have enjoyed my tenure at the Institute immensely also because it gave me the chance to get acquainted with a fine group of people, many of whom I have come to consider my friends. But above all it has allowed me to be associated with the remarkable entity called the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. For that I am most grateful.

Tom de Swaan



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

At the VLJI, 2017 has been a year of new beginnings. Under the new strategy, Social Impact of Deep Ideas, the Institute is focusing on two missions: first, advancing innovative academic research on foundational questions that are relevant to the public; second, fostering public engagement with novel ideas that have the potential for social transformation. Regarding the first, we have structured the research component around three focal themes: Borders and Sovereignty; Science, Technology, and Civilization; and Sacredness, Religion, and Secularization. On the social engagement front, we are advancing three new tracks: a digital magazine that will make academic insights accessible to a broad public; a program that fosters young intellectual leadership; and a program that promotes creative artists in the field of documentary filmmaking.

VLJI's mission is of special importance these days, as Israeli society faces new challenges. Public discourse has reached a low of populist rhetoric; the gulf between different segments of Israeli society is growing; old battle lines between "left" and "right" on political and economic issues no longer reflect reality and do not capture the sentiments of the public. VLJI seeks to rethink and revise existing social and political agendas, respond to these challenges, enrich public discourse, and serve as a meeting place for various segments of Israeli society.

This has been a transitional year for the VLJI. Organizational change often fosters creativity and rejuvenation, but it may also give rise to anxiety. Some activities are being phased out while others emerge. Dr. Hagai Boas and Dr. Kfir Cohen, two new staff members, have joined Deputy Director Dr. Yochi Fischer as theme leaders.

I would like to thank VLJI's staff and our new Workers Council for their continuous commitment to the Institute and its goals. I look forward to working together with our staff, in concert with our board, to carry out the new strategic program in the years to come.

I take this opportunity to thank Tom de Swaan for his ten-year tenure as Chair of the VLJI board. His contribution to the Institute has been invaluable. In gratitude to Tom and in his honor, we have decided to inaugurate an annual lecture series titled "Vita Activa, Vita Contemplativa: The Role of Ideas and the Responsibility of Intellectuals in Contemporary Society." This is also an opportunity to express my thanks to Prof. David Heyd, at the end of his term as member of the Board of Trustees, whose support and wise counsel accompanied me during my first year as director of the VLJI.

It is with great pleasure and deep respect that I welcome Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger as our new Chair. I have no doubt that under her leadership the VLJI will continue to flourish as a leading Israeli and international institute.

Prof. Shai Lavi





**Farewell to
Tom de Swaan
Prof. David Heyd
Yossi ArieH**

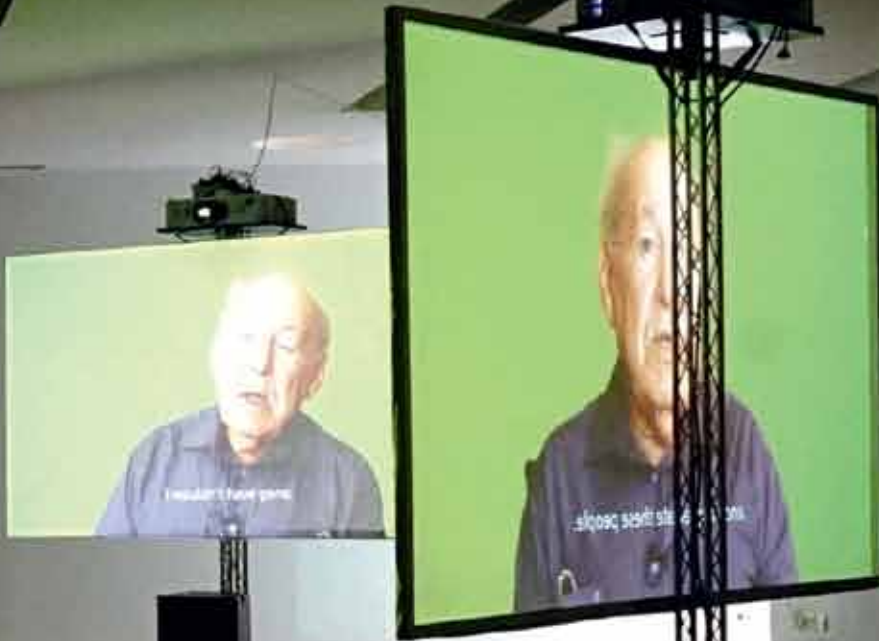


Advanced Studies

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: DR. YOCHI FISCHER
PROJECT DIRECTOR: DR. ADAM KLIN-ORON

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The Advanced Studies program reflects the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute's commitment to intellectual excellence and cutting-edge scholarship in the service of society. The program, which is one of the leading centers for intellectual inquiry in Israel, serves as an incubator for cultivating new ideas and pursuing scholarly interventions in the humanities and social sciences. It encourages the combination of innovative, groundbreaking, and often unconventional theoretical thinking with practical social applications for Israeli society, exploring Israeli issues from a global-comparative perspective and emphasizing international collaborations.



Nationalism in the History of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence

International workshop, in cooperation with the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Some thirty young and senior scholars, from Israel, Europe, and the Americas, came together to think about the history and memory of events of genocide and mass violence in the twentieth century and the various relations of these events to the concept of nationalism. In many cases, nationalism was a prime motivator for ethno-national “homogenization” that targeted “internal enemies,” and the workshop explored the complex links between the emergence of the international system of nation-states and modern genocide and mass violence. A special emphasis on discussions rather than presentations, coupled with sessions dedicated to joint readings of classical texts in the field of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, produced intense debates that also proved very fruitful. Three public events were held in conjunction with the workshop.

The first was a public session titled “Imploding Societies across the Twentieth Century,” focusing on the role of testimonials in the study of the Holocaust, violence in Europe just prior to World War I, and the place of the Nakba in Israeli memory. The second public event was the video installation “4 x Sally: A Synoptic Portrait of Sally Perel, the Hitler Youth Salomon,” which opened with a discussion of the two artists – Friedemann Derschmidt (Austria) and Shimon Lev (Israel) – with Solomon (Sally) Perel, who survived the Holocaust masquerading as a member of the Hitler Youth. Finally, the Legislative Theatre of Holot, a theater troupe of asylum seekers and Israelis, presented an interactive performance focusing on the lived experiences of refugees in Israel.



The Legislative Theater of Holot

The Van Leer Seminar 2017: “We Are the People; Who Are You?” – Populism, Trumpism, and the Crisis of Liberalism

“We are the people; who are you?” was Recep Tayyip Erdoğan’s reply to his opponents at home. This new political language and new pattern are not exclusive to Turkey, and they seem to be spreading throughout the world. This year, the Van Leer Seminar’s aim was to examine social and political characteristics in light of this new political genre. We looked at the crisis in the liberal ethos and in multicultural models; tribal tendencies and the new particularistic nationalism; xenophobia; the massive new resistance against elites and bureaucracies; current power bases; the socioeconomic protest against globalization; and the extensive and complex use of social media and popular mass psychology. The lecturers included Prof. Nissim Mizrahi, Prof. Dani Filc, Prof. Eva Illouz, Prof. Sheila Jasanoff, and Prof. Yaron Ezrahi.

From Sociology of Suspicion to Sociology of Meaning: On Shared Life Within and Without the Boundaries of Liberal Thought

Academic directors: Prof. Nissim Mizrahi, Ms. Kineret Sadeh

The research group, composed of 27 sociologists and anthropologists from Israeli universities and colleges, came together as a response to the crisis of liberalism, which has international and local, political and analytical aspects. Recently, Israeli society seems to have become increasingly divided. Living together has become a challenge, with scant agreement on issues such as race, nation, gender, and religion. For Israeli sociology this is also an analytical challenge, because it now seems clear that the whole-cloth adoption of the liberal paradigm is hampering Israeli sociology’s attempts to offer an innovative interpretation of the social reality it seeks to explore, especially the disadvantaged populations that this self-same paradigm wishes to empower. Contemporary sociology has become part of an elite group pushed out of public debates and bereft of social influence. In the group’s meetings, its members sought a shared theoretical framework through discussions of topics including peace, urban spaces, political action, Jewish and Arab social class, and education.



The Art of Utopia

In cooperation with Goethe-Institut Israel

A plethora of anniversaries related to alternative conceptions of society were marked in 2017. These included 120 years since the First Zionist Congress, a hundred years since the Russian Revolution, and fifty years since the student revolutions in America and Europe. 35 renowned graphic designers from countries around the globe – including Poland, Mexico, Germany, Israel, Hungary, Cuba, and the United States – were invited to think about the subject of utopia through the genre of the poster, a key means of mass communication that surely played a substantial role in some of the historical events mentioned.

In conjunction with the exhibition, participants in a joint seminar of Israeli and German authors discussed hopes and fears of alternative presents, pasts, and futures. The participants included Nora Bossong, Emma Braslavsky, Michael Wildenhain, and Peter Schneider from Germany; and Ilana Bernstein, Avivit Mishmari, Eshkol Nevo, and Igal Sarna from Israel. The project will continue into 2018 with a film program (January) and will conclude with an international academic workshop titled “Utopias: The Glorious Pasts and Unknown Futures of a Worldly Ideal” (March).



Michele Miyares Hollands, *Alice In Wonderland*, The Art of Utopia: International Graphic Art
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Holy Lands and Sacred Histories in New Religious Movements: Annual CESNUR Conference

Academic directors: Prof. Massimo Introvigne, Prof. Boaz Huss, Dr. Pier Luigi Zoccatelli, Dr. Adam Klin-Oron, Dr. Rachel Werczberger

The annual conference of CESNUR – the Center for Studies of New Religions – is the most important venue for academic discussions of new religious movements. In 2017 it was held for the first time in Jerusalem, in association with the Meida Center at the VLJI. With over seventy participants from more than twenty countries, dozens of sessions, and a field trip to religious sites and communities in the north of Israel, the discussions covered a wide range of topics: the place of Jerusalem in various religions, the place of holy lands in texts and practices, the institutionalization of innovative ideas and groups, and the place of contemporary religiosity in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, Scandinavia, the Middle East, and other regions.

The Anna Lindh Foundation: The Israeli Network

Head of the Israeli Network: Dr. Adam Klin-Oron

Coordinator of the Israeli Network: Mr. Yarden Kedar

The Anna Lindh Foundation is an inter-governmental institution bringing together civil society and citizens across the Mediterranean and Europe to build trust and improve mutual understanding. The foundation is built as a network of networks: Civil society organizations in each country are connected through a network hub to the networks of other countries – 42 countries in all, with more than 2,500 organizations in the various networks. The Israeli Network is one of the largest and most active, with more than two hundred members in fields such as education, youth, arts, democracy, human rights, gender issues, media, and research; and it has been led by the VLJI since the inception of the Anna Lindh Foundation in 2004. In 2017, The Israeli Network cooperated with the Swedish, Slovenian, Czech, Polish, and Hungarian networks to organize a conference in Ljubljana on intercultural cities. It also participated in the conference titled “Kimiyya: Women Actresses of Dialogue” in Naples, and it organized two network meetings and a training session on the effective presence of civil society organizations in virtual spaces.

Van Leer Prize for High School Final Projects in the Humanities

As part of its ongoing dedication to the furthering of the humanities in Israeli society, and in order to encourage the writing of original, scholarly, and excellent final projects in the humanities in Israeli high schools, the VLJI has initiated a prize to be awarded to four such projects displaying exceptional merit. In 2017, the fourth year of the competition, more than sixty projects on a variety of subjects in many disciplines were submitted to the prize committee, which included academics from several universities. The prize was awarded to the four winners after they met the president of Israel, Mr. Reuven Rivlin. The winning

projects were: "The 'Gaga' as a Feminist Concept," by Noya Harari; "Coping with the Loss of God as Expressed in the Poetry of Chaim Nachman Bialik and Yehuda Amichai," by Yonatan Cohen; "Between Music, Religion, and Philosophy in the Middle Ages," by Reut Philips; and "The Dialogue between Bonaventura Cavalieri and Paul Guldin as a Case Study of the Opposition of Jesuit Society to Seventeenth-Century Infinitesimal Mathematics," by Tal Koren. Five additional students received an honorable mention.



The Dostrovsky Forum for Music and Dance Education

Academic director: Prof. Yinam Leef

In collaboration with the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance

The Dostrovsky Forum consists of some fifty of the most prominent music and dance educators, composers, choreographers, performers, dancers, and researchers, representing the most important academic institutions, conservatories, and secondary institutions in these fields in Israel. This think tank focuses on fundamental issues concerning music and dance education, its place and significance in modern society, and its place within the overall education system in the country. The forum holds several sessions every year, each devoted to a particular agenda. The forum also issues position papers and public statements, and maintains a dialogue with policy makers.

The forum's annual theme in 2017 was educating toward creativity in music and dance: pleasing vs. searching, conformity vs. freedom of expression. Its sessions dealt with aesthetic, curricular, and pedagogical aspects of this theme, including creative learning processes, self-discovery, language (linguistic, tactile, formal, and unconscious), ideology and the state, and artistic risks. It also held two sessions open to the public: one as part of Israeli Music Week; the other with Prof. Jonathan Berger of Stanford University, a renowned composer, performer, and researcher, whose discussion was titled "Ars Nova vs. Speculum Musicae: Navigating Creative Freedom and Constraints in the Twenty-First Century Academy."



New Religious Movements in Israel

Academic directors: Prof. Boaz Huss, Dr. Adam Klin-Oron, Dr. Rachel Werczberger

Contemporary Israeli society is fertile ground teeming with religious activity, the site of new configurations of the three monotheistic religions, and a center of new religions, both imported and local, as well as of New Age spirituality. Over the years, the activity of new religious movements has given rise to sensational reports in the media, intense public discussion, vigorous anti-cult action, and sometimes even involvement by state authorities. So far, very little reliable scientific information exists about the new religious movements in Israel. Consequently, public discussion of these groups is often superficial, relying on incomplete or incorrect information. This project seeks to broaden the scientifically grounded knowledge about the new religious and spiritual movements in Israel today, as part of the establishment of Meida: The Israeli Information Center on Contemporary Religions. In 2017, seven new reports were added to the website, devoted to Bnei Baruch, the Kabbalah center, Lev Tahor, Hare Krishna (ISKCON), Messianic Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, and a bibliography of new religious movements. See www.meida-center.org.il.

The Polonsky Academy

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Inaugurated in 2014 through the generous donation of Dr. Leonard Polonsky, the Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute will, at full capacity, host thirty outstanding postdoctoral fellows from Israel and abroad. The academy provides the fellows with a stipend of \$40,000 a year for up to five years and a welcoming physical environment with state-of-the-art services for their research, including individual offices, a library, advanced IT, a lecture hall, and meeting spaces. The Polonsky Academy serves as their intellectual home for the duration of their fellowship.

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POLONSKY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Michal Gleitman

In 2013 Dr. Michal Gleitman was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship for a study titled "How Conventional Is Linguistic Understanding? Individuals with Autism and Nonhuman Animals as Test Cases."

Tommaso Tesei

In 2013 Dr. Tommaso Tesei was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to study "The Eschatology of the Qur'an in Light of the Cultural and Historical Context of Late Antiquity."

Ana Bajželj

In 2014 Dr. Ana Bajželj was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship for a study titled "Being in Time: An Analysis of the Jain Doctrine of Time and Temporality."

Almog Behar

In 2014 Dr. Almog Behar was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship for a study titled "Between Hebrew and Arabic in the Literature of the Jews of the Arab World in the Twentieth Century."

Claire Benn

In 2014 Dr. Claire Benn was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship for a study titled "Artificial Goodness: Doing and Being Good in the Digital Age."

Erdal Kaynar

In 2014 Dr. Erdal Kaynar was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research titled "Economic Thought in the Late Ottoman Empire and the Question of the Nation."

Olla Solomyak

In 2014 Dr. Olla Solomyak was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship for a study titled "Lessons from the Metaphysics of Perspectives: Temporal Experience and the Sense of Self."

Sharon Berry

In 2014 Dr. Sharon Berry was awarded the Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research on "Mathematics, Logic, and the Access Problem."

Sivan Balslev

In 2015 Dr. Sivan Balslev was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research titled "Looking at the History of Masculinity, Childhood, and Sexuality in Modern Iran."

Torbjørn Ottersen

In 2015 Dr. Torbjørn Ottersen was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research project titled "Staging the Present: Regieoper and Documentary Opera on the Modern Stage."

Uri Weiss

In 2015 Dr. Uri Weiss was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research titled "Negotiation and Distributive Justice."

Elvira Di Bona

In 2016 Dr. Elvira Di Bona was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research titled "The Content of Auditory Perception."

Guy Paltieli

In 2016 Dr. Guy Paltieli was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research titled "Privacy, Presence, and Participation: Changing Political Concepts in a Visible Democracy."

Georgina Statham

In 2016 Dr. Georgie Statham was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue a project titled "Applying Causal Models to Policy Debates."

Casper Storm Hansen

In 2016 Dr. Casper Storm Hansen was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research titled "A Conventionalist Philosophy of Mathematics."

Leora Dahan Katz

In 2016 Dr. Leora Dahan Katz was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research project titled "Retribution: Justifying State, Institutional, and Private Punishment."

New Fellows



Dr. Ahmad Amara

In 2017 Dr. Ahmad Amara was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research project titled “Ottoman-British Legacies and the Legal Geography of Palestine, 1850–1948.” In his research, Dr. Amara uses time, law, and space to examine both the development of landed property relations and governance in Southern Palestine, on the one hand; and the institution of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish land trusts (“awqaf”) in Jerusalem, on the other hand. Because Middle Eastern states, including Israel, inherited a rich share of Ottoman and British bureaucracy and law that continue to impact governmentality and contemporary social-legal relations, Dr. Amara’s research explores such continuities, their historical background, and their contemporary endurance.

Dr. Amara is a 2016 graduate of the joint PhD program in History and Hebrew and Judaic studies at New York University. His dissertation, titled “Governing Property: The Politics of Ottoman Land Law and State-Making in Southern Palestine, 1850–1917,” examines the localized configurations of the Ottoman reform around Bedouin landed property relations in the Beersheba region, by looking at questions of land disputes, taxation, registration, cultivation, local and regional economic networks, and Ottoman official laws and policies. Dr. Amara is also a human rights advocate. He has published a number of articles and has edited a volume. He is the co-author (with Sandy Kedar and Oren Yiftachel) of the book titled *Emptied Lands: A Legal Geography of Bedouin Rights in the Negev* (2018).



Dr. Karma Ben Johanan

In 2017 Dr. Karma Ben Johanan was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her project titled “The New Evangelization: The Catholic Mission to Save Europe.”

In this study, she plans to draw a multilayered picture of the Catholic missionary project in Europe, analyzing the heated theological discourse of the Catholic intelligentsia on Europe and on the Church’s place in the future of European culture. She is also looking at the work of present-day missionaries and their efforts to reintroduce Christianity to secularized European communities.

Dr. Ben Johanan received her PhD from the Tel Aviv University School of Historical Studies in November 2016. Her doctoral dissertation, titled “Contemporary Conceptions of Judaism and Christianity in Catholic and Jewish Orthodox Theologies,” focused on reciprocal perceptions of Christian and Jewish religious leaders and intellectuals over the past fifty years, in Israel, the United States, and Europe. Her latest publication, “Wreaking Judgment on Mount Esau: Christianity in R. Kook’s Thought,” was published in the *Jewish Quarterly Review*.



Dr. Elena Cagnoli Fieccoli

In 2017 Dr. Elena Cagnoli Fieccoli was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to work on a project on the connection between Aristotle’s ethics and his biology. She is currently studying Aristotle’s works on natural science in order to shed light on his views on the rationality of desire, on rational agency, and on attention.

Dr. Cagnoli Fieccoli was awarded a PhD at the University of Oxford in 2016. The title of her thesis is “Ethics for Rational Animals,” and she wrote it under the supervision of Ursula Coope and Jessica Moss. Her latest publication is an article entitled “Aristotle’s Peculiarly Human Psychology,” forthcoming in *Aristotle’s Anthropology*, edited by Geert Keil and Nora Kreft (Cambridge University Press).



Dr. Emily Holman

In 2017 Dr. Emily Holman was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue her research on the relevance of literature to human living. Her project is entitled “Language-scapes: Literature and the Mind’s Lifeworld: An Investigation of Literature’s Relevance to Human ‘Knowing.’” Dr. Holman’s work focuses on the spaces that literary language can open up in and for the human mind, so that literary language can widen and deepen our modes of perceiving and conceiving, ultimately also influencing our emotional and experiential realities. Her project focuses on how literary language can accomplish this “opening” as well as on why it is humanly significant.

Dr. Holman completed her doctorate at the University of Oxford. Her doctoral thesis is titled “Literature, Language, and the Human: A Theoretical Enquiry, with Special Reference to the Work of F. R. Leavis.” Her most recent article, “‘My Poor Jude – How You’ve Missed Everything!’: Reading Ignatian Discernment in Jude the Obscure,” was published in the *Thomas Hardy Journal* in July 2017.



Dr. Ofri Ilany

In 2017 Dr. Ilany was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his research project titled “Judaism and *Männerbund*: Masculine Brotherhood in Jewish Modernity.” This study examines the historical, intellectual, and political relationships between the first movement for homosexual rights and the early Zionist movement. Based on a wide variety of sources by major and minor figures within the early homosexual movement and the Zionist movement, it interrogates how Zionism and homosexuality emerged out of the same historical juncture in Central Europe of the late nineteenth century. Dr. Ilany received his PhD at Tel Aviv University in 2012. His dissertation title was “In Search of the Hebrew People: Bible and Enlightenment in Germany.” His latest article, “‘Decent Life in the Sensuous Orient’: Race and Masculinity in Early Zionist Discourse,” was published in *National Politics and Sexuality in Transregional Perspective*, edited by Achim Rohde (Ashgate).



Dr. Ümit Kurt

In 2017 Dr. Ümit Kurt was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue his project titled “Pro-active Perpetrators in the Ottoman Bloodland.” In this study he will explore the motivations of the perpetrators of the Armenian genocide by focusing on the Ottoman periphery. His project seeks to shed light on genocide perpetrators by analyzing simple, objective features of their backgrounds and careers. He hopes to do this by examining a different dimension of the genocide, highlighting the human element – the actors, their motives, and their actions – that ultimately were responsible for the catastrophic loss of life. Dr. Kurt received his PhD from Clark University in 2016. His dissertation offers a fresh analysis of the murder and plunder of the Armenians of Antep, modern-day Gaziantep. It presents a new reading of the history of Antep from the 1890s to 1930s, with a particular focus on the origins of the wealth and richness of local Muslim elites. He is the author, with Taner Akçam, of *The Spirit of the Laws: The Plunder of Wealth in the Armenian Genocide* (Berghahn Books, 2017). His most recent publication, “The Curious Case of Ali Cenani Bey: The Story of a Genocide Perpetrator during and after the 1915 Armenian Genocide,” was published in *Patterns of Prejudice*.



Dr. Assaf Tamari

In 2017 Dr. Assaf Tamari was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue a project titled “‘Heal Us O Lord and We Shall Be Healed’ – Me and You Together: Medical Discourse and Early Modern Jewish Thought.” In this study he aims to explore the relations between medical and religious discourses among Jews in the early modern eastern Mediterranean. By examining in what ways thinking through the sick body – and the discourse it brings with it – expresses and shapes notions of the human and the divine, the study hopes to shed light on the perceptions of subjectivity, agency, and even the body politic, underlying early modern Jewish life.

Dr. Tamari received his PhD from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. His dissertation, titled “The Discourse of the Body in the Lurianic Kabbalah,” is a re-reading of this highly influential Kabbalah from sixteenth-century Safed as a medical discourse. It is also an analysis of the implications of such a reading for its construction of divine and human agency. His latest publication, “The Place of Politics: The Notion of Consciousness in R. Yitzchak Ginsburgh’s Political Thought,” was published in the *Israel Studies Review* in 2014.



Dr. Pavel Vasilyev

In 2017 Dr. Pavel Vasilyev was awarded a Polonsky Postdoctoral Fellowship to pursue a research project titled “Red Days on the Calendar: A Cultural History of Soviet Menstruation.” In an effort to provide a comprehensive picture of the Soviet menstruation experience and its changing nature in the short twentieth century (1917–1991), this study examines various types of knowledge about menstruation and diverse emotions associated with it, as well as evolving bodily practices and technologies that Soviet women used to deal with their menstrual cycles. Dr. Pavel Vasilyev received his doctoral degree in 2013 from the St. Petersburg Institute of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The title of his thesis is “Drug Addiction in Petrograd/Leningrad, 1917–1929: A Social Problem and the Search for Its Solution.” His most recent publication is a book chapter entitled “Flirting with the Market: The Early Soviet Government and the Private Provision of Health Care, 1917–1932,” published in *Health, Technologies, and Politics in Post-Soviet Settings: Navigating Uncertainties*, edited by Olga Zvonareva, Evgeniya Popova, and Klasien Horstman (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017).

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: DR. ABIGAIL JACOBSON
PROJECT DIRECTOR: DR. EDO LITMANOVITCH

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The Borders and Sovereignty theme stems from the work previously done in the Mediterranean Neighbors Unit. The unit has been engaged with studying and analyzing the social, political, historical, and cultural dynamics and processes that exist among the different societies living around the Mediterranean basin for the last 500 years. This geographical unit is in many ways characterized by the ethnic, national, and religious divisions (among others) that exist within it. These divisions create both physical and mental borders that are constantly changing. Although the Mediterranean, like all other regions in the world, is composed of sovereign states, its political borders are being negotiated, challenged, crossed, and redefined by various actors, including states, ethnic groups, religious movements, and a variety of organizations. Consequently, the Borders and Sovereignty theme focuses on questions related to the real and imagined borders – physical, conceptual, cultural, and linguistic – and it aims to investigate the dynamics of crossing and challenging them. These questions are important especially in times of state instability, during which the sovereignty of states is questioned and challenged. The Middle East has experienced such instability over the last decade, and it is likely that the region will continue to deal with these questions in the foreseeable future.

Borders and Sovereignty

Anisa Ashkar *Black Gold*, 2017, installation from the exhibition, Museum of Islamic and Near Eastern Cultures, Be'er Sheva



RESEARCH GROUPS

Arabic Narratives of Place and Identity: Literature and Film

Academic director: Dr. Ariel M. Sheetrit

The purpose of this group was to examine how Arabic literary and filmic texts define, express, and challenge identities through motifs and themes of space and place. The group emerged from a research group headed by Dr. Sheetrit in 2015 and 2016, entitled "Arabic Narratives of Migration and Journey." The group's meetings were conducted in Arabic, which made it possible for Arabic-speakers who did not speak Hebrew to participate. The group was diverse and included researchers from abroad (including Morocco and England), Palestinian Israelis, Palestinians from the West Bank, and Israeli Jews.

In 2017, the group organized three film screenings open to the public. The films all had subtitles and the language of discussion was Hebrew, thereby offering an opportunity to share some of the ideas cultivated by the research group with a broader, and more local, group of people. The first film was *Omar* (Hany Abu Assad, 2013). The second was *In Between* (Maysaloun Hamoud, 2016), and it was followed by a lecture by Dr. Sheetrit and a discussion with the director. The third film, *Ali Zaoua: Prince of the Streets* (Nabil Ayouch, 2001) was the closing event and was followed by a lecture by Dr. Orit Vaknin-Yekutieli.

In addition, some of the group's participants led discussions on a variety of Arabic texts. This year the group also hosted guest speakers (in Arabic), including researcher and translator Idan Barir, who discussed (Iraqi) Ezidi poetry; writer Ala Hlehel, who discussed some of his own short stories and other Palestinian stories; and writer Raji Bathish who discussed his recently published novel.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

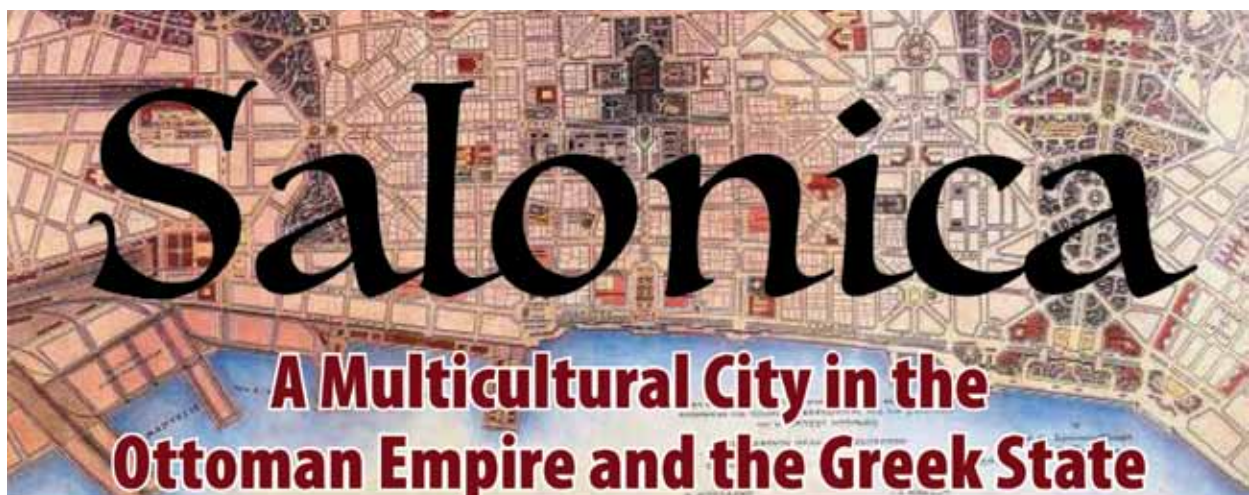
Salonica: A Multi-Cultural City in the Ottoman Empire and the Greek State

Academic directors: Dr. Edo Litmanovitch, Dr. Abigail Jacobson

For more than two thousand years, Salonica was an important port city which served as a point of connection between three continents. During the Ottoman period, the city was a sphere of interaction between cultures, and a meeting point between Muslims, Jews, Greek-Orthodox Christians, other Christian communities, and tribal and rural populations.

The three-day workshop focused on Salonica's unique cultural fabric and the resulting mutual influences that were felt in all areas of life in the city. The workshop also aimed to delineate the multilayered and complex character of the city as a meeting point of cultures.

The participants addressed the various cultural aspects of Salonica under the Ottoman Empire, up until and including the twentieth-century interbellum. Of particular interest were the cultural exchanges and processes of acculturation brought about by encounters between the various communities and religions. Another focus was the examination of change and transformation arising from the repercussions of modernity. These fields of interest were also reflected by the multicultural character of the workshop: The participants represented countries from the region (such as Israel, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, and Armenia) and other scholarly centers in Europe and the United States. The workshop was conducted as a collaboration between the VLJI, the Ben-Zvi Institute, The University of Haifa, the Onassis Foundation and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



The Forum for Contemporary Turkish Studies

Academic director: Dr. Tsameret Levy-Daphny

The Forum for Contemporary Turkish Studies is operating at the VLJI during the academic year 2017–2018. It consists of 25 (mainly Israeli) scholars and doctoral candidates from various disciplines who are focusing on Turkey in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. In the forum's first two meetings, held in 2017, we discussed constitutionalism, democracy, and popular sovereignty in Turkish politics since the nineteenth century, and the Armenian genocide in the Turkish/Ottoman periphery. These meetings were organized as an academic workshop and aimed to elaborate and study the sovereignty of the Republic of Turkey through an examination of these specific themes. The discussions were fruitful and the interdisciplinary nature of the forum has contributed to a lively professional atmosphere.

Minorities in the Middle East

Academic director: Dr. Tsameret Levy-Daphny

This research workshop focused on the non-Muslim minorities in the Middle East, such as the Kurds, Ezidis, and Druze, and the challenges they encounter, from "mere" discrimination to suppression, and finally (more recently, in the case of Ezidis) to organized massacres. We examined the tense relations and dynamics between minority and majority groups in the region and the various political ways in which these minorities try to deal with the great pressures they encounter.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Lecture Series: Border Encounters

Academic director: Dr. Abigail Jacobson

The purpose of this lecture series was to examine different ways in which borders appear in various geographical, thematic, and disciplinary settings. The series included 11 meetings in 2017. Each of the meetings began with a presentation that was followed by a lively debate. During 2017 we hosted leading scholars such as Prof. Oren Yiftachel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Prof. Zvi Bekerman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Prof. Yishai Blank (Tel Aviv University). In addition, we made a point of hosting young researchers – both PhD candidates and PhD holders – from Israel and abroad.

The series was open to the VLJI community as well as to invitees. Thus it functioned as a channel of the Borders and Sovereignty theme to scholars outside its usual scope and to its core community at the VLJI. The series continues in 2018 under the academic director of the theme, Dr. Kfir Cohen.

Climate Crosses Boundaries

Academic directors: Dr. Edo Litmanovitch, Dr. Abigail Jacobson

This evening focused on the climatic changes in the Eastern Mediterranean and the way these changes, as well as the geophysical challenges they create, cross the physical and political borders in this region. The speakers were Mr. Nir Stav, the head of the Israel Meteorological Service; Prof. Uriel Safriel of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and Adv. Tammy Ganot of the Adam Teva V'Din environmental organization. The three speakers presented various regional hazards as well as the attempts to orchestrate regional cooperation to deal with those hazards and challenges, despite the regional conflicts.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Levantine Studies (JLS)

Editor: Dr. Abigail Jacobson

Associate editor: Dr. Edo Litmanovitch

Coordinators: Ms. Sophie Schor, Ms. Duygu Atlas

The Journal of Levantine Studies (JLS) is an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed publication dedicated to the critical study of the cultural, historical, and political space known as the Levant. As a platform for novel academic discussion, *JLS* strives to publish original scholarship and use new paradigms for studying and understanding the region. The journal's electronic issues also include abstracts in Arabic, Hebrew, and Turkish, as well as a blog. The journal has been published in English semiannually since 2011, in print and online, by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. Two volumes have been published in 2017: Vol. 7 no. 1 had a special focus titled "Rethinking the Arab Jew"; Vol. 7 no. 2 is a special issue focusing on boundaries and crossing boundaries between communities in Palestine/Eretz Israel in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

See <https://levantine-journal.org/>

MANARAT: THE VAN LEER CENTER FOR JEWISH-ARAB RELATIONS



Director: Dr. Yonatan Mendel

Project coordinator: Ms. Hanan Saadi

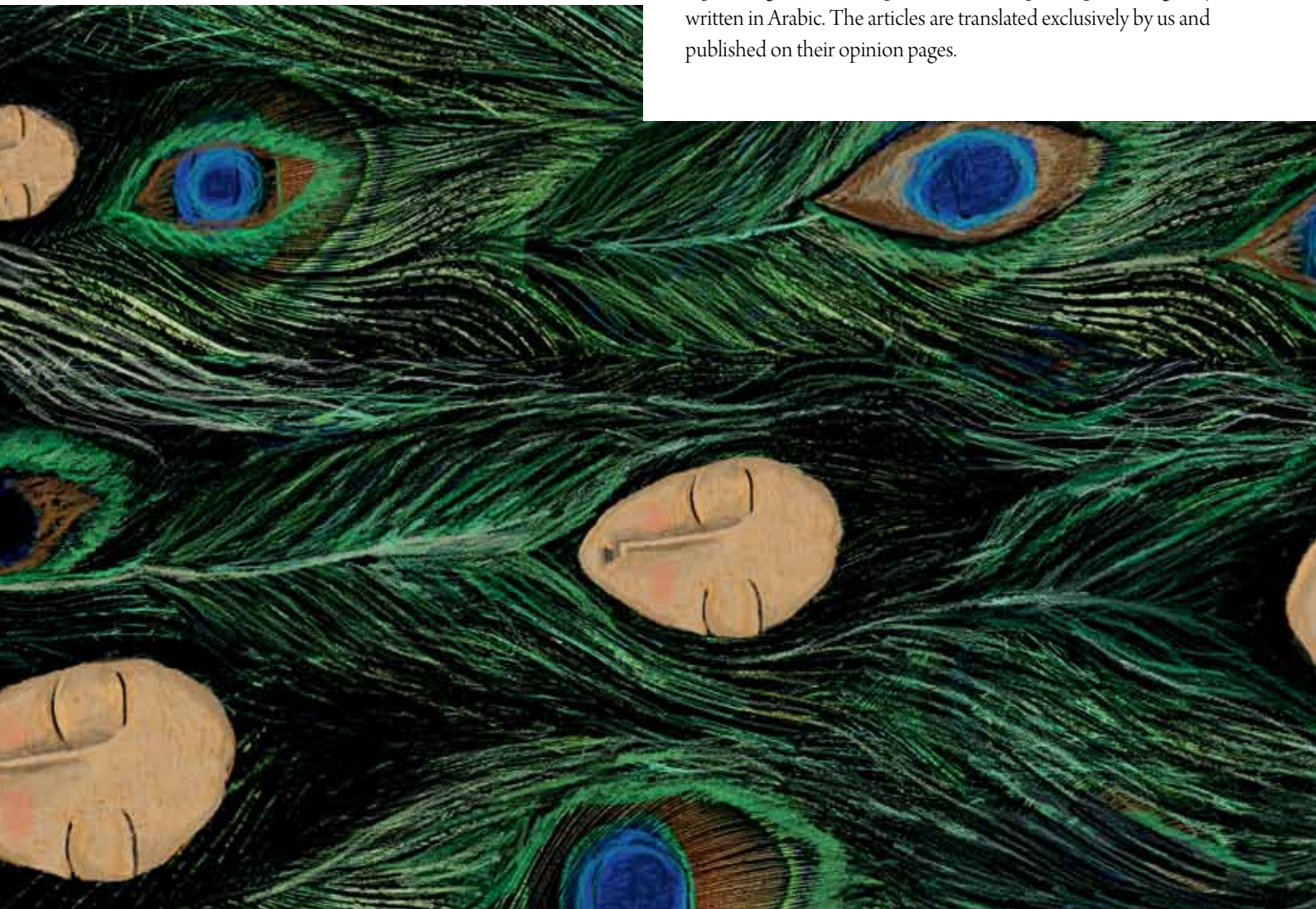
Manarat focuses on issues related to the Palestinian community in Israel, Jewish-Arab relations, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and Arab culture. It emphasizes projects that put the Arabic language in the center – as a subject of study and as a vehicle for creating social and cultural change.

<http://www.vanleer.org.il/en/manarat>

Ofek-Horizon — A joint project with I'lam, the daily *Yediot Aharonot*, and the *Walla News* website

Academic directors: Prof. Amal Jamal, Dr. Yonatan Mendel

Horizon is a project conducted in conjunction with the daily *Yediot Aharonot* and the popular Israeli website *Walla News*. It aspires to give the Israeli public access to opinion pieces originally written in Arabic. The articles are translated exclusively by us and published on their opinion pages.



The Arabic Language in Israeli Academia

During 2017 we held two academic events in Arabic. The first, held at the VLJI, was titled “Torn Jerusalem: On Jerusalem–Al-Quds, 1967–2017.” In this event, two intellectuals spoke about their perception of Jerusalem, in light of the fiftieth anniversary of the occupation of the east side of the city: Hanna Siniora, the Palestinian Authority’s former ambassador to the United States, and Eli Amir, an Israeli writer and former civil servant. The second event was held at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Held jointly with the Faculty of Law, it was the faculty’s first conference conducted in Arabic. The conference dealt with questions related to democracy in Israel and the role of civil society organizations.

Maktoob: Arabic Literature Translated into Hebrew

Academic director: Prof. Yehouda Shenhav-Shahrabani

Coordinators: Ms. Maisalon Dallashi, Ms. Kifah Abdul-Halim

The Maktoob book series – the flagship project of the Translators’ Forum at the VLJI – highlights the vitality of Arabic literature by translating selected poetry and prose into Hebrew. The Translators’ Forum encompasses more than fifty Arab and Jewish translators, editors, and literary scholars who, through their work, uncover the possibilities of movement from one language and culture to another. During 2017 four books were published: *Walking on Winds* by the Palestinian writer Salman Natour; *Entanglements of Secrets* by the Lebanese writer Elias Khoury; *I Own Nothing Save My Dreams*, an anthology of poems written in the wake of the catastrophe that befell the Ezidi community in

Iraq in August 2014, translated by Idan Barir; and *The Children Laugh*, a children’s book by the Syrian writer Zakaria Tamer.

Creating an Alternative Curriculum for Learning Arabic in Jewish Schools

Academic directors: Dr. Thabet Abu-Ras,

Mr. Amnon Be’eri-Sulitzeanu, Dr. Yonatan Mendel

The failure of Israel’s Jewish society to learn Arabic in a comprehensive, positive, and effective way lies at the heart of this project. Conducted jointly by the Abraham Fund Initiatives and the VLJI, this project has undertaken the task of creating a comprehensive curriculum for teaching Arabic in Jewish schools from first to twelfth grade. During 2017 the final draft of the document was written, and the Public Committee for the Support of Arabic was initiated by the VLJI. The first meeting of the committee had more than 25 participants, including leading intellectuals, public figures, artists, rabbis, and former judges.

Promoting Democratic Values among High School Students in Jerusalem: A Joint Project with the Museum for Islamic Art and the Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace

Academic director: Dr. Yonatan Mendel

In this project, students from Jerusalem high schools – Jewish and Arab, secular and religious – come to the VLJI for a discussion led by a prominent Van Leer scholar, then tour the Museum for Islamic Art and participate in workshops there.

Manbar–Bamah: An Electronic Magazine on the Relations between Arabs and Jews in Israel

Editor: Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar

Associate editors: Dr. Yonatan Mendel, Ms. Hanan Saadi

This electronic periodical, established in 2013, examines current topics related to various aspects of the relations between the Palestinian minority and the Jewish majority in Israel. *Manbar–Bamah* appears in Arabic and Hebrew and is sent out electronically to thousands of subscribers in academe, politics, civil society, the media, education, and the general public. In 2017, the seventh issue of the magazine was devoted to health and healthcare in the Arab population in Israel and the differences between Arabs and Jews in this regard. The issue includes contributions by experts and workers in the field.



Artist: Lee-or Atsmion Fruin

Israeli Civil Society

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: PROF. MOSHE JUSTMAN
PROJECT DIRECTOR: MS. HANAN SAADI

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The aim of the Israeli Civil Society program at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute is to promote and reinforce democratic discourse and culture in Israel. We seek to create a body of knowledge on citizenship and civic policy that is incorporated in public discourse and is drawn upon by decision makers. Three centers – Economics and Society, Advancement of Women, and Social Justice – are described separately. The projects described here address three major themes, often in tandem: citizenship, education, and Arab society in Israel.



Developing Models of Collaborative Governance in Israeli Local Authorities

Director: Dr. Varda Shiffer

This action-research program represents an expansion and restructuring of the previous project titled “Developing Educational and Leadership Structures to Improve the Local Education System.” Because of the growing recognition of the potential role of local authorities in providing services, we were encouraged to extend our development and examination of models of collaborative governance to additional local authorities and in areas other than education. We are currently in the first stages of intervention in a mixed city in the center of Israel and in three Arab local authorities, exploring governance models in connection with environmental issues. In the past year we have reframed our research focus and reconceptualized parts of our methodology. One issue we are exploring is creating agreement among stakeholders in the local authorities; another is the possibility of redistributing authority and roles between central and local government. We are now able to share the knowledge and insights that we have gathered and analyzed with several government departments (mainly in the Ministry of Education) and with organizations and foundations seeking to become active at the local government level.

We are continuing our work in Israel’s Southern Triangle (Kafr Qasim, Tira, Qalansawe) with a view to exiting within a year, after having established functioning “self-improving” governance systems (either at the local-authority level or at the school and school principals’ level).

Access of Arab Students to Higher Education in Israel

Project director: Dr. Sarah Ozacky-Lazar

Assistant: Ms. Yael Maayan

In cooperation with the Council for Higher Education of Israel, and generously supported by the Social Venture Fund for Jewish–Arab Equality and Shared Society USA

Expanding access to, and success in, higher education for Arab citizens in Israel promotes greater equity and supports the country's economic development. In 2013, the Council for Higher Education launched a six-year program to promote this goal. The council nominated a faculty member in each institution of higher education to coordinate these efforts and several facilitators who run the program in their respective universities and colleges. The VLJI initiated a professional forum for these representatives in which to develop specific programs and learn from each other's experience. In 2017 the forum held plenary meetings and specialized meetings throughout the country, demonstrating new ideas and promoting mutual learning. The forum created a website to support these efforts:

www.academiyya.vanleer.org.il

Arab Society in Israel: Population, Society, Economy

Project director and editor: Mr. Ramsees Gharrah

This yearbook provides a comprehensive, reliable infrastructure of statistics on central themes pertaining to the Arab citizens of Israel, by demographic, geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic categories. Data from all previous volumes are freely available in Hebrew and English to researchers, policy makers, and the public at large through VLJI's website and are widely used by researchers. The ninth and last volume appeared electronically at the end of 2017.



Ethiopian Jews Tell Their Story

Academic director: Ms. Efrat Yerday

The uncritical perspective that has informed research on Ethiopian Jewry has confined it to apolitical research disconnected from universal atmosphere as well as from changes in Israeli society in general and in Ethiopian society in particular. One of the main expressions of this approach is the absolute control wielded by the establishment's narrative, which aims to enhance the state's role in the immigration of Ethiopian Jews. Another expression is the lack of critical discourse on race and the color boundaries of Jewish Israeli society, as a consequence of which every study of Jews from Ethiopia is partial and has lacunae. This study group aims to fill that gap. It brings together a small, select group of young intellectuals of Jewish Ethiopian heritage who share a strong desire to reclaim control of the story of their community. In 2017 the group discussed the position paper planned as its final product. The marginalized and stereotyped place of the Ethiopian community in academia is reflected in the syllabuses as well as in the minor presence of Ethiopian students. The aim of the position paper is to encourage academia to approach the Ethiopian community in a different way. The question of our mandate as Ethiopian academics, and in a way as representatives of the Ethiopian community, was salient in the last sessions of the group. We hope to claim this mandate – from ourselves and from academia.

A Holistic Municipal-Academic-Community Approach for Enhancing Book Reading with Young Children in the Palestinian-Arab Society in Israel

Project director: Ms. Haifa Sabbagh

Book reading is less developed in Israel's Arab population than in its Jewish population, particularly in disadvantaged communities in which children live below the poverty line, in an unstable environment. On the basis of the successful introduction of effective reading practices in Arabic in Umm al-Fahm over the last four years, the VLJI has established programs to promote book-reading habits for children in East Jerusalem and Hura. The programs involve the collaboration of partners from academia and local authorities as well as community agents, educators, health professionals, and providers of social services. To achieve our goal, we must build the capacities of interdisciplinary professionals, caregivers, and families and we must strengthen the community. Therefore, the programs include capacity-building courses and workshops to raise awareness of the importance of reading books with children and to enrich the participants' knowledge regarding methods for shared book reading. In addition, high-quality books have been distributed and a community project focusing on book-reading activities has been established.



THE CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE (WIPS)

Academic directors: Prof. Hanna Herzog, Prof. Naomi Chazan Academic coordinator: Ms. Ronna Brayer-Garb

Research coordinator: Ms. Hadass Ben Eliyahu

<http://www.vanleer.org.il/en/wips>

The central objective of WIPS is to promote gender mainstreaming as an overall strategy for raising the democratic and civil status of women from diverse social groups. According to this approach, the pursuit of gender equality is an integral part of an overall social worldview that relates to both women and men. To promote this perspective, WIPS engages in four areas of activity: theoretical and applied research; proactive projects of gender mainstreaming; policy initiatives related to gender equality; and public education to address central contemporary issues.



Israel's Knowledge Center on Women and Gender

In 2017 WIPS embarked on an innovative and challenging initiative – designing Israel's first Knowledge Center on Women and Gender. This exciting new project is a collaborative endeavor directed and managed by WIPS and supported by a major grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology.

The Knowledge Center brings to the fore the diverse capacities and achievements developed by WIPS over the past decade, thus constituting the culmination of its various programs and projects to date. Its statistical database is based on the WIPS Gender Index – published for the fifth time in 2017 with a focus on gender gaps in precarious employment. The policy and activist approach of the Knowledge Center are based on years of collaboration with feminist and civil society organizations as well as with government and state institutions. Its gender mainstreaming

practices are based on insights drawn from the Gender Equality in Action project, a training program that provides strategies and tools for challenging gendered practices within the workplace, which WIPS has designed and implemented in numerous organizations and institutes over the past years.

Together with our professional partners – The Samuel Neaman Institute of the Technion and the Public Knowledge Workshop – the WIPS Knowledge Center is conceived of as a leading feminist hub: the primary source of knowledge on women and gender in Israel and an incubator for creative ideas and policies on gender equity and social equality.

Research and Policy: Invisible Work

In 2017 WIPS completed the first of two major research projects on “invisible work” – the unpaid and unrecognized care work and housework performed mainly by women in both the private and public spheres. After two years of team study by a heterogeneous research group, WIPS embarked on a wide-scale research project to map the significance and meanings women (and men) from diverse social groups attribute to the various forms of invisible labor. The report of this project, sponsored by Israel's National Insurance Institute, demonstrates that invisible work is a critical tool for revealing the deep social structures that constitute and maintain gendered aspects of the labor market and of family life. It is also a key to the reassessment of how the state measures the national economy and its conception of productivity. WIPS is continuing the exploration of this topic in another extensive study on the influence of invisible work on the gendered structure of the labor market, with a research grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology.

THE ECONOMICS AND SOCIETY PROGRAM

Academic director: Prof. Michel Strawczynski; Project director: Mr. Yarden Kedar

<http://www.vanleer.org.il/en/economics>

The Economics and Society Program serves as a think tank specializing in economic issues related to Israel with an emphasis on government policy. Its staff includes senior economists with many years' experience in key positions in the civil service. The program's goals are to address the growing gaps in Israeli society, with a focus on growth, income distribution, and the labor market; to elaborate alternatives for socioeconomic policy in Israel; and to play an active role in shaping the economic discourse in the country. To these ends it publishes policy studies and position papers and sponsors conferences. Because of recent changes in the VLJI, the program concluded its activity at the end of 2017 and this will be its last report.

Working Poor in Israel

Our annual conference, held in January 2017, revolved around the question of poverty among the employed in Israel. We presented a study that examined the changes among poor employed individuals over the past decade, with a focus on various characteristics that contribute to low-wage, part-time employment. One of its findings was that the likelihood of weak populations earning a low wage rose over the past decade. The conference was addressed by a guest lecturer, Prof. Ronnie Schoeb of the University of Berlin, who spoke about the impact of labor market reforms on the working poor. The conference also included a panel of economists, policymakers, and journalists.





Tax Benefits for Pension Savings in Israel

In September 2017 we completed a study that examined the generous tax benefits for pension savings in Israel, which include tax exemptions and refunds for various components and stages of pension savings, with high wage ceilings. These benefits may be redundant because those at higher wage levels who receive them as an incentive to save possess a high degree of financial awareness and do not need this incentive. The study finds that the benefits in Israel are much higher than those in other countries. It outlines alternative uses for the funds that would accrue from a reduction of the benefits – especially, reducing the incidence of poverty and the economic gaps between segments of society.

The Van Leer Wellbeing Index

In December 2017 we published our new Van Leer Wellbeing Index. This project responds to recent critiques that call for measures that can serve as alternatives to the GDP. By incorporating the views of dozens of Israeli experts in various fields of wellbeing, we devised an index that shows the Israeli position in each field – in comparison with the rest of the developed world each year and with Israel itself over the years – while distinguishing between current wellbeing and sustainable long-term wellbeing.

Government Budget and Military Expenditure

In December 2017 we published our government budget study for the biennial 2017–2018 government budget. As usual, we proposed alternative scenarios for public spending and tax changes. Our material documented the low level of government expenditure both historically and from an international perspective. We also addressed the progressivity of the taxes and tax deductions during 2016–2017 as well as the defense budget, examining its composition and the impact on the civilian sector. An additional section was by Dr. Christos Kollias of the University of Thessaly, whose study examined the effect of defense spending on growth in developed countries.

Online Magazine

The program publishes a quarterly magazine presenting new and interesting studies and perspectives in a variety of economic fields. This year the magazine continued to be relevant to a growing audience and had numerous online visits. The magazine included articles on the effect of child benefits on the prospects of attaining higher education, business entrepreneurship within the Ethiopian community in Israel, and trends in the participation of the ultra-Orthodox population in the Israeli workforce. We interviewed leading economic stakeholders, such as Prof. Eyal Winter regarding the importance of economic theory and strategy in public policy planning, and Dr. Mette Foged of Copenhagen University regarding the effects of immigrants on the workforce.

<http://www.econmag.vanleer.org.il/>

“Progressive Economists” Scholarship Program

This program was launched three years ago in collaboration with the Social Economic Academy and is beginning its fourth year. The target group of this scholarship consists of economics students who aspire to work in the public sector. The program's aim is to expose them to the many discussions and critiques of the current economic paradigm, many of which are not raised in the classroom. Additionally, this year we hosted a three-meeting seminar for the program's alumni in recent years that dealt with various issues regarding the government budget. As always, this year's projects were presented in a conference in August.

<http://www.sea-progressiveeconomists.org/>

THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY IN MEMORY OF YAAKOV CHAZAN AT THE VAN LEER JERUSALEM INSTITUTE

Academic directors: Prof. Itzhak Galnoor, Dr. Eyal Tevet, Dr. Neta Sher-Hadar, Dr. Lihi Lahat

Project director of the Chazan Center: Ms. Nomika Zion

<http://www.hafrata.vanleer.org.il/>

THE PRIVATIZATION PROJECT

Policy Change: The Employment Service

During 2017 we completed the research on the Circles of Employment program, which has been proposed as a substitute for the Wisconsin Plan. We held several meetings with the initiators of the program in the Employment Service to present our conclusions, which are positive. The outsourcing undertaken in this case was proportionate and the conclusions regarding the failure of the Wisconsin Plan were taken into account. A policy paper was published and was followed by articles and a roundtable where we discussed the new program with the Employment Service, academics, and grassroots representatives. The discussion was extremely fruitful and a decision was made to initiate more meetings in order to influence the decision-making process.

The Privatization of Israel: The Depreciation of State Responsibility

The forthcoming book, an English version of the Hebrew volume (2015), aims to present the center's research to an international audience. The book was completed and sent to Palgrave-Macmillan at the end of December.

Website on Privatization and Nationalization

We continued to update the website as a source of information about privatization and nationalization initiatives in Israel, and we added new entries such as "The Settlement Department" and "Privatization of *kashrut*."



RESEARCH

Regulation in Israel

The forthcoming book examines regulation in Israel by means of ten test cases and includes concrete recommendations for regulatory models appropriate to the Israeli system of government. The book was completed in 2017 and submitted for editing. In March we held a conference at which the writers presented the final findings of their research.

Collaborative Governance: State–Market–Society

This study examines changes in the roles of the state and new forms of collaboration with nonstate agents. The assumption is that governance will be based on a different definition of responsibility and on a different way of dividing the tasks between the state, the economic market, and civil society. During the year, the writers submitted the first drafts of their chapters for this pathbreaking book, which will deal with theoretical topics and will include five or six case studies in Israel. In June the academic directors presented the research at a conference in Singapore. Subsequently, a proposal was submitted to Palgrave-Macmillan for an English version of the forthcoming Hebrew volume.

The Growth of New Cooperatives in Israel

This study maps the new cooperatives created after the social protest of 2011 and focuses on three models. The research was completed in 2017 and will be part of a new book on cooperatives in Israel, published under the auspices of the Yad Tabenkin Institute.

The Water Corporations in Israel

This study, in collaboration with Mifal Hapais (the Israel state lottery), explores the impact of regulation of the water system on the water corporations in terms of aspects of price and service. The research surveys the structure of the urban water system in Israel; examines the law regulating the activities of the water corporations; and compares the water and electricity systems in Israel with those of other countries. The research was completed and published. The findings were presented at a conference, where they were discussed with other experts in the field.



Jewish Culture and Jewish Thinking

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR: PROF. AMNON RAZ-KRAKOTZKIN
 PROJECT DIRECTOR: MS. DAFNA SCHREIBER
 COORDINATOR: MS. SHIRA WOLFENSON BRUCK

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The VLJI promotes research and public events concerning Jewish thinking and culture. This program includes interdisciplinary research groups whose aim is to propose new perspectives on major topics that engage Jewish thinking today, such as science and religion, Judaism and democracy, tradition and secularism. The program, an integral part of the VLJI mission, offers another perspective on the main topics that concern the Institute, such as science and religion, the role of tradition, East and West from a Jewish perspective, and the theological dimensions of political discourse. It brings together individuals from diverse groups – academics and rabbis, secular Jews and Orthodox Jews – to establish a common language that addresses contemporary challenges.



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Opening the Week – Human Beings and Their Environment: A Series of Lectures

Project director: Ms. Dafna Schreiber

The 2016–2017 series of Opening the Week explored the relations between human beings and the physical environment, animals, and other human beings surrounding them as portrayed in the Bible. In the course of the year we examined the place of human beings in relation to other creatures, their influence on the environment, and the relations between neighbors – in frameworks that are local or global, ideological or religious – with an emphasis on human rights and liberties and their limits.

Watersheds: Boundaries and Spaces in Contemporary Jewish Art

Academic committee: Ms. Emily Bilski, Mr. Ram Ozeri, Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Mr. David Sperber, Ms. Dafna Schreiber

A joint conference of the VLJI and the Jerusalem Biennale for Contemporary Jewish Art

The aim of the conference was to create a connection between academic research and artistic practice in contemporary Jewish art. The conference revolved around the themes presented in a number of exhibitions that were part of the Third Jerusalem Biennale for Contemporary Jewish Art (2017). The conference attempted to contribute to a deeper understanding of the theoretical, philosophical, research, and curatorial facets of contemporary Jewish art.

<http://www.vanleer.org.il/sites/files/WatershedConference.pdf>



THE VAN LEER FORUM FOR JEWISH CULTURE AND JEWISH THINKING

Academic director: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin

The Question about the Existence of Jewish Mysticism: The Genealogy of Jewish Mysticism and the Theologies of Kabbalah Research

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Boaz Huss's book that discusses the historical contexts and discursive processes that led to the construction of the concept of Jewish mysticism. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Boaz Huss, Prof. Sara Sviri, Dr. Adam Klin-Oron, Prof. Ronit Meroz

The New Jewish Literature

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Galili Shahar's book *Bodies and Names: Readings in Modern Jewish Literature*. The book brings together new readings in the various realms of modern (religious and nonreligious) Jewish literature. It poses anew the question of literature by examining the material conditions, the textualities, the narrations and fragmentations of Hebrew texts and storytelling, and how they deal with the notions of revelation and tikkun olam. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Karkotzkin, Prof. Galili Shahar, Prof. Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi, Mr. Shimon Adaf, Prof. Michal Govrin

Mizrachi Ultra-Orthodoxy and Nationalism in Israel

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Nissim Leon's book that outlines the form that nationalism took in the Mizrachi ultra-Orthodox stream under the leadership of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Leon argues that, in contrast to the restrained and instrumental attitude of Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodoxy toward Zionism, the attitude of mainstream Mizrachi ultra-Orthodoxy toward state institutions was (and is still) characterized by ambivalence between the willingness to accept responsibility with regard to those institutions and an oppositional approach toward them. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Nissim Leon, Dr. Avishai Ben-Chaim, Ms. Rivi Gillis, Prof. Hillel Cohen

The Mishnah: Between Halakhah and Politics; Between Community and Empire

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Yair Furstenberg's book *Purity and Community in Antiquity: Traditions of the Law from Second Temple Judaism to the Mishnah*. The symposium brought together leading scholars for a discussion of the various arenas in which the Mishnah operates: from the

individual pole, through the religious-communal sphere, to the development of an alternative discourse to that of imperial rule. Each of these arenas reveals different forces that played a role in creating the Halakhah from its beginnings, and together they clarify the role of the Halakhic discourse from within the political field and from outside it. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Yair Furstenberg, Prof. Daniel Boyarin, Prof. Mira Balberg, Prof. Ishai Rosen-Zvi, Prof. Aharon Shemesh

Jewish Spirituality and New Age in Israel

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Rachel Werczberger's book *Jews in the Age of Authenticity: Jewish Spiritual Renewal in Israel*. In this book, Werczberger takes stock of the Jewish New Age spirituality scene in Israel at the turn of the millennium. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Rachel Werczberger, Prof. Jonathan Garb, Dr. Rivka Neriya-Ben Shahar, Dr. Yaacov Yadgar

The Gdailim

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of *The Gdailim: Leaders Who Shaped the Israeli Haredi Jewry*, edited by Benjamin Brown and Nissim Leon. The evening focused on the development and ramifications of the term *Gdailim*, on the *Gdailim* as identity creators, and on their authority in a changing reality. Participants: Prof. Shai Lavi, Prof. Benjamin Brown, Ms. Dafna Schreiber, Prof. Lawrence Kaplan, Dr. Shlomo Tikochinski, Rabbi Yosef Miller, Prof. Aviad Hacohen, Prof. Tamar Ross, Prof. Elchanan Reiner, Prof. Menachem Mautner, Dr. Nissim Leon, Prof. Menachem Friedman

"With Us More than Ever Before": Making the Absent Rebbe Present in Messianic Chabad

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Yoram Bilu's book. The book explores the issue of messianism in Chabad from a sociological-anthropological perspective and tries to understand how the Rebbe has been made present after his death. Participants: Prof. Jonathan Garb, Prof. Yoram Bilu, Prof. Rachel Elijior, Mr. Alon Dahan, Dr. Gadi Sagiv

Free Choice: A Jewish and Philosophical Position?

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Shalom Sadik's book *The Essence of Choice in Medieval Jewish Philosophy*, which offers a comprehensive analysis of medieval Jewish philosophers' attitudes toward the question of free choice. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Shalom Sadik, Prof. Zev Harvey, Prof. Yosef Schwartz, Prof. Hannah Kasher

Philosophical Insights and the Dynamics of the Talmudic Discourse

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Ariel Furstenberg's book *The Languages of Talmudic Discourse: A Philosophical Study of the Evolution of Amoraic Halakha*. This volume brings together the philosophy of natural language, the philosophy of science and conceptual dynamics, and the Babylonian Talmud. The book offers methodological and philosophical tools for tracing the modes in which Talmudic discourse evolves. The event brought together philosophers and Talmudic scholars who discussed these links. Participants: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Dr. Ariel Furstenberg, Prof. Suzanne Last Stone, Dr. Meir Buzaglo, Prof. Menachem Fisch, Prof. Yuval Dolev

The Matter and Form of Maimonides' Guide

A literary evening on the occasion of the publication of Josef Stern's book, which argues that the perplexity addressed in Maimonides' famously enigmatic *Guide for the Perplexed* is the tension between human matter and form, between the body and the intellect. Participants: Prof. Zev Harvey, Prof. Avishai Margalit, Prof. Gideon Freudenthal, Prof. Josef Stern, Prof. Sarah Stroumsa

Jewish and Islamic Traditions in Tandem: The Torah and the Qur'an

Academic directors: Prof. Shai Lavi, Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ms. Dafna Schreiber, Dr. Lena Salaymeh

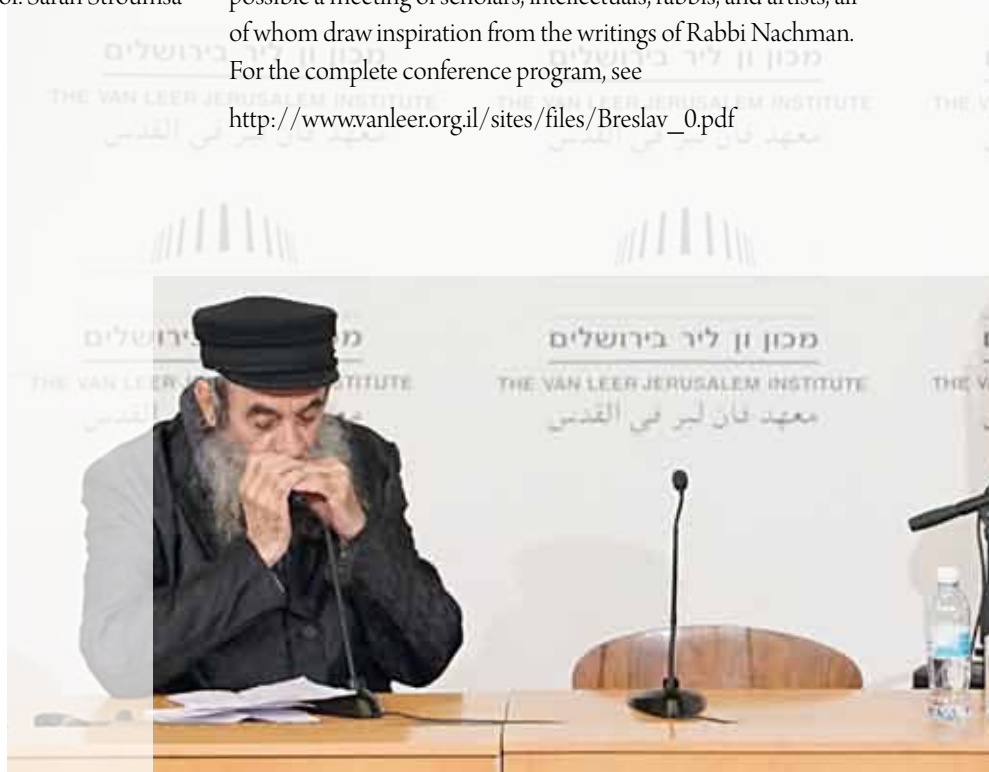
Throughout history there has been a fruitful dialogue between Judaism and Islam, and extensive ties have been established between the two traditions. However, in recent decades the Arab–Jewish national conflict has been depicted increasingly in religious terms, and the extremism on both sides has increased steadily. This project's aim is to contribute to the establishment of a broad framework of knowledge that presents the various aspects of Jewish–Islamic discourse in the past and in the present. It will try to trace the shared root of the two religions and to reestablish a dialogue between them by examining their mutual literary and historical relations from various perspectives. It will also seek to understand their points of intersection, their similarities, and their differences. The project (2017–2018) comprises a public series of weekly lectures by renowned scholars and closed workshops aimed at deepening the academic insights gained in the series' meetings and creating a community of researchers in this field.

Breslav Conference: Research, Creativity, and Society

Organizers: Prof. Zvi Mark, Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ms. Dafna Schreiber

The conference was devoted to Breslav Hasidism, its philosophy, and its place in contemporary Jewish (mainly Israeli) culture. It provided an unusual opportunity to examine the phenomenon of "Breslavism" in its various expressions and manifestations. The conference brought together a variety of perspectives and made possible a meeting of scholars, intellectuals, rabbis, and artists, all of whom draw inspiration from the writings of Rabbi Nachman. For the complete conference program, see

http://www.vanleer.org.il/sites/files/Breslav_0.pdf



The Autonomous Car Discussion Group

Directors: Rabbi Israel Malka, Rabbi Daniel Cohen

This discussion group, which is composed of rabbis and senior researchers in the fields of philosophy and law, deals with issues of moral liability, criminal liability, and tort liability concerning the use of an autonomous car. The purpose of this discussion group is to formulate the basic ethical, legal, and halakhic issues that the use of such a car raises and to examine the advantages – if any – of a discussion on the religious-halakhic level alongside discussions on the ethical and legal levels. This discussion group is part of a broader research project that deals with the ethical, legal, and halakhic challenges that future technologies create. The project was initiated by a group of ultra-Orthodox rabbis in cooperation with the VLJI.

Jewish Political Thought Research Group

Academic directors: Mr. Omer Michaelis, Ms. Orit Malka

This research group, consisting mainly of young scholars, is devoted to reformulating questions about what political Jewish thinking is and how to approach the study of the political aspects of Jewish thought. Thus far, the traditional research approaches to this matter have defined the political field in accordance with how it is perceived within the framework of liberal political thought – that is, the state, its institutions, and its authorities. We propose that the focus of the discussion be shifted to other questions

related to the community, its construction, and its modes of operation. During this year, the group focused on specific historical contexts and locales in which the notion of the political is reexamined. Special attention was given to the legal arena as a realm of Jewish political thinking.

Mizrachi Perspectives, Jewish Perspectives

Academic director: Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin

Group coordinator: Ms. Lilach Turgeman

This research group, which has been active for the past five years (in the last two years under the sponsorship of the I-core center Da'at Hamakom of the the Israeli Science Foundation), is now completing its last year. The group consists mainly of young scholars and focuses on the encounters between Middle Eastern and European Jewish communities. This year the group concentrated on preparing its contribution for publication. We have a fascinating collection of essays and we are working now on the integration of these fragments into a coherent volume. In the next few months the group will have several meetings in which all these contributions will be presented, and an editorial committee will suggest the final order of the volume.

Haredi Women: Community, Society, and Action

Academic directors: Ms. Tali Farkash, Rabbi Yosef Miller

This project was in its second year in 2017. The group's aim is to introduce leading haredi (ultra-Orthodox) women activists and opinion makers to feminism. We discuss its relevance to their world as ultra-Orthodox women, so they can form their own vision and worldview on the delicate axis that runs between feminism and their way of life. The project's objectives are to formulate ideas and strategies for social change, to promote women within ultra-Orthodox society through open and shared dialogue, and to provide the women with a theoretical toolbox through lectures and articles. Another aim is to create a supportive social network based on membership in the group for promoting feminism-related initiatives in the field. The lectures are given by a diverse list of speakers, with the focus on three axes: feminist theory and critical theory, analysis of ultra-Orthodox society, and issues of religion and femininity. The product of the project is a corpus of texts written by the participants, which summarizes the group work and aims at promoting gender equality within the ultra-Orthodox community.



New Research Clusters

This year, we began implementing a new strategic plan that will be fully operative in 2018. Under the motto “Social Impact of Deep Ideas,” the Institute inaugurated three new research clusters: Sacredness, Religion, and Secularism; Science, Technology, and Civilization; and Globalization and Sovereignty.

The research topics reflect our commitment to phenomena that are of global interest but have a specific urgency in the local and regional context. These include the growing presence of religion in the public sphere, the sway of science and technology on our daily lives, and the changing geopolitical and economic conditions facing states in the Middle East and beyond.

Each research cluster will develop around a set of in-depth research questions, the answers to which will enhance our understanding of contemporary society and will open new and productive ways of engaging with this reality. Having a clear intellectual focus will also strengthen our public engagement and bring our innovative work to the attention of new audiences and to additional segments of Israeli society.

Science, Technology, and Civilization: The Challenge of the Anthropocene

Academic director: Dr. Hagai Boas

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This research cluster, broadly construed, adopts the metaphor of the Anthropocene to denote a new epoch in the history of science and technology. The concept refers to the transformative powers of science and technology that in the last half century have irreversibly changed the planet's ecosystem and threaten the resources vital for human existence. In keeping with VLJI's tradition, the aim of the new cluster of activities is to study the Anthropocene from the perspective of the social sciences and the humanities.

Specifically, we are interested in the interplay between the transformative and the normative roles that science, technology, and society play in our era, producing new understandings and challenges to the very notion of civilization. Interacting with nonhuman entities such as robots and smart devices has become so mundane that we hardly grasp fully the revolutionary impact of these new forms of agency on the boundaries of civilization.

So transformative is the power of science and technology that it raises questions as to the nature of knowledge, subjectivity, and truth. Advances in medical technologies in the last decades have rendered much more malleable the long-standing concepts of self, kinship, and the other, producing what are termed biosocialities.

We see the Anthropocene as a trigger for studying the new sociologies of the biological, the digital, and the environmental. We aim to turn VLJI into a lively hub of local and international research as well as a place for open public discussion of science, technology, and civilization. Historically, VLJI was the cradle of science and technology studies (STS) in Israel. For various reasons, the STS community has shifted its activities to other locations. We hope that we will be able to restore and to further develop the dominant role VLJI had in this field.

Globalization and Sovereignty

Academic director: Dr. Kfir Cohen

www.vanleer.org.il/en/content/borders-and-sovereignty

The Globalization and Sovereignty research cluster is heading in a new direction, focusing its research and public involvement on globalization. Its activities are aimed at developing a deep and innovative understanding of the Middle East in particular and the world in general, on the assumption that we cannot understand the development of ways of life over the past forty years unless we conceptualize the complex relations between the local and the global. To advance this direction of research we will develop a mode of thinking that can grasp events, social relations, subjects and objects through an understanding of intersecting social conditions.

This conception of the Middle East is necessary for reviving involvement with the region that goes beyond postcolonial criticism – which has been exhausted and in any case cannot explain the current structure of the world. This conception is necessary also for intervening in the academic and public discourse that still perceives the Middle East as belonging to a separate region with its own rules. Even when it is clear that this region is closely linked to global networks and commercial agreements as well as geopolitical power struggles, the discourse on what is happening in the region remains chained to the perception of a local or regional struggle between states, religions, ethnic groups, and other entities. For the most part, the discourse is about the seemingly never-ending strife between Sunnis and Shiites, Jews and Arabs, Islam and Christianity. The changing nature of the state and the global capitalist order are not taken into account at all, or if they are, not sufficiently. By promoting global thinking about

the Middle East, we aim to challenge the perception that national, ethnic, and religious groups encounter each other directly without the mediation of economic and political conditions. We will try to formulate the relation between symbolic identity, which assumes continuous existence, and the transformation of concrete ways of life, which depend greatly on global processes. Such an approach seeks to wrest thought about the Middle East and North Africa from the primordialism to which it is relegated in the public discourse. This approach also seeks to go beyond the discursive critique of the East and West categories to a perception of the complex historical conditions under which people act.

As part of our activity in the coming year we will conduct two research groups that address global aspects of the Middle East. The first group will deal with neoliberalism in Israel from 1985 to the present and will try to understand Israeli history not only as a series of political-military events anchored in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict but also as a history of structural changes, closely linked to the global economy and culture, which determine socioeconomic policy, the character of the social groups, and everyday life. The second research group will deal with the global Middle East and will examine social and cultural phenomena not only in the national-ethnic-religious context but also in the less-discussed context of the global economy at the end of the nineteenth century and after World War II.

Sacredness, Religion, and Secularization

Academic director: Dr. Yochi Fischer

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This research cluster will focus on two main areas that shed light on contemporary problems facing Israeli society and thus are of interest to a broad public: first, the tension between religion and secularism in a postsecular society; second, and more specifically, sacredness as a case study for rethinking this tension.

The point of departure is a postsecular approach, with which the Institute has engaged in the past decade. We do not replace secularism with an approach that is more favorable to religion, but rather question the terms of the debate on secularism and religion and refuse to take for granted the essentialist juxtaposition of the two. Israel and Judaism have a special place in our discussion. However, although the Jewish and Israeli theological and political contexts are unique, our working hypothesis is that they can be used as a paradigmatic case that may shed light on questions and tensions regarding sacredness, religion, and secularism in other places.

Most of the battles over religiosity and secularism focus mainly on religious coercion, civil rights, and religious pluralism. We propose a different perspective that builds on work previously done at VLJI and we take the analysis to the next stage. We offer a more holistic and interdisciplinary account of the religious/secular tension, one that sees beyond the immediate struggles between political factions and that allows for a renewed consideration of diverse forms of sacredness

in contemporary culture, a consideration that until now has been overshadowed by the religious-secular dichotomy. We ask such questions as: How can one understand the sacred in a postsecular world? What is the meaning of the ascription of sacredness to places, objects, views and ideas, texts, times, and physical and virtual spaces in culture, politics, and society today?

By creating an encounter between the theoretical realm and the field, we also aim to mediate between contemporary philosophical and theoretical thought concerning postsecularization and sacredness, on the one hand, and the challenges of the social and religious reality, on the other.

Public Events

DIRECTOR: MS. SHULAMIT LARON
COORDINATOR: MR. EYAL EFRON

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Built as a center for the meeting of minds, a space where local and international scholars congregate to exchange and explore ideas, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute has since its inception prized its public events. Today, the Institute continues to host a dynamic array of events that display its work to the public and create an interface between the institution and its environment. The Institute's many conferences and workshops, colloquia and symposia, and other public meetings generate a stimulating dialogue. Its public forums bring together leading thinkers from Israeli and international academia, journalism, public policy, and politics, thus fostering the open exchange of ideas that is the vitality of the Institute.





CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Humboldt Kolleg 2017, Israel Nineteenth-Century Germans as Scholars in the Humanities

Academic director: Prof. Efraim Podoksik

In cooperation with The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, and the VLJI

The purpose of the Kolleg was to take seriously the German tradition of scholarship in the humanities. It focused on questions such as: What were the practical and methodological peculiarities of the various branches of the German humanities in the nineteenth century? To what extent are the corresponding contemporary disciplines indebted to the work of those nineteenth-century scholars, to what extent have they improved upon it, and to what extent have they completely deviated from it? What, if anything, can be learned from it? And to what extent do its insights present a realistic alternative to current fashions? Israelis and scholars from abroad participated. The program of the Kolleg was based on seven workshops, each devoted to a specific branch of the humanities. In each workshop, the first part was devoted to an in-depth discussion of a precirculated paper written by the workshop chair. The second part consisted of a general discussion on the subject under consideration. The proceedings of each workshop were moderated by a participant chosen from among young Israeli scholars; the chair was a distinguished scholar in the relevant field.

Rational Animals?

In collaboration with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the VLJI

Are any nonhuman animals rational, and if so, in what sense? This question is important because it can shed light on the cognitive capacities of humans and on what makes these capacities unique in the animal kingdom. Paraphrasing a famous saying of Balzac, which serves as the motto of Claude Levi-Strauss's *The Savage Mind*, if you want to understand the human mind go to the wild mind. The above question is important also because it can help reveal the evolutionary origin of human cognitive capacities. Finally, this question is important in illuminating behavioral and cognitive aspects of parts of the animal kingdom. This workshop created a framework for an interdisciplinary dialogue between 11 ethologists and philosophers from Israel, Europe, and the United States concerning the question of nonhuman rationality and gave its participants an opportunity to discuss the question from their respective angles.

Visualizing the Soul: The 31st Annual International Workshop on the History and Philosophy of Science

Academic directors: Prof. Jose Brunner, Prof. Joseph Schwartz

A joint undertaking of the VLJI, the Cohn Institute at Tel Aviv University and the Edelstein Center at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Postulated to be invisible, the soul is said to link different realms or dimensions of being with one another, such as visible movement with an invisible plan or impetus, the human with the divine, the living with the eternal, the bodily with the spiritual, the inner world with the outer world. Participants in this workshop examined some of the most influential images of the soul that have been used from antiquity to today. Over three-and-a-half days they discussed a variety of ways in which the soul was conceptualized and visualized in different epochs and contexts. The workshop was attended by junior and senior scholars from Israel, the United States, England, Germany, Hungary, and Switzerland.



**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

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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

COLLOQUIA AND SYMPOSIA

The Bar-Hillel Colloquium for the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science

Academic director: Prof. Orly Shenker, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

A joint enterprise of the VLJI, the Cohn Institute at Tel Aviv University, and the Edelstein Center at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

In its 36th year, the Bar-Hillel lecture series hosted seven speakers. The Mara Beller memorial lecture – titled “Shifting European Centers and Peripheries” – was given by Prof. Ana Simões (Centro Interuniversitário de História das Ciências e da Tecnologia, Portugal). The topic is part of a study of the role of the peripheries in the creation and transfer of scientific and technological knowledge. Two other lectures touched upon this theme: Dr. Tal Golan (University of California, San Diego) told the story of the development and import of water-carrying technologies in Israel, in his lecture titled “Science, Water, and Nation Building: The Birth of the National Water Carrier and the Battle over the Identity of Israel”; the lecture by Dr. Snait Gissis (Tel Aviv University) was titled “Evolutionary-Biological Discourses and Emerging Social Sciences: Sociologies and Psychologies at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century.”

Another cluster of lectures touched upon various aspects of the relation between fundamental sciences and the so-called special sciences. Prof. Alyssa Ney (University of California, Davis) addressed Hempel’s dilemma concerning the meaning of the physicalist-reductionist approach in her lecture titled “Physics and Fundamentality.” Dr. John Bickle (Mississippi State University) discussed the problem of reducing psychological concepts and laws to neural ones, in his lecture titled “Little-e Eliminativism in Recent Molecular and Cellular Cognition.” Prof. Fernando Vidal (the Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies, Barcelona) presented a lecture titled “The History of the ‘Cerebral Subject’ as History of the Present.” Finally, Prof. Alvin Goldman (Rutgers University) showed that cognitive science can make contributions to metaphysical questions in his lecture titled “God and Cognitive Science.”

Lecture Series of the Spinoza Center

Convened by Dr. Pini Ifergan, Dr. Dror Yinon

The seventh lecture series of the Spinoza Center focused on the central role played by Spinoza’s thought and image in two major debates that shaped modern German-Jewish thought. The first debate was over the consequences of the Enlightenment at the beginning of the nineteenth century, and the second was over liberalism at the beginning of the twentieth century. The series presented the relation between Moses Mendelssohn’s fear of Spinoza’s method and the fierce rejection of Spinoza, a century later, by Hermann Cohen, the most prominent German-Jewish thinker of his time. The series also discussed the attack of Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi – Mendelssohn’s contemporary and rival and a severe critic of the Enlightenment – on the marginalization of religion by reason, and its echoes in Leo Strauss’s criticism of reason’s view of religion in the context of modern liberalism. Through the exploration of these themes, the series portrayed the dynamics and concerns of modern German-Jewish philosophy in its early and late stages.

Remembering Baghdad

Lecture Series organized by Prof. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, New York University; Prof. Richard I. Cohen, Academic Director of Da’at Hamakom; Prof. Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the VLJI, and Da’at Hamakom

The year was exceptionally engaging because it brought together an audience that obviously felt the need for a series on Baghdad. Many people in the audience were former Baghdadis, or descendants of Baghdadis, and they came time and again, wanting to hear more and more. They were involved in the sessions, asking questions and commenting on the lectures. The organizers and the lecturers sensed that it meant a great deal to the audience to have such a series. From the opening lecture by Prof. Ben-Dor, which packed two auditoriums of the VLJI, to the last panel discussion, the audience felt that it was receiving up-to-date scholarship and not nostalgia. Whether it dealt with religious traditions, theater, daily life, Zionism, political leanings, or art, the series touched a chord with the audience. Even through a provocative movie that held the audience for several hours and prompted much discussion and disagreement, Baghdad was remembered intelligently and with sophistication.

GUEST LECTURES

German Scholars of Humanities on the Move: Alexander von Humboldt and Adelbert von Chamisso

Lecture by Prof. Ottmar Ette, University of Potsdam

As part of the Humboldt Kolleg 2017: Nineteenth-Century Germans as Scholars in the Humanities; a collaboration of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the VLJI

Starting with Johann Gottfried Herder's *This Too a Philosophy of History for the Formation of Humanity* (1774), the presentation aimed to generate a new understanding of the specific development of world consciousness (Weltbewusstsein) among German scholars of humanities in the nineteenth century. Before the return of German colonial interests during the third period of accelerated globalization in the last decades of the nineteenth century, outstanding scholars and writers like Alexander von Humboldt and Adelbert von Chamisso were able to shape a fascinating vision of mankind and humanity based upon a relational and multiperspective life-knowledge (Lebenswissen). This vision of a different, broader understanding of modernity is still a challenge for today's forms and norms of living together in peace and difference on the planetary level.

Improvisation and Social Action: Perspectives from Philosophy and the Social Sciences

Lecture by Dr. Mark Risjord, Emory University

"Improvisation" nicely expresses the flow of much human interaction. Some anthropologists and sociologists suggest that the idea of improvisation is a useful tool of analysis, recognizing that it runs contrary to some dominant views of social structure. This talk explored the notion of improvisation and its value as a way of explaining social action.

From Insects to Mammals: On Animal Spatial Behavior

Lecture by Prof. Ilan Golani, Tel Aviv University

As part of the international workshop titled *Rational Animals?* A collaboration of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the VLJI

The study of the zoological foundations of animal and human behavior is central to biology. Such study is inconceivable without the notion of homological structures. For example, the supported claim that the forelimbs of man, horse, bird, bat, and whale are homologous – that is, share the same architectural body

plan – ensures that what the zoologist measures and compares, for example a hand, is the same organ although it looks different and is used by humans for grasping, by whales for swimming, and by bats for flying. Discovering behavioral homologies is indispensable, because without them one can never be sure that the behavior that is measured is the one intended to be measured. In our work, we discovered the common generative rules and the homological behaviors they shape in the spatial behavior of arthropods (flies) and vertebrates (mice and human infants). One rule enacts the homological egocentric space of the organism, and the other enacts allocentric space. The generative rules were demonstrated in a variety of organisms.

Spinoza on the Divinity of Scripture

Lecture by Prof. Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Under the auspices of the Spinoza Center

The evening was dedicated to the Hebrew translation of Nadler's book *A Book Forged in Hell: Spinoza's Scandalous Treatise and the Birth of the Secular Age*

The Bible is traditionally regarded as "divine." But in what sense is the divinity of Scripture to be understood? Did God literally write (or at least dictate to Moses) the Torah, along with the historical and prophetic texts that compose the books of the Hebrew Bible? According to Spinoza, this would be metaphysically impossible, because God is nothing but Nature itself, and thus not a kind of person or agent who can do things like write or dictate, or even command. The authors of the Bible, in his account, were ordinary human beings, and thus the Bible is nothing but a work of mundane literature. It is, in fact, an arbitrarily selected and "mutilated" set of writings that were copied time and again, handed down through generations, and finally edited into a single anthology sometime in the Second Temple period. However, Spinoza does want to say that there remains a meaningful sense in which the biblical writings are special, even "divine." What their divinity and sacredness consists of is their superior ability to inspire us to true piety and acts of justice and charity toward our fellow human beings. The prophets who were the authors of the Hebrew Bible were both morally superior individuals and gifted storytellers with particularly vivid imaginations. Thus, the narratives they have composed are especially good at motivating moral behavior in readers. In his talk, Nadler considered just how this is supposed to work and considered some puzzling questions raised by Spinoza's account of the divinity of the Bible.

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by Karin Loevy (Cambridge University Press)

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Oriental Neighbors: Middle Eastern Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine

by Abigail Jacobson and Moshe Naor (Brandeis University Press)

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by Adel Manna (Van Leer Institute Press and Hakibbutz Hameuchad)

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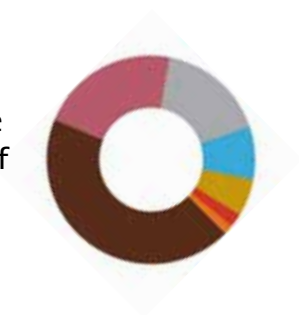
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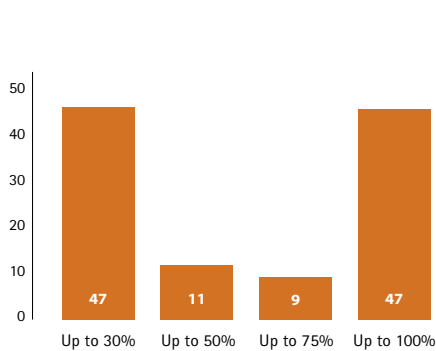


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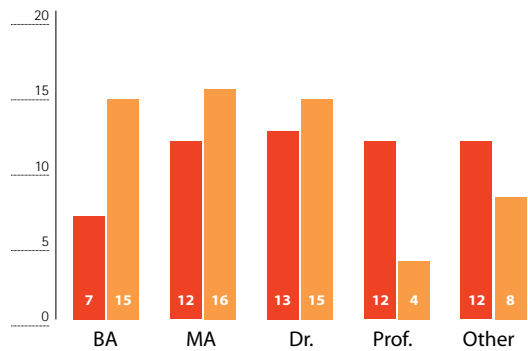
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- 17 Program Development
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