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Call for Papers

**The Seventh Annual Graduate
Conference**

in Political Science, International Relations & Public Policy
in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin

Wednesday-Friday
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The Hebrew University,
Mount Scopus Campus
Jerusalem

Honored Guests:

Professor David S. Meyer, University of California, Irvine

Professor Etel Solingen, University of California, Irvine

Professor Alasdair Roberts, Suffolk University Law School, Boston

The Seventh Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations & Public Policy in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin

We invite applications from graduate students, as well as recent PhDs, in Israel and abroad who work in the fields of Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy, as well as related fields such as Politics and Law, Political History, Political Economy, Political Geography, Political Philosophy, Political Psychology, Political Sociology and Political Communication.

The conference offers two parallel tracks—panels and workshops.

PANELS TRACK

Ninety-minute panels run throughout the main day of the conference. In each panel, three papers are presented. Following the papers, the panel chair and discussant (senior faculty members) offer comments, and then open the discussion to the audience.

Graduate students are welcome to send an abstract (250 words, see guidelines below) for this track. The organizers will then build panels around common themes as reflected in the applications.

We welcome papers either in English or Hebrew. Panels are usually held in Hebrew, but may be held in English depending on the composition of the panel. Israeli students should keep this in mind and be prepared to present in English. All submissions should represent original research.

Please note that we also accept submissions from students and faculty who wish to organize a panel. Groups of three/four students are welcome to send in proposals for joint panels. If your proposal is part of an organized panel, please indicate this on the application form.

WORKSHOPS TRACK

This track comprises several research workshops, each focusing on a pre-determined theme. These are listed below. Unlike the panel format, workshops require an intensive full-day / two-day commitment. While individual workshop formats may vary, each paper is thoroughly discussed by all the participants. Consideration for this highly competitive track requires the submission of an extended abstract (approximately 500 words). Because the number of participants in each workshop is limited, the workshop organizers will select those proposals that offer the best fit in the themes of the workshops and that seem most promising. All submissions should represent original research.

All of the participants in workshops are required to submit a full-length paper ahead of the workshop, to read the papers of the other participants, and to participate actively throughout the workshop.

LIST OF CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1: Globalization, Regionalization and the Changing Architecture of Government. Workshop Leaders: Professor Alasdair Roberts and Professor David Levi-Faur

Workshop 2: Protest Politics and Public Policy: A Comparative Perspective. Workshop Leaders: Professor David S. Meyer and Dr. Eitan Y. Alimi

Workshop 3: The Political Economy of Transition in the Middle East and North Africa. Workshop Leaders: Professor Etel Solingen and Professor Alfred Tovias

Workshop 4: Courts and Judges in Law and Political Science. Workshop Leaders: Professor Gad Barzilai and Dr. Udi Sommer

Workshop 5: Religion and the State. Workshop Leaders: Professor Menachem Mautner and Dr. Guy Ben-Porat

Workshop 6: War and Peace in the New Millennium: The Interrelationships between an Emerging "New Middle East" and the Changing Global System. Workshop Leaders: Professor Benny Miller and Professor Hillel Frisch

Workshop 7: Jewish Political Thought. Workshop Leaders: Professor Dan Avnon and Dr. Moshe Hellinger

BEST PAPER COMPETITION

A committee composed of leading Israeli scholars in the fields of Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy will carefully read and choose the best paper of the conference from the pool of papers submitted to the competition. Papers submitted by midnight November 21, 2011, will be considered for the Best Paper Award. Co-authored papers may be submitted if all authors are graduate students. The length of papers should not exceed 10,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). PhD or Master's theses are not eligible for the competition.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Applicants should carefully follow the guidelines below.

- [Application forms](#) and abstracts should be submitted no later than **September 20, 2011**. Please note that you will need to choose either the panels or the workshops track. Abstracts for the panels track can be submitted in Hebrew or in English. Abstracts for workshops must be submitted in English.
- Applicants will be notified by **October 15, 2011**, if their paper has been accepted and to which track.
- Upon acceptance, [registration](#) for the conference (including payment) should be completed by **November 1, 2011**. [Late registration fees](#) will apply after this date.

- If you wish to be considered for a partial/full waiver of conference fee, you should contact [us](#) no later than **November 10, 2011**.
- Papers intended for the Best Paper Competition should be submitted no later than **November 21, 2011**.
- The completed papers should be sent to the discussants and workshop leaders by **December 1, 2011**.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1

Globalization, Regionalization and the Changing Architecture of Government

Professor Alasdair Roberts and Professor David Levi-Faur

How has globalization and regionalization changed our thinking about the assignment of functions to different levels of government, and about the best way of organizing government agencies to perform the functions assigned to them? Subjects to be considered in this workshop could include the emergence of new forms of multilevel governance and interjurisdictional coordination. We could also examine the effect of globalized markets on the design of national regulatory structures; the effects of economic globalization on the demand for austerity at the national or subnational levels; and the manner in which governments must be restructured to deal with austerity demands or periodic financial crises. Papers might also address the emergence of new security challenges associated with globalization and the manner in which this has shaped the organization of defense, intelligence and policing functions. We might also look at globalization in the realm of ideas: for example, evidence about changes in the pattern and speed of ideational diffusion, or analyses of changes in the institutions or forces that determine the pattern and pace of ideational diffusion. Papers are also welcomed that examine the role of transnational contractors in diffusing innovations or integrating the administrative structures of national and subnational governments.

Workshop Leaders:

Alasdair Roberts is the Jerome L. Rappaport Professor of Law and Public Policy at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. He writes extensively on problems of governance, law and public policy. His books include *The First Great Depression: Economic Crisis and Political Disorder in pre-Civil War America* (Cornell University Press, 2012); *The Logic of Discipline: Global Capitalism and the New Architecture of Government* (Oxford University Press, 2010); *The Collapse of Fortress Bush: The Crisis of Authority in American Government* (New York University Press, 2008); and *Blacked Out: Government Secrecy in the Information Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), which received four book awards. Professor Roberts is a fellow of the US National Academy of Public Administration, a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and an Honorary Senior Research Fellow of the School of Public Policy, University College London. He is co-editor of the journal *Governance*. Previously, he was a professor of public administration in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, and an associate professor of public administration at Queen's University, Canada. His website is <http://www.aroberts.us>.

David Levi-Faur is at the School of Public Policy and the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is also a senior fellow at the Kolleg-Forschergruppe (Research Group), "The Transformative Power of Europe", Free

University of Berlin. He is a founding editor of *Regulation & Governance*. He recently completed the *Handbook on the Politics of Regulation* (Edward Elgar, 2011) and the *Oxford Handbook of Governance* (forthcoming, 2012). He is currently working on a book manuscript, "Regulating Capitalism: A Governance Approach," (tentative title).

Workshop 2

Protest Politics and Public Policy: A Comparative Perspective

Professor David S. Meyer and Dr. Eitan Y. Alimi

We welcome papers that address the linkages between public policy and social protest mobilization. Social movements arise to provoke a response—generally from an authority. While in some cases authorities do respond, they rarely give activists everything they ask for. Scholars across several disciplines are now looking at *how* and *when* social protest movements influence both the process and substance of public policy at several different levels of governance (local, national and supranational).

Scholars primarily interested in policy process—and in social movements, interest groups, political parties, and other means of participation—have confronted these questions in a variety of ways. Why do some social movement campaigns seem to influence policy while others do not? What factors and mechanisms explain the outcomes of social protest campaigns, and how generalizable are they across contexts or policy areas? We invite proposals that address these and other related questions, and welcome a variety of research strategies and methods, including explicitly comparative work and work based on single cases.

Workshop Leaders:

David S. Meyer is professor of Sociology; Political Science; and Planning, Policy and Design at the University of California, Irvine. He has published numerous articles on social movements and social change, and is author or coeditor of six books, most recently *The Politics of Protest: Social Movements in America* (Oxford University Press). He is most interested in the connections among institutional politics, public policy, and social movements, particularly in regard to issues of war and peace.

Eitan Y. Alimi is assistant professor of Political Sociology at the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research interests include social movements and contentious politics; conflict dynamics and processes; and political violence and terrorism. Recent publications include articles in the *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Studies*; *Mobilization*; *Theory and Society*; *Comparative Politics*; *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*; and *International Political Science Review*. Alimi's recent book, *Israeli Politics and the First Palestinian Intifada: Political Opportunities, Framing Processes and Contentious Politics*, was published by Routledge in 2007. He is currently engaged in a comparative research project on the relational dynamics of political radicalization.

Workshop 3

The Political Economy of Transition in the Middle East and North Africa

Professor Etel Solingen and Professor Alfred Tovias

The dramatic upheavals of the last few months provide an excellent background for revisiting the political economy (PE) of the Middle East from two vantage points:

What are the PE sources of these upheavals? How much economic liberalization have various countries seen over the last two decades? Who has benefited from this liberalization and who was adversely affected? Were the upheavals a direct result of changes in the PE of respective countries? What were the main barriers to economic liberalization in countries that resisted it? What aspects of economic liberalization were emphasized (openness to FDI, privatization, etc.)? What patterns of international trade and exchange emerged out of these processes? How did these patterns affect regional economic arrangements?

What are the potential PE effects of these upheavals? What changes have already taken place in the PE of the countries that experienced upheaval? What changes have taken place in countries that have NOT yet experienced upheavals? What do these changes portend for developments in the future? Is protectionist nationalism surging? Or is greater political participation an advantage for implementing effective economic reforms? How are these changes affecting regional economic relations?

In the first cut of reviews for acceptance, preference will be given to those paper proposals that: engage countries comparatively rather than examine single cases; address the Arab region and Iran; and examine clearly stated propositions/arguments (either qualitatively or quantitatively). The final papers cannot be longer than 20 pages.

Workshop Leaders:

Etel Solingen is Chancellor's Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine, and president-elect of the International Studies Association. Her most recent book, *Nuclear Logics: Contrasting Paths in East Asia and the Middle East*, was awarded the APSA's Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award and the Robert Jervis and Paul Schroeder Award. She is also author of *Regional Orders at Century's Dawn: Global and Domestic Influences on Grand Strategy* (Princeton 1998), *Industrial Policy, Technology, and International Bargaining* (Stanford UP 1996), and numerous articles including "Pax Asiatica versus Bella Levantina: The Foundations of War and Peace in East Asia and the Middle East" (APSR 2007) and others on international relations theory; comparative and international political economy; democratization; economic reform; international security; comparative regionalism; institutional theory; and science and technology. She has received numerous awards and fellowships,

including a MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing award, a Social Science Research Council-Mac Arthur Foundation fellowship, a Japan Foundation/SSRC Abe fellowship, an East Asia Institute fellowship, a Center for Global Partnership/Japan Foundation fellowship, an Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching award, and an APSA Excellence in Mentorship award. She currently serves as review essay editor of *International Organization* and as president of the APSA's International History and Politics Section, and was chair of the steering committee of the University of California's system-wide Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.

Alfred Tovias is the Walter Rathenau Professor in European Economics at the Department of International Relations of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has been serving as chairman of the Department since October 1, 2010. Before this, he served for five years as the director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2005-2010). He has also held the EU-sponsored Jean Monnet Chair on External Economic Relations of the EU since 2001. After completing his PhD in Economics at the University of Geneva, he taught there for several years, moving in 1979 to the Hebrew University. In 1999-2000, he was a visiting lecturer and research fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He served for several years as chairman of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration, as well as deputy director of the Institute for European Studies at the Hebrew University. He has also been a consultant to the OECD, UNCTAD and to the World Bank and a research fellow of CEPS (Center for European Policy Studies) in Brussels. He is a member of the steering committee of the FEMISE (Forum Meditteraneen d'Instituts d'Etudes Economiques) and a member of the editorial boards of *Mediterranean Politics* and *Revista de Economia Mundial*.

Workshop 4

Courts and Judges in Law and Political Science

Professor Gad Barzilai and Dr. Udi Sommer

The expansion of judicial review by courts, in particular through supreme court rulings, is an international and transnational phenomenon, crossing continents and embedded in various types of democracies. Courts and judges are presumed to be unique public players since they need to comply with certain rules of hermeneutics within the legal text. However, judicial decision makers are political agents and courts are political institutions. Judges operate within specific institutional, cultural, ideological and political constraints.

This workshop seeks to elaborate on these issues by examining the essence of courts, judges, and judicial decision making. Specifically, we are looking for papers that elaborate on i) courts and judges as components in the political mechanisms of law and ii) the legal mechanisms that pervasively affect politics. We are interested in studies of judicial institutions at the international, national and regional levels, and we welcome all modes of research methodology—from game theory and institutional and neo-institutional research to quantitative analysis and critical socio-political and cultural studies. The papers may focus on a single nation-state or take a comparative approach. Through debate of these papers, we hope to open discussion to theoretical, empirical and epistemological aspects of courts and judges as political forces at the outset of the twenty-first century.

Workshop Leaders:

Gad Barzilai is professor of Political Science; Law; and International Studies in the Law, Societies and Justice Program; Comparative Law and Society Program; and the Jackson School of International Studies at University of Washington, and at Haifa University Law School. Barzilai has published 16 books and more than 150 articles and chapters mainly on topics of law, politics, and society. Barzilai's academic training covers political science, law (including a lawyer license), international relations, public administration, modern history, Judaism, and advance statistical analysis. His book, *Communities and Law: Politics and Cultures of Legal Identities* (University of Michigan Press, 2003; 2nd print 2005) received the Best Book Award by the AIS. One of his first books, *Democracy in Wartime* (Sifriat Poalim, 1992) received the David Ben Gurion Foundation's Karni Book Prize. And his book on *Religion and Law* (Ashgat 2007) was defined as a major contribution to our understanding of the relations between law, politics, religion, and society. In 1996, Barzilai co-founded the first graduate program in Israel for law, politics, and society at Tel Aviv University. In 2000 he was president of the Israeli Association for Law and Society, and for several years he served on the board of the Law and Society Association in the USA. From 2000 to 2003, Barzilai was the founding director of the Tel Aviv University's Dan David Prize, one of the largest scientific prize foundations in the world. He is currently the vice-president of the Association for Israel Studies. Barzilai's current book

project is on the transformative power of law in politics through a comparative genealogical perspective.

Udi Sommer is a lecturer in the department of political science in Tel Aviv University (PhD, Stony Brook University, 2007; MA Tel Aviv University, 2002; BA Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999). Sommer's broad research interests are in comparative public law and constitutionalism, American politics, and political methodology. He specializes in the analysis of political institutions. He is a recipient of several grants and fellowships, including the Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship, the Marie Curie Grant from the European Union, and a grant from the American National Science Foundation.

Workshop 5

Religion and the State

Professor Menachem Mautner and Dr. Guy Ben-Porat

In the past decade, religious–secular struggles have occupied a major role in various spheres of political life. The focus on *formal political processes* and *ideological struggles* presents only a partial picture. The complex and multidimensional reality is that these mix with *non-formal* political processes and *non-ideological* struggles in diverse ways. Economic, social and demographic changes associated with globalization and neo-liberalism present both challenges and new incentives and opportunities for secular and religious entrepreneurs seeking to shape the public sphere. The struggles between religious and secular groups take place in different realms of politics (local, national and global) and through various channels (economic, legal and political). The purpose of this workshop is to bring together students interested in different aspects of religious–secular struggles and engaged in theoretical, comparative and empirical research.

Workshop Leaders:

Menachem Mautner is the Danielle Rubinstein Professor at the Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University. He is the author of five books, the editor of five books, and the author of over 70 articles published in Israel, the U.S.A., and Britain. His most recent book is *Law and the Culture of Israel* (Oxford, 2011).

Guy Ben-Porat is a senior lecturer at the department of public policy and administration at Ben-Gurion University. He is the editor (with Bryan Turner) of *The Contradictions of Israeli Citizenship: Land, Religion and State* (Routledge, 2011) and the author of *Between State and Synagogue: The Secularization of Modern Israel* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)

Workshop 6

War and Peace in the New Millennium: The Interrelationships between an Emerging “New Middle East” and the Changing Global System

Professor Benny Miller and Professor Hillel Frisch

The workshop will focus on the changing likelihood of war and peace in the coming decades, with a particular emphasis on the Middle East in a comparative perspective with other regions in the changing international system. The workshop is interested in papers that address *key causal factors* likely to affect the danger of regional war and the prospects for regional peace in the Middle East. Some of these could include:

The changing international system: in particular, the end of unipolarity and US hegemony and the rise of the emerging powers led by China. What kind of influences will these expected changes in the global balance of power have on the Middle East? Here the analysis will be informed by theories of hegemony, balance of power and alliances, as well as by the linkages between the international and regional systems.

The emerging alliance system in the Middle East: in particular, the rivalry between the “moderates” and the “radicals,” and the conflict over hegemony among the key states in the region: Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, and Israel. In this context, we’ll address the danger of nuclear proliferation in the region and the international community’s efforts to prevent it.

Democratization-promotion policy of the West, particularly of the US as manifested in the post-9/11 Bush doctrine leading to regime change in the invasion of Iraq and the Obama administration’s modifications of this policy.

Democratization in the Arab world and in Iran; here, the Democratic Peace Theory as well its critics will serve as the basis for the discussion, applying it particularly to the Middle East, but also in a comparative perspective.

Other key factors and their effects on war and peace can include **economic interdependence and globalization, the information revolution, ideas and norms,** and **regional and international institutions.**

We also encourage analysis of the issues of nationalism, religious radicalism, and state capacity in the Middle East and their effects on regional stability. Here we hope to discuss issues such as the Arab/Palestinian-Israeli conflict and its various dimensions (Pan-Arabism, and Pan-Islam), and state failure or collapse (e.g., Lebanon, Yemen, post-2003 Iraq, and Afghanistan and Pakistan). In this context, we can also consider the changing nature of warfare (from inter-state to asymmetric warfare) and the role of violent non-state actors. We encourage empirical examination of competing war and peace theories as well comparative regional analyses.

Workshop Leaders:

Benny Miller is professor of International Relations at the School of Political Sciences, and the head of the International MA Program in Peace and Conflict Management at the University of Haifa. He is also the president of the Israeli Association for International Studies. His publications include: *When Opponents Cooperate: Great Power Conflict and Collaboration in World Politics* (University of Michigan Press, 2nd ed., 2002); and *States, Nations and Great Powers: The Sources of Regional War and Peace* (Cambridge University Press–Cambridge Studies in International Relations, 2007). He has also published numerous articles in leading journals in the fields of international relations theory and international and regional security; war and peace; democracy promotion; grand strategy; nationalism and conflict; sources of international cooperation and conflict; international and regional conflict management; great-power intervention; and the effects of the great powers on regional security.

Hillel Frisch is an associate professor in the departments of Political Studies and Middle East History at Bar-Ilan University, Israel, and senior researcher in BESA Center for Strategic Studies and the Truman Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His latest books are *The Palestinian Military: Between Militias and Armies* (Routledge, 2008) and *Islamic Radicalism and International Security: Challenges and Response* (Routledge, 2007), co-edited with Efraim Inbar. His forthcoming book, *Israel's Security and Its Arab Citizens* will be published by Cambridge University Press. He has written numerous articles on Palestinian and Arab politics and the military in leading political science and Middle East journals (*Political Science Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *IJMES*, *Journal of Peace Research* and *Journal of Strategic Studies*).

Workshop 7

Jewish Political Thought

Professor Dan Avnon and Dr. Moshe Hellinger

This workshop is designed to include presentations of research relating to Jewish political thought from all time periods, from the Biblical to the contemporary. The common thread of the presentations is the examination of works written by Jewish thinkers that are considered (sometimes in hindsight) as works in political thought. As a rule of thumb, works by individual or "schools of thought" relevant to this workshop will include reference to Jewish sources **and/or** to issues facing Jewish communal or political life.

We encourage presentations of works that examine relationships between periods in the development of Jewish language, culture and/or history in terms of their impact on the formation of the Israeli polity.

Presenters may be graduate students or recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Presentations at the workshop will be based on manuscripts that will be submitted and distributed to all participants prior to the conference (in either English or Hebrew). Interested students and faculty who want to join the conversation are welcome, after prior coordination with one of the conveners.

Workshop Leaders:

Dan Avnon is a graduate of UC Berkeley (1990). His first academic appointment was at Stanford University's program in Cultures, Ideas and Values. After joining Hebrew University's department of Political Science, Dan established in 2001 the Gilo Center for Citizenship, Democracy & Civic Education, which he headed until 2007. Between 2010-2011 he served as director of Hebrew University's Federmann School of Public Policy & Government. His publications include *Plurality and Citizenship in Israel* (co-editor, 2010), *Civic Language in Israel* (editor, Hebrew, 2006), *Liberalism and its Practice* (co-editor, 1999). Dan's current research interests are in the fields of Israeli and Jewish political theory. A Hebrew edition of his *Martin Buber: The Hidden Dialogue* (English 1996) will be published in the summer of 2011; an edited collection of essays about civic education in Israel will hopefully be completed in the summer of 2011; and his ongoing research – a book-length manuscript about the Hebrew political mind – will surely occupy his thoughts during the December 2011 workshop. His various essays in Israeli and Jewish ethics and political theory include "Is there a Jewish Morality? Amalek as a Touchstone", *Studies in Contemporary Jewry*, Volume XXIV (2010).

Moshe Hellinger is a senior lecturer in the Political Studies Department at Bar-Ilan University. He is the Academic Director of the Schwartz Institute for Judaism, Ethics and Democracy at Beit Morasha, Jerusalem, the former Director of Bar-Ilan's program for dialogue between secular and religious students and the former coordinator of the Taub program for citizenship at Bar-Ilan. He is also a

senior researcher in the Israeli Institute for Democracy. His research and publications focus on Jewish political thought, Judaism and Democracy, and religious Zionist thought.