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Tuesday | 7th June

- 9:00–17:00** **Young scholars' workshop**
- 16:00–17:00** **Reception and registration** (Room 112)
- 17:15–19:45** **Session 1** (Hall 108)
- Greetings**
Prof. Gil Epstein, Dean of the Social Sciences Faculty
- Prof. Eliezer Schlossberg, Dean of the Humanities Faculty
- Chair and greetings Malachi H. Hacohen (Duke, INIRE)
- Opening keynote-lecture (+ Q&A)** Prof. Peter Casarella (Duke): Holy Envy and the Question of the Foreigner: Abrahamic Learnings on Religion and Migration
- 18:15–19:45** **Session 1a: Modern Jewish Thought and Immigration** (Room 111)
- Chair: Ynon Wygoda (Hebrew University)
- Orr Scharf (Haifa Univeristy): Zionism as a Theology of Disenchantment: Buber, Bergman, Scholem
- Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan Univeristy): Dialogic Theology of Migration: Martin Buber and Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy
- Ori Werdiger (Toronto Univeristy): Migration and Vocation in the Metropol: The Figure of Joseph in the Postwar Diasporic Hermeneutics of Léon Askenazi
- Session 1b: The Interaction of Religion and other Factors in Successful Integration** (Hall 108)
- Chair: Shirley Ben-Shlomo (Bar-Ilan University)
- Özgür Olgun Erden (Usak University): Can Religion Alone Provide Integration? Reconsidering Relationally Religion and Immigration on Turkish Case
- Alessia Passarelli (FSCIRE): Migration, Religion and Integration. The Case-Study of Protestant Churches in Italy
- Drorit Levy (Bar Ilan University): Adaptation among Immigrants from Traditional-Religious Communities in Israel: Theory and Practice

Wednesday | 8th June

- 9:00–10:30** **Session 2a: Theology and its Impact on Attitudes toward Immigrants** (Room 112)
- Chair: Yaakov Ariel (North Carolina University)
- Matthew Rowley (Leicester University): Embracing Ambiguity: Biblical Witness, American History and Immigration
- Rabbi Sharon Shalom (Uno College, Bar Ilan University): The Primary Nature of Man: The Perception of Beta Israel
- Antonella Bellantuono (Catholic University of Lille): Religion and Hospitality in Judaism: The Figure of the Migrant in the Old Testament

Session 2b: Belief, Identity and Immigration (Room 111)

Chair: Doron Avraham (Bar-Ilan University)

Hilda Nissimi (Bar-Ilan University): Mashhadis and Immigration: Redemptive Narratives and Practical Challenges

Lior B. Sternfeld (Penn State University): Political vs. Ancestral Homeland: Zionism and Iranian Nationalism among Iranian Jews in the 20th Century

Menachem Katz and Daniel Nikritin (Hemdat Hadarom College): "And We May Never Fail". Irony, Ambivalence, Compassion: Agnon's "Autobiographic" Story and the Different Versions of Jewish Prayer

10:30

Coffee Break

10:45–14:15

Excursion to Petach Tikvah, Social Farm for Immigrants from Ethiopia

14:15

Coffee Break

14:30–16:00

Session 3a: Immigration, Diversity and Law (Room 111)

Chair: Rossella Alessandra Bottoni (Trento University)

Bat-Zion Eraqi Klorman (The Open University of Israel): Religious Law and Modern Values – The Case of Yemeni Jewish Immigrants in Palestine

Adelaide Madera (University of Messina): The Management of Religious Diversity in Europe at the Crossroads between Accommodation and Neutrality (by zoom)

Geraldine Gudefin (Hebrew University) Navigating the Civil and Religious Worlds: Russian Jewish Immigrants & Marital Laws in France and the United States 1881–1939

14:30–16:00

Session 3b: The Contribution if the Religious Factor to Successful Integration

Chair: Hilda Nissimi (Bar-Ilan University)

Netanel Fisher (Sha'arei Mishpat College): Secularization of Immigration Policy vs. Religion's Influence on Social Integration of Israel's Non-Jewish Jews' Immigration in a Comparative Perspective

Julia Mirsky (Hebrew University): Common Facilitating Effects of Religious Background, Beliefs, and Religious Social Networks on Immigrants' Integration in Israel and an Exceptional Opposite Case

Ahmet İçduygu (Koç University): Syrian Refugees' Incorporation in Turkey: Negotiating Religious Identity and Politics

16:00

Coffee Break

16:30–18:00

Roundtable of Religious Leaders on Issues of Immigration (Hall 108)

Dr. Sharon Shalom (BIU and Uno College); Nikodemus C. Schnabel (Patriarchal Vicar for the Migrants and Asylum Seekers); Imam Yahya Palavecinni (President and imam of the COREIS Italian Islamic Religious Community)

18:00

Festive Dinner (TBA)

Thursday | 9th June

- 9:00–10:00** **INIRE meeting** (Room 111)
- 10:00–11:00** **Session 4a: Jewish Immigration in the Middle Ages and its Impact on Religion** (Room 112)
- Chair: Pinchas Roth (Bar-Ilan University)
- Rabbi Yehuda Altshuler (Bar Ilan University): The Impact of Immigration on Halacha – The Case of Rabeinu Asher
- Tzafrir Barzilai (Haifa University): The Making of Ashkenaz: Jewish Movement Patterns, Networks and Religious Culture in Medieval Northern Europe
- 11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30–13:00** **Session 5a: Contemporary Challenges of Integration of Migrating Religious Communities** (Room 111)
- Chair: Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan University)
- Peter Kivisto (Augustana College): Welcoming or Rejecting the Stranger: Religious Differences over Immigration to the United States
- Rajesh Chandra Shukla and Richard Feist (Saint Paul University): Immigration Policy and Religion in Contemporary West
- Kerstin Menzel (Leipzig University): Advocacy for Refugees – Visuals of a Political Church (by zoom)
- Session 5b: Conversion and Integration** (Room 111)
- Chair: Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan University)
- Ori Yehudai (Ohio State University): Leaving the Land and the People: Emigration and Religious Conversion in 1950s Israel (by zoom)
- Dorottya Nagy (Protestant University, Amsterdam): "How does it Feel to Touch a Stranger?" Theological Reflections on Conversion Assessments in Asylum Procedures (by zoom)
- 13:00** **Lunch Break**
- 14:30 –15:30** **Session 6a: Religion and other Factors Shaping Attitudes towards Immigrants** (Room 111)
- Chair: Efrat Aviv (Bar-Ilan University)
- Şakir Dinçşahin (Istanbul Gedik University): Discourses of Inclusion and Exclusion Towards Syrian Refugees in Turkey – A Psychoanalytic Approach
- Alexander Yendell (Leipzig University): Authoritarianism and Conspiracy Ideologies as a Danger for the Acceptance of Religious Plurality in Times of Flight and Migration (by zoom)
- Session 6b: Religious Leadership and the Integration of Immigrants** (Hall 108)
- Chair: Ori Werdiger (Toronto)

Yaakov Ariel (North Carolina University): Religious Leaders as Ambassadors of Cultural Integration: Interfaith Dialogue in Our Time

Daniela Tarantino (Genoa University): "Nobody Should be Forgotten!". The Migratory Phenomenon in the Law of the Church at the Time of the Coronavirus (by zoom)

15:30

Coffee Break

16:00 –17:00 **Session 7a: Jewish Émigrés intellectuals in USA and their Religious Identity** (Room 111)

Chair: Steven Aschheim (Hebrew University)

Malachi Hacohen (Duke University) and Julie Mell (North Carolina State University): Neither Religion nor Race: Jewish Émigrés from National Socialism

Udi Greenberg (Dartmouth College): Jewish Émigrés, the Re-conceptualization of Religion and the Suppression of Judaism (by zoom)

Session 7b: Religion, Immigration and Culture (Hall 108)

Chair: Mor Presiado (Bar-Ilan University)

Paul Ariese (Reinwardt Academy): Religion-Heritage Entanglement in Musealised Synagogues

Arpad v. Klimo (Catholic University Washington): The Cult of Our Lady of Fatima. A Century of Global Devotion, Politics, and Migration

Amir Segal (Hebrew University): Homeland Run: Israeli Baseball and American Transmigrants

17:15–18:45

Session 8a: Abrahamic Texts and Immigration (Room 112)

Chair: Rabbi Shlomo Dov Rosen (Yakar)

Carol Bakhos (UCLA): Immigration in Classical Biblical Texts

Imam Yahya Sergio Pallavicini (CO.RE.IS): Immigration in Classical Islamic Texts

Rabbi Shabtai Rappaport (Bar Ilan University): Immigration in Jewish Halacha

Session 8b: Religious identity and Integration (Room 111)

Chair: Julie Mell (North Carolina State University)

Nwankwo T. Nwaezeigwe (University of Nigeria, Nsukka): Politics of Religious Identity and the Fallacy of Immigrant Muslim Integration in the Western World: Ilhan Omar of U.S. Congress and the Contest between Muslim Identity and Westernization

Antonio Cuciniello (Catholic University, Milan), Islam in the Italian school: Between texts and contexts (by zoom)

Rossella Alessandra Bottoni (University of Trento): Religion, Citizenship and Migration: beyond the "West versus non-West" Approach.

Friday | 10th June

9:00–13:00 **Young scholars' workshop**