



The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the forthcoming activities of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University for the academic year 2016-17. The Center, inaugurated in 2012, is an interdisciplinary, cross-campus institute. Its focal theme is *ethics, science, and democracy*, bringing a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the challenges and promises that science and technology pose in contemporary societies. We go beyond applying existing ethical principles to new scientific and technological challenges, and seek to study the different ways in which scientific and technological developments transform basic ethical concepts, including, freedom, human nature, and responsibility.

These questions are addressed in the Center's running activities, including the weekly colloquium meetings of the fellows, the research groups, workshops, conferences, and lectures of international visiting scholars. Our cohort this year includes twelve outstanding international and Israeli young scholars coming from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and sharing an interest in *science, ethics, and democracy* (see p. 3). Alongside our fellowship program, we will initiate three new research and discussion groups on social solidarity, human-animal relationships, and multiculturalism and racism in the Israeli health system (see p. 9-10). These new research groups join existing groups, on the regulation of bioethics in Israel, on the public role of the academia, on history of disability in Israel, and on the ethics of genetics counselling. The Center's research

activity has already produced numerous publications by our fellows (see p 10-11) and two books resulting from the work of our research groups are about to be published (CUP and TAU Press).

Alongside our research activity, the Center is committed to engaging a broader academic and lay public. This year we will open the Center's forum on Science, Technology and Ethics. In addition, we will initiate conferences, workshops, and symposia on topics relevant to the broad Israeli public (p. 7).

On a more personal note, the coming academic year will be my final year as director of the Center, having completed my tenure and taking on a new position as the incoming director of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. It is with great satisfaction that I look back on the work we have accomplished since the foundation of the Center five years ago. I would like to thank Dr. Hagai Boas, the Academic Program Director, for his outstanding dedication to the Center as well as to Ms. Sharon Vered Shaked, the Center's administrator, for her ongoing contribution. I am confident that the Center will continue to flourish in coming years.

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Center's Faculty and Staff



Prof. Shai Lavi

Director

Prof. Shai Lavi is a professor at Tel Aviv University Law School. In addition to his seat as the director of The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Prof. Lavi is also the incoming director of Van Leer Jerusalem Institute in Jerusalem. He also serves as a co-director of the Minerva Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of End of Life. He is an expert in sociology of bioethics and in sociology of law. He has written, among other topics, on death and dying, reproductive technologies, and animal rights. In 2006, he was appointed as member of the national ethical committee (IRB) for medical research.

His work focuses on contemporary ethical debates from a socio-historical perspective. His interest is in how ethical debates emerge and how law, quite too often, has taken the place of ethics in their resolution. He has published a book on euthanasia in the US, is completing a book on the history of animal rights and ritual animal slaughter in Germany, and his next project is devoted to the study of medicalization and authority over the body in Turkey, Germany, and Israel.



Prof. David Heyd

Senior Faculty

David Heyd is the Chaim Perelman Chair in philosophy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His main topics of interest are ethical theory, political philosophy and bioethics. In the latter field Heyd wrote the first introductory book on medical ethics in Hebrew, a book (*Genethics*) which deals with the issue of the moral standing of future people (which is particularly relevant to genetic technologies), and numerous articles on such topics as experimentation on human subjects, wrongful life claims, prenatal diagnosis, Plato's concept of health, and sex selection. Heyd has published extensively on other spheres of ethics and

society, primarily on the idea of toleration and issues of social and intergenerational justice.

Beyond his academic work in bioethics, Heyd has taken an active part in the public debates about and the formation of laws and regulations on a wide array of bioethical issues in Israel. He served as a member of government committees on surrogacy, euthanasia, organ donation, and genetic technologies, and was a member of the National Council for Bioethics, Hadassah's Helsinki committee, the ethics committee of the Israel Association of Fertility, and head of the ethics in research committee of the Hebrew University.



Prof. Haim Hazan

Senior Faculty

Haim Hazan is a Professor of sociology and social anthropology. His main areas of interest and research cover the life course, time, cultural and interactional aspects of old age, total institutions, community, nationalism and collective memory. He published numerous articles and several books including "the Limbo People: A Study of the Constitution of the Time Universe among the Aged" (1980); "Paradoxical Community" (1990); "Managing Change in Old Age" (1992); "Old Age: Construction and Deconstruction" (1994); "From First Principles: An Experiment in Aging" (1996); "Simulated Dreams: Israeli Youth and Virtual Zionism" (2001). His current work focuses on intergenerational relations, and life stories. He is a co-director of the Minerva Center for the interdisciplinary Study of End of Life and a member in the Herczeg Institute on Aging.



Prof. José Brunner

Senior Faculty

José Brunner holds a joint appointment as Full Professor at the Buchmann Faculty of Law and the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas. Currently



he is Director of the Cohn Institute. At the Faculty of Humanities he also chairs the Eva & Marc Besen Institute for the Study of Historical Consciousness, where he edits the journal *History & Memory*. He founded the Interdisciplinary Study Program for Law and the Humanities in 2010 and co-established Israel's first Legal Clinic for the Rights of Holocaust Survivors in 2011.

Brunner's main areas of research and publication include the relationship between law, memory and identity, the right to the truth, the history of compensation for Holocaust survivors in Germany and Israel, the history and politics of psychoanalysis, the politics of the mental health discourse, psychological theories of Nazism and genocide, and diverse topics in modern and contemporary political thought.



Dr. Hagai Boas

Academic Program Director

Hagai Boas received its PhD from the department of sociology and anthropology at Tel Aviv University. Prior to his appointment at the

Center, he was the editor of "University on Air" – a radio program and a book series that introduced academic knowledge to the public. His research expertise is sociology of health in general and the sociology of organ transplantations in particular. Dr. Boas joined the Center from its inception in 2012 and is responsible for its running activities.

Fellowship Program and Weekly Colloquium

The fellowship program will continue its activity during the next year but will introduce several changes. During the fall semester, meetings we will explore and attempt to bridge the inter-disciplinary modes of thinking about *ethics, science and society*. Each fellow will present a short text that exemplifies his or her disciplinary research approach. Discussing the diverse disciplinary and interdisciplinary backgrounds of the fellows will create a common ground for future discussions.

The second change is the introduction of the monthly forum on *science, ethics and technology*. We wish to encourage TAU faculty and advanced graduate students who share the Center's interest to join our discussions on a monthly basis. Discussions will center on issues that are on the public agenda and relate to ethical questions that are raised by new technologies and scientific developments. Speakers will come from outside the Center. The coordinator of this new forum is Dr. Uri Leibowitz, a UK professor of analytic philosophy, who will join the Center's this year.

The Cohort of 2016-17



Dr. Adam L. Horowitz

Adam L. Horowitz received his Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University in 2016. Horowitz's scholarship is situated in the relationship between technology, bioethics, and policy,

with particular focus on how genetic technologies are changing the nature by which ethnoracial membership is evaluated. Horowitz's dissertation research evaluated Jewish converts' use of genetic ancestry testing (GAT)

in conceptualizing authentic Jewishness. By drawing connections between converts use of GAT and how GAT has been adopted into global citizenship politics (i.e., as an evaluable metric used for determining access to national and/or tribal membership), Horowitz advances understanding of how genetic technology is altering the social dynamics of ethnoracial claims-making and, as it becomes encoded into enforceable policy, affecting legal and political rights. In new research, Horowitz is studying people who discover relatives of different races through GAT, examining how increasing use of genetic technology influences social perceptions of relatedness and of the extent to which ethnoracial difference is essential



Dr. Laliv Melamed

Laliv Melamed earned her PhD in the Department of Cinema Studies at New York University (with distinction). She works in the field of documentary media history and theory. Her research interests lie at the intersection of media technology, practices and aesthetics, with aspects of governance and ethics. Her articles and reviews were published in *New Cinemas*, *American Anthropologist Review* and *Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television*. She published book chapters in the anthology *Silence, Screen and Spectacle* and the upcoming *Doing Memory* and was the co-editor of a special issue of *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* titled *Screen Memory*.

Melamed’s current research project explores the interplay between military technology and contemporary visual culture in neo-liberal democracies. In this project she studies popular media’s appropriation of operative images taken by security and surveillance systems. Drawing on critical theory, media archeology, and cultural theory, this research seeks to trace the links between these technologically and culturally conditioned modes of vision and social, political and ethical epistemologies of security and violence.



Dr. Yigal Godler

Yigal Godler did his graduate work at the Department of Communication studies, Ben-Gurion University. He has published in peer-reviewed international journals on topics ranging from the sociology and epistemology of journalism to the political economy of the media. He has also recently coauthored a book (with Prof. Zvi Reich) about the proper uses of journalistic skepticism.



Dr. Yoav Kenny

Yoav Kenny received his PhD from the School of Philosophy in Tel Aviv University (dissertation title: *Political Animals: Animality and the Political in the Philosophies*

of Aristotle, Heidegger and Derrida). Prior to being a postdoctoral fellow at The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics he conducted postdoctoral research at the philosophy department in the Hebrew University, the rhetoric department in the University of California, Berkeley and the Minerva Humanities Center in Tel Aviv University. Yoav is the editor-in-chief of *Mafte’akh: Lexical Review of Political Thought* and a founding member of the Political Lexicon Group at The Minerva Humanities Center in Tel Aviv University.

Yoav’s research focuses on the ethical and political conceptualization of non-human animals in continental philosophy and critical theory and on the bioethical and biopolitical theorization of life and bodily existence as both objects of state violence and producers of violent political resistance.



Dr. Tomer Shadmy

Tomer Shadmy completed her direct track Ph.D. at the Tel Aviv University faculty of law, where she also received her LL.B. (magna cum laude, with honors). Her dissertation, *“The Era of Responsibility: The Concept of Duty in the Human Rights Discourse”*, explores new tools of human rights regulation, and reveals their philosophical premises.

Tomer was a fellow at the Program on Corporate Governance, Harvard Law School, and post-doctoral fellow at Bar-Ilan University, where her research focuses on Global law and Corporate Social Responsibility. In addition, Tomer was a visiting researcher at Sciences Po, Paris; a Research Fellow at The Israel Democracy Institute; a fellow at the “GlobalTrust” research project, and recipient of the Dan David prize Scholarship, the Buchmann Scholarship for excellence in advanced legal studies, and the French Embassy’s Fellowship.



Shira Shmueli

Shira is researching the intersection of law and science (and in particular the regulation of medical practice); history of pain; environmental history; and human-animal relations.



Her dissertation examines notions of pain undergirding the regulation of vivisection in nineteenth-century Britain. During her stay at the Safra Center, she'll work on the project "The Capable Creature", which examines the transformations in the moral and legal status of non-human primates in the course of the twentieth-century.

Shira holds an LL.B and LL.M degrees from Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. She is a PhD candidate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and until recently a visiting researcher at Georgetown University Law Center.

Shira's dissertation project is supported by the National Science Foundation, and she is a recipient of the Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship.



Orit Malka

Orit Malka is a doctoral student in Law at the Tel Aviv University. She holds an LLB (cum laude) and an LLM in Law, both from Bar Ilan University, and a BSc in Mathematics from the

Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her fields of interest are Talmudic Law and ancient political thought, and more particularly, political aspects of ancient law of evidence. Her MA thesis examined exclusionary rules of evidence in Talmudic Law, and her current work focuses on Talmudic law of sufficient testimony and its political infrastructure.

Orit is the founder and co-leader of Mistabra, a Bet-Midrash for Talmud in the community, operating at Bet Avi-Chai. She is also a member of the Advanced Beit Midrash for Doctoral Students at the Shalom Hartman Institute, and a fellow of the young scholars program for Human rights and Judaism at the Israel Democracy Institute.



Ella Glass

Ella Glass is a PhD student at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Tel Aviv University. She holds an MA degree in Sociology (cum laude) from Tel Aviv University.

Her interests and researches combine political and cultural sociology as well as sociology of knowledge. In

her MA thesis research she analyzed the ways in which neo-liberal views affect juridical deliberations on the right to public housing in Israel. Her current research focuses on the formation process of theoretical, practical and normative models in the academic and professional field of social work. The two studies provide different yet complementary perspectives on the development of evaluation strategies and evaluation categories which operate in the arena of social services, and on the process of re-shaping ethical assumptions which underline the Israel's current social policy.

Adjunct Fellows



Dr. Uri Leibowitz

Dr. Leibowitz's main areas of research are Ethics/Meta-Ethics and Philosophy of Science. He published papers in leading journals, including e.g., *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*,

and *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* on diverse topics such as *The Nature of Explanation*, *Moral Epistemology*, *Aristotle's Virtue Ethics*, *Moral Reasoning*, *Particularism*, and *Evolutionary Debunking Arguments*. Dr. Leibowitz was a co-recipient of an AHRC research grant for a three-year project titled "From Explanation to Ethics and Back Again" (2013-16) and is the co-editor of *Explanation in Ethics and Mathematics* (OUP, 2016). During 16-17 he is on leave from the University of Nottingham, UK, where he holds a permanent position and where he served as Director of Teaching for the Department of Philosophy until summer 2016. Before joining the University of Nottingham in England in 2010, Dr. Leibowitz taught in the USA at the University of Colorado at Boulder and Cornell College. Among the many topics he taught: *Ethics*, *Metaethics*, *Applied Ethics*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Epistemology*, *Symbolic Logic*, *Critical Thinking*, and *Introduction to Philosophy through Science Fiction Short Stories*.



Dr. Ari Schick

Ari Schick completed a PhD in philosophy with a specialization in moral philosophy and bioethics at Michigan State University in 2014. His dissertation, “Lessons for the

Future? Prophecy and Policy in Speculative Bioethics”, developed an analysis and critique of bioethics literature that seeks to stay ahead of the curve of technological change by focusing on expected future technologies. He previously received a BA in biology and MA in Jewish philosophy from Yeshiva University. Ari has been involved in bioethics research since 2005 when he worked as an intern at the Hastings Center. Prior to beginning his doctoral studies he worked at a newly established ethics center at Yeshiva University, and after completing his dissertation conducted research under its auspices—a book project on third-party assisted reproduction with the late Adrienne Asch.

His research as a postdoctoral fellow at the Safra center focuses on the many ways in which discussions of the ethical dimensions of possible future technologies structure our understanding of contemporary real-world bioethical questions, and how locating the morally challenging aspects of developing technologies in the imagined future rather than in the present can legitimate the values that drive ongoing research agendas instead of critically interrogating them. His other research interests include the nature of death in a technological age and the intersections between bioethics and science fiction literature.



Dr. Melis Erdur

Melis Erdur received her Ph.D. from the New York University Philosophy Department in 2013. In her doctoral dissertation, *A Moral Critique of Moral Philosophy* (written under the

supervision of Professor David Velleman), she examines central meta-ethical questions concerning moral truth

and objectivity, and argues that some of the common ways of posing and answering these questions are predicated upon substantive *moral* mistakes. Recently she has been interested in articulating an alternative meta-ethical approach inspired by canonical Jewish texts, centering on a practical notion of trust (in certain distinctions, ways of evaluating things, or, in general, in a moral tradition) which does not commit us to unwarranted metaphysical or empirical beliefs.

As a postdoctoral fellow at the Edmond Safra Center for Ethics, she is planning to provide a moral critique of the idea of a moral “expert” – a project that she views as a continuation of her argument in her dissertation against the idea of an objective, independently existing moral realm, which is supposed to be the authority on how we should treat each other and live our lives.

Exchange Program with the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University



Dr. Konstantin Tretyakov

Konstantin Tretyakov is a current S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science) candidate at Harvard Law School (Cambridge, Massachusetts). He also holds a Ph.D. in Law degree

from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (Moscow, Russia, 2010), where his subject of research was Chinese constitutional law. At Harvard, Konstantin’s research is focused on bioethics, jurisprudence, and comparative law: he studies the right to die and organ transplantation in the United States and China. Konstantin has multiple publications in Russia on various topics in Chinese law and several publications in the U.S. and Canadian journals on the topics of corporate rights and the right to die. He is now working on his article about legal fictions and the role they played in the development of the right-to-die doctrine in the United States.



Visiting Scholars

The table below lists the Center's visiting scholars for 2016-17

Name	Affiliation	Field	Visit
Prof. E. Emmanuel	Pennsylvania University	Health Policy and Ethics	Nov. 2016
Prof. B. Prainsack	King's College London	Social Science & Medicine	April 2017
Prof. S. Jasanoff	Harvard University	Science & Technology Studies	May 2017
Prof. J. Stegenga	University of Victoria	Philosophy of Science	May 2017
Prof. I. Kerr	Ottawa University	Law	May 2017
Prof. G. Frankenberg	Goethe University	Law	June 2017

Symposia and Conferences

Dilemmas of Upright Scientists

(November 15-16, 2016)

During WWI, scientists from diverse European countries who had worked together harmoniously faced the question of how to respond to close colleagues instantly transformed into enemies. The Dilemmas of an Upright Man, John Heilbron's book on Max Planck, describes how the scrupulous and thoughtful German physicist dealt with these and similar dilemmas. Now available in Hebrew, Heilbron's book serves as a stimulus and benchmark for this conference which focuses on similar dilemmas and their resolutions in other times and circumstances. How have scientists acted when urged to agitate for political change? How should they have acted? Silence can appear to be acquiescence; outspokenness may mix science dangerously with politics. Planck distressed himself over such dilemmas. How have they evolved since? The conference is held in cooperation with the Minerva Humanities Center and the Cohn institute for the history and philosophy of sciences and ideas.

Young Legal Scholars Workshop

(November 20-21, 2016)

In this jointly sponsored event, the Buchmann Law faculty hosts TAU workshop for junior legal scholars. The workshop introduces original works of young scholars

from Israel and abroad on a variety of topics including researches on science, ethics, and democracy.

Ethics in Medical Research

(November 22, 2016)

This conference discusses the role of ethical committees in transferring medical data obtained in academic research to the hands of the Pharma industry. The conference – co sponsored with the high commission for ethics at the ministry of health, will host Prof. Ezekiel Emanuel, chair of the Center of Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Pennsylvania University. The conference will address ethical issues that rise from the intersection of research and industry.

Big Medical Data

(December 7, 2016)

Big Data analytics involving individuals' medical records carries an unprecedented potential for breaking new paths in medical research but, at the same time, has the potential to harm the privacy of information subjects, and their dignity. The use of Big Data analytics raises important policy questions. Health-related data is commonly considered highly sensitive, creating a reasonable expectation that it will receive both legal protection and active ethical consideration. There

are written and unwritten rules about privacy and confidentiality in the medical context, in which patients trust their physicians or health providers not to use or disclose their data inconsistently with the purposes for which it was provided in the first place.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Australian Friends of Tel Aviv University – Monash University, and TAU Vice President for Research. Academic organizers: Prof. Michael Birnhack (TAU Law); Prof. Moira Paterson (Monash); Prof. Normann Witzleb (Monash).

Legal and Psychological Aspects of Guilt

(December 19-20, 2016)

Guilt is a concept that is at the heart of the work of both lawyers and psychologists, but is it the same concept? During this two day workshop, Israeli lawyers and psychologists will explore the ways guilt, personal and collective, shape ethical and therapeutic practices. This is the second joint conference that the Center co-organizes with the program for psychotherapy at Tel Aviv University.

Free-Will, Agency and Moral Responsibility

(April 4-5, 2017)

Free will and our status as agents have proved to be remarkably enduring topics of debate. Progress in thinking about them requires a careful analysis of what freedom in action consists in, and an understanding of our criteria for attributions of responsibility. But we can also learn from the experimental data of behavioral neuroscience, which are relevant to free will and agency. The aim of this symposium is to bring together philosophers and behavioral neuroscientists in the effort to: 1) clarify the metaphysical basis of freedom, action and moral responsibility, 2) explore the logical space of various metaphysical positions (Libertarianism, Compatibilism, hard Determinism), 3) examine/discuss the evidence from brain and behavioral experiments that may shed light on these positions. In particular we will examine how the brain generates action, what in the brain grounds the capacity of agency and what happens when this capacity is impaired. By bringing together a mixed group of philosophers and brain-behavioral scientists, we hope to trigger a fruitful interdisciplinary interaction, and to promote progress on these challenging

topics. The conference is co-sponsored with the school of psychology.

Privacy by Design: Privacy Challenges in a Dynamic Technological Environment

(April 25-27, 2017)

A three-day workshop co-sponsored with a research grant from the Israeli Scientific Fund for discussing issues of privacy and technology. The Privacy/Technology relationship is a complex one. Technology both creates new privacy challenges but at the same time, it also offers better privacy protections. For example, biometric identification is often considered a threat to personal privacy, but it also protects one's personality, by making identity theft more difficult. Academic organizers: Prof. Michael Birnhack (TAU Law); Dr. Irit Hadar (Haifa University, Information Systems); Dr. Eran Toch (TAU Engineering).

The Fourth Privacy and Cyber Workshop

(April 27, 2017)

Privacy studies is an emerging cross-disciplinary field of study. The annual workshop on privacy and cyber studies is a platform for presenting and discussing cutting edge studies on privacy. Participants are typically from a broad range of disciplines: computer science, information systems, engineering, law, media studies, psychology and sociology, economics and more. The workshop is based on a call for papers, and submissions are carefully selected. The workshop is cosponsored by the Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center. Academic organizers: Prof. Michael Birnhack (TAU Law); Mr. Sunny Kalev (Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies); Ms. Mickey Zar (Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies).

Book Celebration – Law and Food

(TBD)

The Center will participate in a symposium on ethical and legal implication of food production and consumption. The symposium is held for celebrating the publication of a book on law and food (edited by Prof. Aeyal Gross and Dr. Yofi Tirosh) as a volume in the Law, Society, and Culture series.



The Center's Annual International Conference

Contested Authorities over the Body: The State, the Secular and the Religious (June 6-8, 2017)

Conflicts between religion and secularity (i.e., secular and religious discourses, norms, actors, and institutions) are shaped differently in differing socio-legal contexts in the Middle East and Europe. While current scholarship has often studied this tension by focusing on religious rituals (headscarf, minarets, animal slaughter, etc.), we believe that new light can be shed on the religion/secularity tension by exploring a broader set of examples concerning bodily politics, that is legal contestations over images of the body and authority over the body. Dilemmas concerning reproductive technologies, abortion, circumcision, end of life decision making, and organ donation are only a few examples in which this tension plays out in contemporary societies and regulatory regimes.

The two-day workshop will bring together leading scholars to discuss religious and secular tensions

over body politics, and the regulation of the body in the Europe, the US, and the Middle East. Among the questions we hope to discuss are: how do legislators, courts, and local regulators address religious and secular conflicts over the body? What role do religious and secular values, ideologies, traditions, and practices play in the regulation of the body and authority over the body in different countries? How do religions and secular worldviews envision differently the body and bodily authority?, and who has the authority to decide on what is permissible to do with the body, and how do authority power dynamics between social actors change in the contemporary Middle East, Europe and the US?

Among the participants we will host Prof. Myra Marx-Ferree from the University of Wisconsin and Prof. Dilek Cindoglu from the University of Istanbul. Organizers: Prof. Shai Lavi and Prof. Gökçe Yurdakul (Humboldt University).

New Research Groups

Critical and Theoretical Perspectives on Social Solidarity

Conveners: Dr. Hagai Boas and Prof. Nadav Davidovitch

This group brings together scholars from different academic background to discuss the relevancy of social solidarity as an analytic concept. Against the backdrop of atomization and privatization processes on the one hand and new forms of sociality on the other, the group will explore forms of solidarity today. Original papers will be presented and discussed in a multi-disciplinary environment. The meetings will take place at the Center once a month.

Humans-Animals Relations: Analytical and Critical Perspectives

Conveners: Dr. Yoav Kenny and Shira Shmueli

The scientific and scholarly attempts to differentiate 'the human' from 'the animal' have become increasingly contested in the past decades. Informed by techno-scientific breakthroughs as well as longstanding philosophical questions about soul, consciousness, language etc. these division attempts are normatively charged. Drawing on the research projects of its participants and on critical readings of key texts in animal studies, the group will conduct an interdisciplinary

inquiry to map-out and rethink the various lines demarcating human and non-human lives.

Multi-culturalism and Racism in Israeli Health System

Conveners: Prof. Dani Filc, Guy Shalev and Hadas Ziv

This group is interested in bridging academic knowledge and professional experience for creating an agenda

for confronting the challenge of multi-culturalism and racism in the Israeli health system. The group's goal is to create a forum for information and knowledge transfer between different actors in the health system such as NGO, researchers, journalists and policy-makers. The group will meet once a month.

Research Grants 2016-17

Name	Faculty	Research Title
Prof. Michael Birnhack	Law	Privacy in Medical Big Data
Dr. Hanna Lerner	Social Sciences	The New Science of Constitution Writing
Dr. Michal Shapira	Humanities	Psychological Science, Gender, and the Ethics of Democracy in the Era of the Coming of the Second World War
Prof. Roy Kreitner	Law	Economics, Money, and Ethics

Fellows' Publications and Academic Achievements

Below is a list of publication in peer review journals by the Center's fellows from 2014-15 and 2015-16 cohorts (the names of the fellows are in bold):

Hatuka, Tali. and **Bar Roni** (Forthcoming). 'Navigating Housing Approaches: A Search for Convergences among Competing Ideas'. *Housing, Theory and Society*. DOI: 10.1080/14036096.2016.1223166.

Bar, Roni (2015). "New Geographies 05: The Mediterranean" (book review). *Mediterranean Historical Review* 30(1): 39-41.

Eliav Itai (2015) 'Environmental Law in the Age of Capitalism: Whether and How Could Environmental Regulation be Developed on the Basis of Libertarian Reasons', *HaMishpat Law Review*, Vol. 21 , (in Hebrew).

Erdur, Melis (2016). 'A Moral Argument against Moral Realism', *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 19 (3), 591-602.

Garasic, D. Mirko (2016). 'Force-Feeding, Hunger Strikes, Guantanamo and Autonomy: replies to George Annas, Charles Foster and Michael Gross ' (on my book), *Journal of Medical Ethics*, August 2016.

Garasic, D. Mirko (2016) 'Author meets Critics: precis', *Journal of Medical Ethics*, published online 19 April 2016.

Garasic, D. Mirko & Lavazza, A (2016) 'Moral And Social Reasons To Acknowledge The Use Of Cognitive



- Enhancers In Competitive-Selective Contexts', *BMC Medical Ethics*, 2016.
- Garasic, D. Mirko** & Keinan, S (2015), 'Is Feminist Theory Incapable of Condemning Rape by Deception?', *Kinesis*, Vol.7, 15.
- Garasic, D. Mirko**, (2016) 'Reflections on Personhood', in Battro, A., M., Fischer K., W., and Majdalani, M., L. (eds.), *Mind, Brain and Education* at Erice: Ten Years, Ettore Majorana Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture.
- McGonigle, V. Ian** (2016) Review of 'Toward an Anthropology of Nation Building and Unbuilding in Israel,' Eds. Fran Markowitz, Stephen Sharot, and Moshe Shokeid. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 22(3): 732.
- McGonigle, V. Ian** & R. Benjamin (2016) The Molecularization of Identity: Science and Subjectivity in the 21st Century. *Genetics Research* 98(e12).
- McGonigle, V. Ian** (2016) Patenting Nature or Protecting Culture? Ethnopharmacology and Indigenous Intellectual Property Rights. *The Journal of Law and the Biosciences* 3(1): 217-226.
- McGonigle, V. Ian** (2016) The Collective Nature of Personalized Medicine. *Genetics Research* 98(e3).
- McGonigle, V. Ian** & N. Shomron (2016) 'Privacy, Anonymity, and Subjectivity', in *Genomic Research*. *Genetics Research* 98(e2).
- Rachum-Twaig, Omri**. A Genre Theory of Copyright, *33 Santa Clara High Tech. L.J.* (Forthcoming, 2016)
- Rachum-Twaig, Omri**. Recreating Copyright: The Cognitive Process of Creation and Copyright Law, *27 Fordham Intell. Prop. Media & Ent. L.J.* (Forthcoming, 2016).
- Schick, Ari (2016)** 'Where to Speculative Bioethics? Technological Visions and Future Simulations in a Science Fictional Culture,' *Medical Humanities*, published online first at <http://mh.bmj.com> on August 24, 2016.
- Schick, Ari** (forthcoming 2017). Bioethics and the Regulation/Legitimation of the Imagined Future,' in *Shaping the Future: Collective Imaginaries within Science and Society*. G. Verschraegen, F. Vandermoere, L. Braeckmans & B. Segaeert, eds. (Routledge: Forthcoming 2017).
- Schick, Ari** (forthcoming 2017) 'Textual Morality: On the Neglect of Ritual in Applied Jewish Ethics,' in *Explorations in Jewish Religious and Philosophical Ethics*. C. Hutt, H. Kim, and B. Lerner, eds. (Routledge: Forthcoming 2017).
- Spranzi, Marta** (2016) 'Humanity and 'Ordinary Abuse': Learning from Hospital Patients' Letters of Complaint' Submitted in July 2016 to: Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy).
- Spranzi, Marta** (2016) 'When patients' values challenge professional integrity' (submitted in July 2016 to: Perspectives in biology and medicine.)
- Spranzi, Marta**, Véronique Fournier, V., Belghiti E. and Brunet L. (2016) 'Controversies surrounding WANH in NICU in France' submitted in June 2016 to Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy.
- Wiener, Asaf**. 'New Property' Rights in Israeli Constitutional Law, *47 Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law Journal (Mishpatim)* (forthcoming, 2016) (in Hebrew).
- Zarhin, Dana**. "Researching sleep-related problems drawing on interviews with both patients and their partners: Thoughts about post-dissertation research." Accepted for publication in *SAGE Research Methods Cases* (blind peer reviewed).
- Zarhin, Dana**. "Delaying and seeking care for Obstructive Sleep Apnea: The role of gender, family, and morality." Accepted for publication in *Health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*.
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Academic Achievements 2012-2016

- **Dr. Amir Teicher** received a tenure track position at the department of general history at Tel Aviv University, beginning October 2013.
- **Dr. Ram Rivlin** began a tenure track position at Hebrew University law faculty since October 2013.
- **Dr. Sky Gross** is an academic director (humanities and social sciences) at the Israeli ministry of Science, Technology and Space.
- **Dr. Inna Leykin** has a tenure track position at the Open University anthropology department.
- **Dr. Galia Plotkin Amrami** received a tenure track position at the department of education at Ben Gurion University.
- **Dr. Melis Erdur** is a post-doctoral fellow at the Open University, Israel.
- **Dr. Adi Yucht** is a post-doctoral fellow at the Sciences Po Law School and at L'Ecole Des Hautes Etudes En Sciences Sociales (EHESS) in Paris.
- **Dr. Tamar Novick** is a post-doctoral fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science at Berlin, Germany.
- **Dr. Ofer Malcai** won a tenure track position at the law faculty at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- **Dr Lin Chalozin Dovrat** is a post-doctoral fellow at the Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science
- **Natalia Gutkowski** has spent 2015-16 academic year at the Edmond J. Safra Center at Harvard University as part of the exchange fellows program and will continue at Harvard at the Anthropology Department for another year.
- **Roni Bar** will spend the next academic year at the Edmond J. Safra Center at Harvard University as part of the exchange fellows program.
- **Dr. Ari Schick** will spend the next academic year as a fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center at Tel Aviv University.
- **Dr. Dana Zarhin** will be a post-doctoral fellow at the department of Public Health at Haifa University.
- **Dr. Noam Yuran** received together with Prof. Roy Kreitner a research scholarship for the study of "Economics, Money and Ethics" from Center.
- **Dr. Naama Meishar** will teach at the Architecture and Town Planning Faculty of the Technion.
- **Dr. Ian V. McGonigle** will be a Ph.D. Candidate in Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology' at Harvard University.
- **Asaf Wiener** will complete his dissertation at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies at the faculty of law at Oxford University.



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