

# Jewish Law and the Laws of Nations Modern Jewish History Through a Legal Lens

June 11-12, 2019

**Venue: Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Edmond J. Safra Campus, Givat Ram, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

## **Tuesday, June 11**

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:05 Greetings by **Yitzhak Hen**, Director of the IIAS

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9:30-10:15 **Keynote: Kenneth Pennington** (Catholic University of America):  
Judicial Process in Early Modern Europe

10:15-10:30 *Coffee break*

10:30-12:45 **Session I: Rabbinical Authority in the Holy Roman Empire**

Chair: **Rachel Manekin** (University of Maryland)

**Ted Fram** (Ben-Gurion University): A Rabbi's Perspective on the Limits  
of Rabbinic Authority

**Verena Kasper-Marienberg** (North Carolina State University):  
Conflicting Authority Between Jewish/non-Jewish Courts in Frankfurt  
**Stephan Wendehorst** (University of Vienna): The Eclipse of the Early  
Modern Interaction Between Jewish Law and the *Ius Commune*

12:45-13:45 *Lunch - Fabiano Cafeteria*

14:00-15:30	<b>Session II: Judicial Practice: Jewish Law and the Law of the Nations</b>
	Chair: <b>Arye Edrei</b> (Tel Aviv University)
	<b>Evelyne Oliel-Grausz</b> (University of Paris): Performing Oaths: Legal Practice in the Livorno Jewish Community
	<b>Jay Berkovitz</b> (University of Massachusetts ): Navigating Between French Law and Jewish Law in Eighteenth-Century Metz
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45-17:15	<b>Session III: Early Modern Communal Legislation</b>
	Chair: <b>Maoz Kahane</b> (Tel Aviv University)
	<b>Debra Kaplan</b> (Bar-Ilan University): Takkanot, Communal Legislation and Record-keeping
	<b>Stefan Litt</b> (National Library of Israel): Commentary
17:15-18:00	Roundtable: <b>Gershon Bacon</b> (Bar-Ilan University), <b>Kenneth Pennington</b>
18:00	Reception - IIAS lobby

### **Wednesday, June 12**

9:00	<i>Coffee</i>
9:15-12:15	<b>Session IV: Lessons from the Contemporary Interaction of Jewish and Secular Law and Courts</b>
	Chair: <b>Haim Shapira</b> (Bar-Ilan University)
9:15-10:45	<b>Part I: The State of Israel</b>
	<b>Arye Edrei</b> : Can Jewish Courts Be "Gentile Courts?" The Debate in Israel
	<b>Benny Brown</b> (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Did Haredim Revive Jewish Judicial Autonomy in Israel?
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00-12:30	<b>Part II: United States</b>
	<b>Adam Ferziger</b> (Bar-Ilan University): Sovereignty, Law, and Religious Authority in Israeli and North American Judaisms: The Role of Women in the Ritual Arena
	<b>Suzanne Last Stone</b> (Cardozo Law School): The Interaction of American and Jewish Divorce Law: The Phenomenology of Legal Pluralism
12:30	<i>Lunch break - Sherman Restaurant</i>
19:00	Speakers dinner - Angelica Restaurant (George Washington St. 4)