

# 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 **Session II: Judicial Practice: Jewish Law and the Law of the Nations**

Chair: **Arye Edrei** (Tel Aviv University)

**Evelyne Oliel-Grausz** (University of Paris): Performing Oaths: Legal Practice in the Livorno Jewish Community

**Jay Berkovitz** (University of Massachusetts ): Navigating Between French Law and Jewish Law in Eighteenth-Century Metz

15:30-15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45-17:15 **Session III: Early Modern Communal Legislation**

Chair: **Maoz Kahane** (Tel Aviv University)

**Debra Kaplan** (Bar-Ilan University): Takkanot, Communal Legislation and Record-keeping

**Stefan Litt** (National Library of Israel): Commentary

17:15-18:00 Roundtable: **Gershon Bacon** (Bar-Ilan University), **Kenneth Pennington**

18:00 Reception - IIAS lobby

**Wednesday, June 12**

9:00 *Coffee*

9:15-12:15 **Session IV: Lessons from the Contemporary Interaction of Jewish and Secular Law and Courts**

Chair: **Haim Shapira** (Bar-Ilan University)

9:15-10:45 **Part I: The State of Israel**

**Arye Edrei**: Can Jewish Courts Be "Gentile Courts?" The Debate in Israel

**Benny Brown** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem): Did Haredim Revive Jewish Judicial Autonomy in Israel?

10.45-11.00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:30 **Part II: United States**

**Adam Ferziger** (Bar-Ilan University): Sovereignty, Law, and Religious Authority in Israeli and North American Judaisms: The Role of Women in the Ritual Arena

**Suzanne Last Stone** (Cardozo Law School): The Interaction of American and Jewish Divorce Law: The Phenomenology of Legal Pluralism

12:30 *Lunch break - Sherman Restaurant*

19:00 Speakers dinner - Angelica Restaurant (George Washington St. 4)