

# 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)