



8th Annual Graduate Conference

in Political Science, International Relations, &
Public Policy in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin

Call for Papers קול קורא

פרחי מחקר

הכנס השנתי השמיני לתלמידי מחקר
במדע המדינה, יחסים בינלאומיים ומדיניות ציבורית
ע"ש יצחק רבין ז"ל

Wednesday-Friday,
12-14 December, 2012
The Hebrew University
Mount Scopus Campus,
Jerusalem

Honored guests:

Professor Markus Jachtenfuchs, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin


Professor Jan Leighley, American University

Dr. Martin Ruehl, Cambridge University

Professor Philippe C. Schmitter, European University Institute

Professor Kai Wegrich, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin





Applications are invited from graduate students – and recent PhDs – in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy, as well as related fields such as Politics and Law, Political History, Political Economy, Political Geography, Political Philosophy, Political Psychology, Political Sociology and Political Communication.

We offer three tracks for participation – panels and two types of research workshops.

PANEL TRACK

On the main day of the conference – December 13th, 2012 – a series of ninety-minute panels will take place, each consisting of the presentation of three/four papers followed by discussion and commentary from senior faculty members. Graduate students are invited to submit abstracts (see guidelines below), on the basis of which the organizers will establish the themes of the panels. While the panels will generally be in Hebrew, the composition of the panel may require that some be conducted in English. Israeli students should thus be prepared to present their papers in English. All submissions should represent original research. We also accept submissions from students and faculty wishing to organize a panel. Groups of three to four students are welcome to present proposals for joint panels. If your proposal is part of an organized panel, please indicate this on the application form.

RESEARCH WORKSHOPS TRACK

This track consists of a variety of research workshops each focusing on a specific theme (listed below). While individual workshop formats may vary, each paper will be thoroughly discussed by all the participants. Consideration for this highly-competitive track is based on the submission of an abstract (see guidelines below). The number of participants in each workshop being limited, those proposals most suited to the workshop and which show most promise will be selected. Submissions should represent original research. All workshop participants must submit a full-length paper ahead of the workshop, read the other participants' papers, and take an active part in the workshop.

METHODOLOGY WORKSHOPS TRACK

This year we are also offering additional workshops in methodology and skills (workshops 9-11 listed below). As with the research workshops, the methodology workshops require an intensive commitment as specified in the call for participants. The number of participants in each workshop being limited, those proposals most suited to the workshop and which show most promise will be selected. The methodology workshops will be conducted either a day before or after the main day in order not to overlap with the other research workshop/panels. All workshop members are required to take an active part in the workshop.

It is possible to apply both for a methodology workshop and for one of the other two tracks.

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WORKSHOPS

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Workshop 9 (methodology): Political Decision-Making

Led by: **Prof. Alex Mintz** and **Dr. Liraz Margalit**

Workshop 10 (methodology): The Basics and Beyond: Writing and Publishing Research Papers

Led by: **Prof. Jan Leighley**

Workshop 11 (methodology): Research Designs

Led by: **Prof. Philippe Schmitter**

BEST PAPER AWARD

Papers submitted to the prize committee via email by midnight November 21, 2012, will be considered for the award. The winner will be chosen by a committee comprised of leading Israeli scholars in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy. Papers for the competition should be sent to the conference email, with the title "Best paper competition. Co-authored papers may be submitted on condition that all the authors are graduate students. The length of the paper should not exceed 10,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes). Although PhD dissertations and MA theses are not eligible for the competition, papers based on these may be submitted.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Applicants should follow the guidelines below carefully.

- [Application forms](#) and abstracts should be submitted as soon as possible and no later than **October 14, 2012**. Please note that you must choose between the panel and research workshops track. Abstracts for the panel track may be submitted in Hebrew or in English (250 words). Workshop abstracts must be submitted in **English (350 words)**.
- Applicants will be notified by **October 30, 2012** regarding acceptance of their paper.
- Upon acceptance, registration for the conference (including payment) should be completed by **November 7, 2012**. After this date, late registration fees will be incurred.
- If you wish to be considered for a partial/full waiver of conference fee, please contact us no later than **November 4, 2012**.
- Applicants for the Best Paper Award should submit their papers no later than **November 21, 2012**.
- All papers should be sent to discussants and workshop leaders by **December 1, 2012**.

Academic Conveners

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Workshop 1

The Theory and Practice of “Real-Existing” Democracies

Prof. Philippe Schmitter (European University Institute)

Prof. Mario Sznajder (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Since 1974, a surprisingly large number of countries in Southern and Eastern Europe, South America, Central America, Asia, and Africa have attempted to “transit” from autocracy to some form of democracy. This unexpected “wave” of regime change has generated a burgeoning literature on democratization, shifting the focus of democratic theory and research from its previous emphasis on the functioning of established liberal democracies to the more dynamic questions of how autocracies are removed from power, how the shift to a new (and hopefully different) form of political regime can be achieved, and whether or not democracy can be implemented in such diverse and generally inauspicious settings. This has led in turn to renewed interest in other aspects of democratic theory and performance – not only the consequences for economic growth, social equity, and structural reform within the “neo-democracies” of the South and East but also perceptions and evaluations within “real-existing” Western democracies. Questions are being raised about long-existing practices which now appear less than democratic or the desirability of extending democratic principles to other economic, social, and cultural realms. As social scientists, we are faced with the glaring paradox that parts of the South and East exhibit an overwhelming desire to adopt the “real-existing” institutions of Western democracies at the same time as a profound disenchantment (*desencanto*) with some of these very same institutions is arising in the West. Papers for this workshop should engage with the theory and practice of “real-existing” democracies in order to stimulate a lively and fruitful discussion. We hope that the scope of the call is sufficiently broad to attract intriguing accounts. The criteria for selection are individual merit and the topics suggested by the submissions.

Leaders

Philippe C. Schmitter was born in 1936, is a graduate of the Graduate Institute for International Studies of the University of Geneva, and took his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. Since 1967, he has been successively Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor in the Politics Department at the University of Chicago, the European University Institute (1982-86), and Stanford (1986-96). He has published books and articles on comparative politics, regional integration in Western Europe and Latin America, the transition from authoritarian rule in Southern Europe and Latin America, and the intermediation of class, sectoral, and professional interests. His current focus lies on the political characteristics of the emerging Euro-polity, the consolidation of democracy in Southern and Eastern countries, and the possibility of post-liberal democracy in Western Europe and North America. He has been the recipient of numerous professional awards and fellowships, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1978, an ECPR lifetime-achievement award in European politics in 2008, a EUSA lifetime-achievement award for the study of European integration in 2009, the IPSA Mattei Dogan Prize, and the Johan Skytte Prize from Uppsala University.

Mario Sznajder is Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Political Science of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Leon Blum Chair on Political Science, the Chair of RC 13 – Research Committee on Democratization at IPSA, Director of the Liwerant Center for the Study of Iberoamerica and its Jewish Communities at the Hebrew University, and a research fellow at the Harry S Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University and a member of its Academic Committee. He has authored various books and numerous scientific articles on the subjects of the ideology and practice of fascism, human rights and politics, democratization in Latin America, and anti-Semitism and politics. Among his recent titles is *The Politics of Exile in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2009) (with L. Roniger).

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Political Participation, Civic Democracy, and Public Policy: Assessing Citizen Participation and Public Policy

Prof. Jan E. Leighley (American University)
Dr. Jennifer Oser (Harvard University / University of Pennsylvania)

This workshop welcomes papers examining a variety of aspects of political participation and public policy, including attempts to analyze the link between these two fields. Topics to be considered may include: changing patterns of political participation in democratic publics, socio-demographic determinants of participation in disparate contexts, new media forms of online participation, protest and social change, citizen participation related to public policies in various fields, and policy change resulting from citizen engagement. The goal of the workshop is to bring together students interested in a variety of research questions related to political participation and public policy / policy outcomes in order to generate a creative discussion of the potential links between these two broad research areas. We invite proposals which employ a variety of research strategies and empirical methods, including explicitly comparative studies. Preference will be given to papers with clearly-stated propositions or arguments and/or which seek to identify causal mechanisms. The length of a workshop paper should not exceed 10,000 words (including bibliography and footnotes).

In this workshop, targeted feedback will focus on assisting participants prepare their papers for publication in peer-reviewed academic journals. We shall discuss appropriate venues for different types of papers and revisions designed to increase the probability of journal acceptance. Workshop participations may be graduate students as well as recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Interested students and faculty wishing to join the conversation are also welcome providing they have received prior permission from the conference conveners.

Leaders

Jan E. Leighley's research and teaching interests focus on American political behavior, voter turnout, media and politics, and racial/ethnic political behavior. Between 2000 and 2004, she served as editor (with Kim Quaille Hill) of the *American Journal of Political Science*. Currently, she is serving (with Bill Mishler, University of Arizona) as editor of the *Journal of Politics*. Among other places, she has published in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, and *American Politics Quarterly*. Her books include *Strength in Numbers? The Political Mobilization of Racial and Ethnic Minorities* (Princeton University Press, 2001), *Mass Media and Politics: A Social Science Perspective*, and *Who Votes Now?* (co-authored with Jonathan Nagler) (Houghton Mifflin, 2003). Formerly at the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University and the University of Arizona, she moved to the American University in September 2010.

Jennifer Oser is a post-doctoral Research Fellow in the Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. She received her PhD from the Hebrew University's Federmann School of Public Policy and Government in 2012 with a dissertation entitled "Expanded Citizen Participation and Participatory Equality: A Vicious or Virtuous Circle?" Her primary fields of research are citizen participation, cross-national political behavior, participatory inequality, and social policy. Among her recent publications are "Is Online Participation Distinct from Offline Participation?" (co-authored with Marc Hooghe and Sofie Marien) (*Political Research Quarterly*, 2013) and *The Political Environment of Policymaking in Israel* (co-edited with Itzhak Galnoor and Alma Perez-Gadot) (Magnes, forthcoming) (Hebrew).

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Workshop 3

Challenges to Global Governance

Prof. Markus Jachtenfuchs (Hertie School of Governance)
Prof. Arie Kacowicz (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Over the past decades, international institutions have gained in both strength and scope. This development is frequently regarded as a sign of progress, a civilizing influence upon the anarchical international system, and an expression of the big demand for global governance. At the same time, it is also criticized as being undemocratic, violating basic legal standards, and deeply intrusive into domestic affairs of states. Public, private, and civil-society actors protest against global governance, evade or ignore it, or attempt to make it compatible with national autonomy. Examples include defiance of global institutions such as the UN Security Council, WTO, IMF, and regional institutions / organizations.

This workshop invites contributions which engage in empirical or theoretical analyses of the challenges – i.e., protest, defiance, obstruction or criticism – made to global governance. Comparative papers and papers dealing with regions outside the transatlantic area are also welcome. Of particular interest are the following questions:

- *Patterns*: What empirical patterns challenging global governance exist? Do they vary across institutions, policy areas, world regions, or on the basis of other factors? How do they change longitudinally?
- *Causes*: What factors explain the challenges posed to global governance?
- *Consequences*: What are the implications of these challenges for the exercise of global governance? How do institutions react to these challenges? What is the impact of such challenges on policy-output and/or decision-making?
- *Justification*: How are challenging acts or verbal criticism justified normatively? How do international institutions normatively defend themselves against them?

Leaders

Markus Jachtenfuchs is Professor of European and Global Governance at the Hertie School of Governance and the Director of the Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies. His research interests include multi-level governance and international police cooperation. His most recent book is *Beyond the Regulatory Polity? The European Integration of Core State Powers* (co-edited with Philipp Genschel) (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

Arie M. Kacowicz is Associate Professor and former Chair of the Department of International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2005-2008). He currently directs the PhD. Program in Social Sciences at the Hebrew University. He is the author of *Peaceful Territorial Change* (University of South Carolina Press, 1994), *Zones of Peace in the Third World: South America and West Africa in Comparative Perspective* (SUNY Press, 1998), and *The Impact of Norms in International Society: The Latin American Experience* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2005). He has also co-edited *Stable Peace among Nations* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000) and *Population Resettlement in International Conflicts: A Comparative Study* (Lexington Books, 2007). He has recently completed a book manuscript entitled *Globalization and the Distribution of Wealth: The Latin American Experience, 1982-2008*, to be published by Cambridge University Press. His areas of interest include: peace studies, international relations theory and international ethics, Latin American international relations, conflicting narratives within the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and globalization and international relations.

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Workshop 4

Ideas in Governance and Governing by Ideas

Prof. Kai Wegrich (Hertie School of Governance)

Dr. Anat Gofen (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The role of knowledge, expertise and ideas in policy-making is a long-standing theme in policy research, regulation and public administration. This workshop focuses on two debates, the role of ideas in shaping policies, and the way in which expertise and ideas shape governing strategy. Concerning the first debate, a key theme is the relative significance of 'ideas' in shaping politics and policy, compared to power and institutions. How policies are 'framed' is said to shape problem-definition, patterns of agenda-setting, mobilisation of actors and the type of solutions considered. Over time policy change is very much associated with changing frames of policies (for example in energy, biotech and crime policy) and the rise and fall of particular ideas that shape a range of policies (for example the rise of market based forms of service delivery). But 'ideas' and 'expertise' do not only play a key role as analytical categories but also as a resource and tool for policy making itself. The international 'better regulation' reform agenda promotes the proliferation of analytical exercises as one means to make policies more evidence based. And the recent rise of 'behavioural change' policies in areas such as health, energy saving, private pension and other areas is trying to use 'nudges', 'information' and 'campaigns' as key policy tools – rather than coercion or market forms of governance. We invite theoretical and empirical cases that explore these and related aspects of the role of 'ideas in governance' (frames, narratives, discourses and ideas) and 'governing by ideas' (evidence-based policy-making and behavioural change policies).

Leaders

Kai Wegrich is Professor of Public Policy and Administration at the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin. A political scientist with degrees from the Free University Berlin and Potsdam University, prior to his present post he held positions at Humboldt University, Berlin, the RAND Corporation (Berlin and Cambridge), and the London School of Economics. He is a founding member of the specialist group on Executive Politics and Governance of the (UK) Political Studies Association and Co-Chair of the permanent study group on Performance in the Public Sector of the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA). He also serves as European editor of *Public Administration*. His research interests include executive politics, public management, regulation, and public-policy instruments. Among his recent publications are *Executive Politics in Times of Crisis* (co-edited with Martin Lodge) (Palgrave, 2012) and *Managing Regulation* (with Martin Lodge) (Palgrave, 2012).

Anat Gofen is Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the Federmann School of Public Policy and Governance, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She holds a BSc and MBA from the Hebrew University and was the recipient of a post-doctoral post at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research focuses on understanding the reciprocal influences of public policy and social change, particularly – but not exclusively – within social-policy domains. Her work investigates how exceptional and non-conventional social phenomena influence, and are influenced by, policy. Her current research projects include entrepreneurial exit and its effects on service provision, policy divergence amongst street-level bureaucrats, the dynamics of inter-generational educational mobility, and policy drift in public education. She has published in such journals as *Public Administration* and *Family Relations*.

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Workshop 5

Issues in German Social and Political Thought

Dr. Martin Ruehl (Cambridge University)

Dr. Efraim Podoksik (Hebrew University)

This workshop welcomes contributions in the area of eighteenth to twentieth-century German social and political thought, preferably from an historical and/or contextual perspective. Social and political thought is conceived here broadly, possibly including intellectual histories of adjacent fields when related to social life. Each participant will be requested to submit his or her paper and read the papers of other participants in advance. The workshop will be based on the discussion of pre-submitted papers rather than presentations.

Leaders

Martin Ruehl is Lecturer in German Thought at the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Director of Studies at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. His research investigates the intellectual history of modern Germany, with a particular focus on the ideas and ideologies which shaped German society and culture during the Wilhelmine and Weimar periods. He has published books and articles on Nietzsche, Burckhardt, and Thomas Mann. His recent publications include "Nietzsche and the Renaissance," in *Nietzsche on Time and History* (2008), "A Master from Germany: Thomas Mann, Albrecht Dürer and the Making of a National Icon" (*Oxford German Studies*, 2009), and *A Poet's Reich: Politics and Culture in the George Circle* (co-edited with Melissa Lane) (2011). His monograph *The Making of Modernity: Renaissance Italy in the German Historical Imagination, 1860-1930* is due to appear later this year in the "Ideas in Context" series published by Cambridge University Press.

Efraim Podoksik is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Between 2009 and 2011, he was an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow / Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt. His research field focuses on modern British and German intellectual history. He is the author of *In Defence of Modernity: Vision and Philosophy in Michael Oakeshott* (2003), also being the editor of the *Cambridge Companion to Oakeshott* (2012). In recent years, his research has concentrated on the intellectual history of the German Kaiserreich, with particular emphasis on the ideas of Georg Simmel. His publications in this area include "Georg Simmel: Three Forms of Individualism and Historical Understanding" (*New German Critique*, 2010) and "In Search of Unity: Georg Simmel on Italian Cities as Works of Art" (*Theory, Culture & Society*, 2012).

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Workshop 6

The Arab Spring: An Opportunity to Renew the Research Agenda with Respect to Middle East Politics?

Dr. As'ad Ghanem (University of Haifa)
Dr. Aviad Rubín (University of Haifa)

As we continue to observe this remarkable process, it is becoming increasingly evident that what has come to be known as the "Arab Spring" constitutes a crucial juncture presenting multi-dimensional ramifications on every possible level of analysis – ranging from the individual to the global and related to various traditionally-autonomous fields of research, including political science, law, psychology, sociology, communication, international relations, economy, and religion. It is also apparent that traditional theories and methods in Middle Eastern studies have only a limited relevance and capacity to explain some of the perplexing questions in regard recent events – not to speak of their predictive capabilities. Understanding contemporary events in the Middle East mandates a fresh and more interdisciplinary analysis of complex social and political processes. This must integrate bottom-up and top-down approaches, acknowledge the mutual interweaving of social and political processes which take place simultaneously in society and the State, and combine knowledge from different yet related disciplines in various spatial dimensions. This workshop seeks to discuss papers providing new insight into the contemporary Middle East, highlighting analyses of the causes, processes, and impact of contemporary events on the region and beyond.

Leaders

As'ad Ghanem is a Lecturer in the School of Political Science, University of Haifa. His theoretical work explores the legal, institutional, and political conditions in ethnic states. In the context of the Palestinian domain, his studies relate to such issues as Palestinian political orientations, the political structure of the Palestinian National Movement, and the future of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He initiated and designed several policy schemes and empowerment programs for Palestinians in Israel, he has authored and edited numerous articles and books. His most recent publications include: *Palestinian Politics After Arafat: A Failed National Movement* (Indiana University Press, 2009), *Ethnic Politics in Israel: The Margins and the Ashkenasi Centre* (Routledge, 2010), *Palestinians in Israel: Indigenous Group Politics in the Jewish state* (Madar, 2008) (Arabic), and *Bi-Nationalism: Towards a Lasting Peace Between Palestinians and Israelis* (with Dan Bavely) (Washington, DC: Potomac Books, forthcoming).

Aviad Rubín is Assistant Professor at the School of Political Science, University of Haifa, and holds a PhD in Political Science from McGill. Before joining the faculty at the University of Haifa, he held the Rabin Fellowship at the Hebrew University and an Azrieli International Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Tel Aviv University. He specializes in the intersection between democratic theory and identity politics, with particular emphasis on religion, nationalism and language in the Middle East context. His dissertation (2010, in preparation for publication) explored the relationship between religion and state in Turkey and Israel and its impact on democratic governance. His research has appeared in *Government and Opposition* (2009) and the *Journal of Peace, Conflict & Development* (2006). His most recent publication is "Religious Actors in a Democratic Civil Society: Turkey and Israel Compared," in *Secular State and Religious Society: Two forces at Play in Turkey* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2012).

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Workshop 7

Jewish Political Thought

Dr. Moshe Hellinger (Bar Ilan University)
Dr. Jeff Macy (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

This workshop is designed to present research relating to Jewish political thought from the biblical through to the contemporary period. Its common thread is an examination of the writings of Jewish thinkers regarded (sometimes in hindsight) as forms of political thought. As a rule of thumb, works by individual or "schools of thought" relevant to this workshop will refer to Jewish sources and/or to issues facing Jewish communal or political life.

We encourage presentations which analyze relationships between various periods in the development of Jewish language, culture, and/or history and their impact on the formation of the Israeli polity.

Presenters may be graduate students or recent recipients of doctoral degrees. Presentations will be based on manuscripts distributed to all participants prior to the conference (in either English or Hebrew). Interested students and faculty who wish to join the conversation are also welcome providing they have received prior permission from the conference conveners.

Leaders

Moshe Hellinger is a Senior Lecturer in the Political Studies Department at Bar-Ilan University, the Academic Director of the Schwartz Institute for Judaism, Ethics and Democracy at Beit Morasha, Jerusalem, former Director of Bar-Ilan's Program for Dialogue between Secular and Religious Students, and former coordinator of the Taub Program for Citizenship at Bar-Ilan. He is also a senior researcher at the Israeli Institute for Democracy. His research and publications focus on Jewish political thought, Judaism and democracy, and religious Zionist thought.

Jeff Macy received his BA in Political Science from Claremont College, California, his MA in Political Economy from the University of Toronto, and his PhD in Medieval Jewish and Islamic Political Thought from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Following a post-doctoral position at Harvard, he returned to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1984, where he became part of the Political Science Department. Between 2004 and 2007, he served as Chair of the Political Science Department, subsequently becoming Director of the Gilo Center for Citizenship, Democracy and Civic Education at the Hebrew University. His research and publications focus on medieval Jewish and Islamic political thought, as well as the link between religion and politics in the ancient and medieval periods.

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Workshop 8

Courts and Judges in Law and Political Science

Prof. Gad Barzilai (University of Haifa and University of Washington)
Dr. Udi Sommer (Tel Aviv University)

The expansion of court judicial review – in particular via supreme court rulings – has become an international and trans-national phenomenon found in various types of democracies. Although we assume that, due to the fact that they must comply with certain rules of hermeneutics within the legal text, courts and judges are unique public players, judicial decision-makers are also political agents and courts political institutions. Judges operate within specific institutional, cultural, ideological, and political constraints.

This workshop seeks to examine these issues through papers analyzing the essence of courts, judges, and judicial decision-making. We are particularly interested in papers addressing courts and judges as components in the political mechanisms of law, together with the legal mechanisms which pervasively affect politics. Papers employing a variety of methodologies are welcome – from game theory and institutional and neo-institutional research to quantitative analysis and critical socio-political and cultural studies. We hope the papers will prompt a theoretical, empirical, and epistemological discussion of contemporary courts and judges as political forces. The papers may address a single nation-state or be comparative in nature. We also welcome studies of judicial institutions at the international, national, and regional levels.

Leaders

Gad Barzilai is Professor of Political Science, Law, and International Studies in the Law in the Societies and Justice Program, the Comparative Law and Society Program, and the Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington and Haifa University Law School. He has published 16 books and more than 150 articles and chapters, principally relating to law, politics, and society. His academic training includes political science, law (he holds an LLB), international relations, public administration, modern history, Judaism, and advanced statistical analysis. His book *Communities and Law: Politics and Cultures of Legal Identities* (University of Michigan Press, 2003; 2nd ed. 2005) received the AIS Best Book Award. One of his first books, *Democracy in Wartime* (Sifriat Poalim, 1992) received the David Ben Gurion Foundation's Karni Book Prize. His book on *Religion and Law* (Ashgate, 2007) has been rated as a major contribution to the understanding of the relations between law, politics, religion, and society. In 1996, he co-founded the first graduate program in Israel for law, politics, and society at Tel Aviv University. In 2000, he was appointed President of the Israeli Association for Law and Society, also serving on the board of the Law and Society Association in the USA for several years. Between 2000 and 2003, he served as the founding Director of the Tel Aviv University's Dan David Prize, one of the largest scientific-award foundations in the world. He is currently Vice-President of the Association for Israel Studies. His current book project seeks to examine the transformative power of law in politics from a comparative-genealogical perspective.

Udi Sommer is a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Tel Aviv University, having received his PhD from Stony Brook University (2007), his MA from Tel Aviv University (2002), and his BA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1999). His broad research interests include comparative public law and constitutionalism, American politics, and political methodology, with a specialization in the analysis of political institutions. He is the recipient of several grants and fellowships, including a Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship, a EU Marie Curie Grant, and a grant from the American National Science Foundation.

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Workshop 9

METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP

Political Decision-Making

Prof. Alex Mintz (Lauder School of Government, IDC)
Dr. Liraz Margalit (Lauder School of Government, IDC)

How do leaders, voters, and candidates make decisions? The goal of this workshop is to introduce a new analytical framework regarding the way in which political players make decisions. We will acquaint participants with established and new models of political decision-making, decision strategies, information-processing biases, and cognitive biases. Participants will also learn how to discern the decision-making patterns exhibited by leaders and voters via the Applied Decision Analysis “process tracing” procedure. The workshop will focus on decision-making with respect to national security and foreign policy, providing an understanding of the motives and cognitive processes displayed by political leaders and voters. The workshop will also introduce a practical tool for studying the cognitive processes which influence leaders' and voters' decisions. The workshop is intended for graduate and recent PhDs interested in political decision-making, broadly defined. The number of places is limited. Participants are encouraged to present their work in order to receive feedback and advice concerning publication in a major journal. The syllabus and further details relating to the workshop will be posted on the conference website.

Leaders

Alex Mintz is Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC-Herzliya and Editor-in-Chief of *Political Psychology*. He is the 2005 recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award of the Foreign Policy Analysis section of the International Studies Association and the 1993 recipient of the Karl Deutsch Award of the ISA for the most important contribution of any scholar in the world under age of 40 to the scientific study of International Relations. He also serves as Co-editor of the University of Chicago Press Book Series on Leadership and Decision Making in the International Arena (with Rose McDermott), as well as being an editorial board member of the *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Open Political Science Journal*, and *Advances in Political Psychology*. He also served as Associate Editor of the Yale-based *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2004-2009). He has published numerous articles in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and other leading journals, as well as 9 books (authored and/or edited), including *Understanding Foreign Policy Decision Making* (with K. DeRouen) (Cambridge University Press, 2010). He served as President of the Foreign Policy Analysis section of the ISA and as a member of the Board of the Center for Conflict Management and Prevention in Sydney, Australia, together with five Nobel Laureates.

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Workshop 10

METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP

The Basics and Beyond: Writing and Publishing Research Papers

Prof. Jan E. Leighley (American University)

This workshop focuses on writing and publishing in the social sciences, being oriented towards students interested in pursuing research careers in Political Science and related social science disciplines. The workshop will be divided into two sessions. The first will focus on the peer-review process in political science journals and address the way in which editorial offices are identified, funded, and structured, review-process steps, the nature of peer-review in our online world, and ethical issues associated with publishing and reviewing for journals.

The second session focuses on writing and reviewing for peer-reviewed journals and will include such topics as: writing style, preparing manuscripts for review, how to decide where to submit your paper, how to respond to decisions, and how to write reviews. If time and interest allow, we will also discuss and provide feedback on papers drafted by students who are considering submitting them for review. This section of the workshop will be planned once students have registered for the workshop and completed a pre-workshop questionnaire.

Both sessions will include substantial time for participants' questions, as well as drawing on the experiences of available scholars attending the conference. Completion of the pre-workshop questionnaire and some additional (light) reading and research on the publication process are mandatory. Updates on the workshop, syllabus, and time-framework will be posted on the conference website.

Leader

Jan E. Leighley's research and teaching interests focus on American political behavior, voter turnout, media and politics, and racial/ethnic political behavior. Between 2000 and 2004, she served as editor (with Kim Quaile Hill) of the *American Journal of Political Science*. Currently, she is serving (with Bill Mishler, University of Arizona) as editor of the *Journal of Politics*. Among other places, she has published in the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, and *American Politics Quarterly*. Her books include *Strength in Numbers? The Political Mobilization of Racial and Ethnic Minorities* (Princeton University Press), *Mass Media and Politics: A Social Science Perspective*, and *Who Votes Now?* (co-authored with Jonathan Nagler). Formerly at the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University and the University of Arizona, she moved to the American University in September 2010.

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Workshop 11

METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP

Research Designs

Prof. Philippe Schmitter (European University Institute)


This workshop will focus on the choices involved in applying comparative methods (qualitative and quantitative) in political research: selection of the problem/puzzle, conceptualization of relevant variables, the number and selection of cases, validity of indicators, accuracy of measurement, tests for association, and inferences regarding causality. The intent is to guide the potential researcher through the critical choices s/he has to make – and anticipate – before applying a specific method. Some of the participants may be asked to present their proposals during the workshop.

Leader

Philippe C. Schmitter was born in 1936, is a graduate of the Graduate Institute for International Studies of the University of Geneva, and took his doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley. Since 1967, he has been successively Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and then Professor in the Politics Department at the University of Chicago, the European University Institute (1982-86), and Stanford (1986-96). He has published books and articles on comparative politics, regional integration in Western Europe and Latin America, the transition from authoritarian rule in Southern Europe and Latin America, and the intermediation of class, sectoral, and professional interests. His current focus lies on the political characteristics of the emerging Euro-polity, the consolidation of democracy in Southern and Eastern countries, and the possibility of post-liberal democracy in Western Europe and North America. He has been the recipient of numerous professional awards and fellowships, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1978, and served as Vice-President of the American Political Science Association. He was awarded an ECPR lifetime-achievement award in European politics in 2008 and the following year was the recipient of a EUSA lifetime-achievement award for the study of European integration, the IPSA Mattei Dogan Prize, and the Johan Skytte Prize from Uppsala University.

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