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# Nazism, the Holocaust and Ethics: Moral Legitimacies for action in Extreme States

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14-15 May 2018 | Beck Hall | Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan

**Monday, Beck Hall 14.5.2018**

09:00-09:30 | **Greetings |**

Prof. Miriam Faust, Rector, Bar Ilan University  
Prof. Eliezer Schlossberg, Faculty of Humanities,  
Dean

09:30-11:00 | **First Session | Philosophy Beyond  
the Normative |**

Chair: Dr. Hilda Nissimi

Prof. Burt Hopkins | University of Lille | *"Projection in  
Heidegger and an Aspect of the Problem of Genocidal  
Agency"*

Prof. Ronny Miron | The Program for Hermeneutics  
and Cultural Studies, The Interdisciplinary Unit, Bar Ilan  
University | *"The Guilt of our Humanity: The Questioning  
of the German Guilt in Karl Jaspers' Thinking"*

11:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 | **Second Session | A Binocular  
Perspective on Evil and Pain: Psychoanalysis  
and Literature |**

Chair: Dr. Boaz Shalgi

Dr. Rina Lazar | Clinical Psychologist, senior teacher and  
supervisor, the Program of Psychotherapy, School of Continuing  
Medical Education, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv  
University | *"Talking about Evil: Trying to Conceive the  
Inconceivable"*

Prof. Yael S. Feldman | Abraham Kats Professor of Hebrew  
Culture, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies,  
Professor of Comparative Literature and Gender Studies NYU |  
*"Questioning Martyrdom and the 'Economy' of Pain  
from Euripides to Agnon"*

13:00-14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00-16:00 | **Third Session | Law, the Holocaust  
and Extreme States |**

Chair: Dr. Ziv Bohrer

Prof. Leora Bilsky | Faculty of Law & the Director of the  
Minerva Center for Human Rights at Tel Aviv University |

*"Commissioned Corporate Histories and the  
responsibility of the businessman under the Third  
Reich"*

Prof. Mark Osiel | Aliber Family Chair in Law, College of  
Law, University of Iowa | *"Choosing Among Alternative  
Responses to Mass Atrocity: Between the Individual  
and the Collective"*

Dr. Rivka Brot | Research Fellow, Law Faculty, the Center  
for Jewish and Democratic Law, Bar-Ilan University | *"The  
Cry for Rectification": The Tribunals of the Jews in the  
Displaced Persons Camps in Germany as a means for  
National and Moral Rectification"*

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30-18:00 | **Fourth Session | The Meaning of  
Life on the Verge of Existence |**

Chairman: Dr. Yaakov Kohler

Dr. Amos Goldberg | The Department of Jewish History and  
Contemporary Jewry, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem | *"The  
epistemological and discursive grey zone in Chaim  
Kaplan's Warsaw Diary"*

Prof. Steven Bowman (Emeritus) | Judaic Studies  
Department, University of Cincinnati | *"Greek Jews in the  
Sonderkommando: Ethno-Ethics in Auschwitz"*

19:30 **Dinner** (for participants only)



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**Monday, Weisfeld Hall (Bldg # 301) 15.5.2018**

\* \*Pre-registration Required

8:30-09:00 | **Greetings** |

09:00-10:30 | Workshop # 1 |

**"Nazi Ethics: Perpetrators with a clear conscience"**

Dr. Wolfgang Bialas | American Institute Berlin (IES) |

10:30-11:00 | **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30 | Workshop # 2 |

**"The Banality of Radical Evil"**

Dr. Yaron Senderowich | Faculty of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University |

12:30-13:30 | **Lunch** |

13:30-15:00 | Workshop #3 |

**"The Binary Victim-Perpetrator Contested"**

Dr. Michal Ben Horin | Department of Comparative Literature, Bar Ilan University |

Dr. Doron Avraham | General History Department, Bar Ilan University |

15:00-15:30 | **Coffee Break** |

15:30-17:00 | Workshop # 4 |

**"Post-Event: The Immoral Deed and the Dilemma of the Day After"**

Prof. Yolanda Gampel | School of Psychological Sciences, Tel Aviv University |

Prof. Hanoch Ben Pazi | Department of Jewish Philosophy, Bar Ilan University |

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