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**International Conference on Religion and Equality**

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*Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>*

**16:30-17:00** registration and refreshments

**17:00** **Opening Session**

Greetings :

**Prof. Shahar Lifshitz**, Dean, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University

**Prof. Yaffa Zilbershats**, Deputy-President, Bar-Ilan University

**Dr. Haim Shapira**, Organizing Committee

Keynote Speaker: **Judge Neal Hendel**, Supreme Court, Israel

*Jewish and Democratic State – Introductory Reflections*

**18:00-19:30** **Session 1: Theory**

**Mark Rosen**, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, USA,

*Two Ways of Conceptualizing the Relationship Between Equality and Religious Freedom*

**Rex Ahdar**, University of Otago, New Zealand,

*The Empty Idea of Equality Meets the Unbearable Fullness of Religion*

*Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>*

**09:00-10:45**

**Session2 : International Law**

**Natan Lerner**, IDC, Herzliya, Israel

*Is there a Minimum Standard of Protection for Religious Rights?*

**Silvio Ferrari**, University of Milan, Italy

*Religion Between Freedom and Equality*

**11:15-13:00**

**Session 3: Religion and Politics**

**Robert C. Blitt**, University of Tennessee College of Law, USA

*The Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Arab Spring: Impact of Regime Changes on Institutional Agenda and Politics*

**Lin Feng**, City University of Hong Kong,

*The Tension Between State, the Communist Party of China (CPC), and Religion in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region – A Critical Examination of Racial Inequality*

1300-1400: Lunch

**14:00-15:45**

**Session 4: Europe**

**Elena Falletti**, Università Carlo Cattaneo , Castellanza, Italy

*The Cultural Impact of Islamic Mass Immigration on the Italian Legal System*

**Aleksandra Gliszczynska-Grabias**, Poznan Human Rights Centre, Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

*Law of “Religious Slaughter” and the Principle of Equality*

**16:15-17:15**

**Session 5: India**

**Geetanjali Srikantan**, Zvi Meitar post-doc Tel Aviv University, Israel

*History and Property Rights in the Ayodhya Dispute: Examining Paradoxes of Liberalism and Equality in the Indian Model of Religious Freedom*

*Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>*

**09:00-10:45**

**Session 6: Gender**

**M. Christian (Christy) Green**, Emory University, USA,

*Religious Freedom, Secularism, and Gender Equality: Comparing France and Quebec*

**Joel Harrison**, Macquarie University, Sydney Australia,

*Debating Rights and Same-Gender Relationships*

**11:15-13:00**

**Session 7: Accommodation**

**Michael Helfand**, Pepperdine University, USA,

*Rebuilding Claims for Religious Accommodation: A Case Study*

**Debbie Kaminer**, City University of New York, USA

*Religious Accommodation in the American Workplace: Why Federal Courts Fail to Provide Meaningful Protection of Religious Employees*

1300-1400: Lunch

**14:00-15:45**

**Session 8: Jewish Law**

**Zvi Zohar**, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

*Inequality, Parity, Equality? Mapping 20<sup>th</sup> century Rabbinic Positions with Regard to Non-Jews.*

**Suzanne Stone**, Cardozo Law School, USA,

*Equality versus Reciprocity in Jewish Legal Thought*

**16:15-18:00**

**Session 9: Israel**

**Michael Karayanni**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

*The Exclusion of the Sephardic Students in Immanuel: A Curse or a Blessing?*

**Ruth Halperin-Kaddari**, Bar-Ilan University and David Kretzmer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

*Religious Parties, the Exclusion of Women and Freedom of Religion and Press*

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