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June 9-11, 2015, Bar-Ilan University, Faculty of Law

The Benin Faculty of Law building 306, Hall 200, 2nd floor

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Tuesday, June 9th

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 10th

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 Gliszczyńska-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 11th

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 20th 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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