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# The Tager International Conference Feminism in the Abrahamic Religions:

## Dilemmas of Gender and Law from a Multicultural Perspective

In conjunction with The Virtual Exhibition **'Body Text': Feminist Art in Diverse Religio-Cultural Spheres in Israel**  
The conference and the exhibition were made possible through the generosity of **Esther and Romie Tager, (QC), London**



Fatma Abu Roumi, My Mother's Braid, 2009  
'Body Text' Virtual Exhibition



### Sunday, January 31

**16:00 - 16:30 Israel Standard Time - IST**

14:00 - 14:30 UK, Western European Time - UTC; 15:00 - 15:30 Central Europe Time - CET; 09:00 - 09:30 US Eastern Standard Time - EST; 21:00 - 21:30 Western Indonesian Time - WIB

#### Greetings and Introductory Remarks

Arie Zaban, President of Bar-Ilan University

Esther Tager, London

Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Academic Director of the Rackman Center, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University

Rivka Tuval Mashiach, Head of the Gender Studies Program, Bar-Ilan University

Ora Limor, Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims, The Open University of Israel

**16:30-18:00 IST** **Public Session 1**  
**Feminism in the Abrahamic Religions: The Founding Mothers**

#### Keynote presentations

**Chairs:** Ruth Halperin-Kaddari; Ronit Irshai, Bar-Ilan University

**Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza**, Harvard Divinity School  
Christian Perspective

**Tamar Ross**, Department of Jewish Thought, Bar-Ilan University  
Jewish Perspective

**amina wadud**, National Islamic University  
Muslim Perspective

#### Discussion

**18:00-19:00 IST** **Public Session 2**  
Opening of the virtual exhibition **"Body Text': Feminist Art in Diverse Religio-Cultural Spheres in Israel"** curated by **Nurit Jacobs-Yinon and David Sperber**

**Chair:** Ronit Irshai, Bar-Ilan University

#### Discussion:

**Nurit Jacobs-Yinon**, Curator

**Andi Arnovitz**, Artist

**Doris Hakim**, Artist

**Yara Mahajena**, Artist

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## Monday, February 1

16:00 - 17:30 Israel Standard Time – IST (14:00-15:30 – UTC; 15:00-16:30 – CET; 09:00-10:30 – EST; 21:00-22:30 – WIB)

16:00-17:30 IST

### Workshop 1

#### Feminist Theological Challenges to Religion

**Chair:** Avriel Bar-Levav, Open University

Presenters:

**Hille Haker**, Loyola University Chicago

The “Obscenity” of Feminist Voices in Christian/Catholic Theology and the Duty to Speak

**Lisa Isherwood**, University of Winchester

Monotheism and Ethics from the Margins

**Hagar Lahav**, Sapir Academic College

Belief as a Feminist Haven: Theological Perspectives in Sociology of Belief

Respondent:

**Barbara U. Meyer**, Tel Aviv University

17:45-19:45 IST

### Workshop 2

#### Multiculturalism, Religion, Gender, and Law – Part I

**Chair:** Michael Karayanni, Hebrew University

Presenters:

**Lisa Fishbayn Joffe**, Brandeis University

Exit, Voice, and Effective Remedies for Women Disadvantaged by Minority Religious Practices

**Jan Feldman**, University of Vermont

Public Purposes at Cross-Purposes: Can Segregation Lead to Integration? What We Can Learn from Israel

**Yofi Tirosh**, Tel Aviv University

Women, Religion, and Public Spaces in Israel: Contemporary Challenges

**Frances Raday**, Hebrew University

Religion, Culture, and Gender - Current Developments in International Human Rights

Respondent:

**Gila Stopler**, College of Law and Business

20:00-21:30 IST

### Public Session 3

#### Keynote Presentation by The Right Hon. the Baroness (Brenda) Hale of Richmond, former President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court: Legal Dilemmas in Religious Feminism: A View from the Bench

#### Greetings

**Amnon Albek**, Rector of Bar-Ilan University

**Oren Perez**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University

**Romie Tager**, London

**Chair:** Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Bar-Ilan University

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## Tuesday, February 2

16:00-17:45 Israel Standard Time – IST (14:00-15:45 – UTC; 15:00-16:45 – CET; 09:00-10:45 – EST; 21:00-22:45 – WIB)

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### Workshop 3

## Obstacles, Barriers, and Solutions in Feminist Religious Hermeneutics

**Chair:** Ruth Roded, Hebrew University

Presenters:

**Debra Majeed**, Beloit College

To Privilege State or Religious Law?

**Lisa Anteby-Yemini**, Aix-Marseille University

Negotiating Gender and Religion: Exegesis, Space of Worship, and Religious Functions among Jewish and Muslim Women

**Mira Tzoreff**, Tel Aviv University

Islamic Feminism From Within: Egyptian and Saudi Women Heading an Evolutionary Gender Revolution

**Nahed Ashqar-Sharary**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Challenges of Islamic Feminism (Al-nesweya Al-islameya) among Muslim Women in Israel

Respondent:

**Sarab Abu-Rabia-Queder**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

17:45 -19:45 IST

### Workshop 4

## Multiculturalism, Religion, Gender, and Law – Part II

**Chair:** Manal Toutri-Jubran, Bar-Ilan University

Presenters:

**Salwa Alenat**, The Open University

Two or More Faces of the Same Coin: The Struggle of Religious Muslim Women for their Identity in a Complex Israeli Reality

**Cochav Elkayam-Levy**, University of Pennsylvania

Re-imagining the Rules – The Global Transition to Transformative Equality and the Narratives of Feminist Religious Movements

**Rawia Aburabia**, Sapir Academic College

The Law on the Books Versus the Law in Action: Muslim Women in a Polygamous Marriage under the Jewish State

**Elisheva Rosman**, Bar-Ilan University

Choosing Battles: Religious Feminists' Expectations vis-à-vis the State

Respondent:

**Tanya Zion-Waldoks**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Closing Remarks

**Ruth Halperin-Kaddari and Ronit Irshai**

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