Nazism, the Holocaust and Ethics: Moral Legitimacies for action in Extreme States
Sponsored by the Rector's Research Grant for Interdisciplinary Research Group
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”
Tuesday, 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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