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The meetings of the “Migrating Knowledge” research group have focused on practices of transmission and transformation of knowledge, by exposing the deeper social, institutional and epistemological parameters that have underlined the diffusion of knowledge in the past and present. The undermining of the meta-historical narrative that once insisted upon a linear progression of Western science and its traditionally privileged place has had far-reaching implications for our perception of knowledge. The research group examined the geographical configuration of knowledge; questioned the boundaries between theoretical and practical knowledge; and challenged previous dichotomies between center and periphery. In this context, we have continued to discuss the significance of social and intellectual networks, employing a model of diffusion that steps away from the unilateral transmission of ideas from core to margins, center to periphery. From this perspective, there has been a significant extension in the number and nature of historical agents responsible for the spread of ideas, data and technologies.

The research group’s perspective has challenged the appreciation of knowledge as a “pure” product of the human intellect, and instead has politicized the content and the infrastructure that has been assigned to knowledge-production. The politicization of knowledge has been a recurrent and powerful focus of debate. Already at our first meeting, we assessed the many ways in which the current political and economic climate profoundly alters the autonomy of academic knowledge and of academic institutions.

The critical examination of practical and theoretical knowledge within academic disciplines continued to occupy a privileged place within our research group. We have included discussions on various academic fields, including sociology, geography and archeology, as they developed in various locations and historical contexts. We have discussed the context by which changes within established disciplines have occurred as well as the nature of disciplinary divisions, their emergence and demise, and the institutionalization of various knowledge-practices. We asked how the borders between disciplines frame and shape forms of knowledge-making and to what extent knowledge and disciplinary divisions are the product of natural “evolutionary” processes. We explored the assimilation of disciplinary methods and practices into new cultural settings and to the service of various political ends. The reconceptualization of time and space in narratives of knowledge-making also opened new ways for analyzing the notion of tradition, moving beyond the perception of modernity as the simple eradication of tradition.
Meetings

8.11.2016: Rivka Feldhay and Naveh Frumer
The lecture examined the neoliberal vision of “academic governance” in contemporary Israel and in the global context. It compared the model for higher education recently proposed by the new governance report to the former Israeli status quo, emphasizing the academic changes under neoliberal economy. The comparison revealed deep transformations in academic autonomy and the profound effect this had on the very perception of “knowledge.” In this climate, knowledge is increasingly viewed as a profit-oriented product at the service of a pre-determined (usually state-defined) goal.

27.12.2016: Shulamit Levi
Professor Levi’s lecture explored Renaissance humanist networks through the example of the Accademia Pontaniana in Naples, Italy. Challenging simplistic core-periphery models of the migration of knowledge, her talk pointed to vast intellectual networks which developed between the members of the academy and humanists across and beyond Southern Italy.

20.1.2017: Andreas Kilcher
Professor Kilcher’s lecture offered close readings of several of Kafka’s texts, aiming to analyze Kafka’s notion of tradition. In particular, he emphasized Kafka’s paradoxical approach to religion and modernity.

28.3.2017: Ran Segev
Dr. Segev’s lecture presented the religious ideologies that underpinned the field of geography in the early modern world. His talk examined how geographical writings promoted confessional visions in the colonial realm with the Spanish clergy, assimilating new geographical knowledge into Catholic doctrine during a time of religious renewal.

16.5.2017: Tal Arbel
Dr. Arbel’s lecture examined the import of social science research and methods on shell shock and war trauma that had been developed during the Second World War, as they were conveyed from America to Palestine/Israel during the 1948 war. Her talk highlighted the adaptation of theories of fear and practices to control it, linguistically, politically and culturally.
6.6.2017: Assaf Nativ

Dr. Nativ’s lecture raised critical epistemological questions about the fundamental working assumptions that undergird the discipline of archeology. He offered a counter-model whereby the “archeological” served to reposition the scholar’s approach to the field.

Workshops and Conferences


Publications


Highlighting the significance of reading side by side European, Islamic and Jewish astronomers and philosophers as a background to Copernicus, the volume examines the multi-cultural contexts of scientific learning on the eve of the Copernican revolution, reevaluating the intercultural exchanges between Copernicus and his predecessors.

Research Groups (“Migrating Knowledge”)

Tradition: Canon, Transmission and Critique

This research group on tradition led by Dr. Vered Sakal and Dr. Lina Barouch is part of the Migrating Knowledge project. It explores the notion of tradition from a theoretical perspective and through its concrete implementation in the domains of religion, science and art. During the last academic year the group held two joint reading and study sessions: an opening session on November 15, 2016, and a lecture and discussion on Spinoza’s tradition by Dr. Shoey Raz on December 6, 2016.

On September 20 and 21, 2016 the research group held its first workshop (the second one will take place on January 21, 2018). The workshop opened with a keynote lecture by Prof. Henriette Dahan Kalev: “Canon and Tradition
Transitions: The case of Gender in Israel.” The rest of the workshop was devoted to the members’ work. Ten group members presented their work, mainly drafts of papers that address varied aspects of the group’s central focus: exploring the idea of transmission of knowledge through the lens of traditional and canonical structures. Dividing into two sub-groups, as to allow each member to present her work and get feedback from her colleges, each presentation was followed by a group discussion in which the emerging papers were discussed thoroughly.

Post-doctoral students

Dr. Tal Arbel. Tal Arbel is a cultural historian of modern science and technology. In 2016, she completed a Ph.D. in History of Science at Harvard University. Previously, she studied at Tel Aviv University, earning an MA in History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas. Her work concerns the history of social and psychological measurement, the sociology of expertise, and the scientific rationalization of public life and self-understanding. Her book manuscript, The American Soldier in Jerusalem: A Global History of Survey Research, asks how measuring the attitudes and preferences of ordinary people by means of sample surveys became a pervasive, nearly universal way of knowing in both social science and public life in the second half of the twentieth century. Set against the backdrop of postwar modernization politics, the book examines the importation of public opinion and market research into late 1940s Palestine and the deployment of these methods on a wide scale in Zionist nation-building and social engineering during the first decades of Israeli statehood. As a postdoctoral fellow at the Minerva Center (2016-2018), she is working on two new projects, both of which concern knowledge-migration in the social sciences. The first analyzes Hebrew translations of WWII-era self-help guides for American soldiers as a way of tracing the circulation of behavioral intelligibility and highlighting processes of hybridization. The second project—part of a larger project about the history of norms in the social sciences—explores the controversy over value-neutrality that took place at the Hebrew University in the late 1930s and 1940s.

Dr. Ran Segev. Dr. Ran Segev is a historian of the early modern period, whose interests include religious culture, colonial encounters and the interplay between science and religion, especially as they pertain to the Spanish world. His work focuses on the social, intellectual and religious transformations that accompanied
the colonization of the New World. He graduated from the department of history at the University of Texas, Austin in December 2015, where he wrote his doctoral thesis “The Science of Faith: Religious Worldviews and the Study of Nature in the Spanish World, 1530s-1640s.” Presently he is working on his forthcoming book, which explores the importance of the study of the earth in Spain and its colonies for confessional ends. In this monograph, he shows how in the post-Reformation world new empirical knowledge and natural disciplines—including geographies, cosmographies and natural histories—were assimilated into Catholic outlooks by providing new ways to conceptualize and transmit religious ideologies.

The Political Lexicon department, led by Dr. Ariel Handel, is both a research group studying foundational concepts in political theory, and the primary venue for initiating, writing, editing, and assembling original essays in the framework of a Lexicon for Political Concepts, published in the online, peer-reviewed academic journal Mafte’akh.

Our work systematically cuts across institutional and disciplinary boundaries and does not shy away from interacting with extra-academic sources of knowledge, such as the arts and social activism. It is guided and integrated by a return to the most ancient philosophical question, “What is X?”, posed here for the purpose of testing the common usage of concepts as well as their accepted theoretical frameworks. The critical examination of each concept is an opportunity for refreshing the arsenal and broadening the horizons of theory in the Humanities, awakening theory’s political consciousness, and shedding new light on some aspects of political reality which the revisited concept seeks to capture.

Within the department, four reading groups have operated bi-weekly or monthly. Political Theory, the project’s core group, led by Dr. Ariel Handel; Political Economy, led by Dr. Noam Yuran; Photo-Lexic, led by Dr. Ruthie Ginsburg; and a new group, Education & Politics, led by Dr. Itay Snir and Mr. Adam Aboulafia. These reading groups strive to cultivate a community of scholars—including faculty, graduate and postgraduate students—committed to a critical approach to political theory and a political approach to theory in the humanities.
Annual theme and lexical workshop: ‘Relative Value’—Political concepts and their family relations

This year’s annual theme and lexical workshop was devoted to political concepts that come from the sphere of domestic and family life. At the background of these explorations is the fundamental liberal dichotomy between the private and the public, which entails a strict distinction between the familial on the one hand and the political on the other. As Hagar Kotef writes in her paper published at the first issue of Mafte’akh, the domestic has functioned within Western philosophy in general as “the Other of the political, incorporating that which has been excluded from the political.” Following many critical writers, including Marxists, queer/feminists and post-structuralists, the workshop sought to challenge this dichotomy and to turn attention to such fruitful intersections.

The encounter between the familial and the political proved fruitful in the various interpretations it rendered and the different direction suggested by the workshop’s participants. Ideas from related fields were brought into the philosophical lexical discussion, including literature, gender and queer studies, history, sociology, urban planning, psychoanalysis and more. The discussion of several concepts reflected changes in current family structures and their political consequences. Other presentations expressed attempts to politically deconstruct established perceptions of family-related concepts, such as motherly love and reproduction, paying special attention to their meaning and particular manifestation in the Israeli-Zionist discourse.

The workshop’s theme was also the common theme of the yearly seminar held by the lexical project. The texts discussed in the seminar demonstrated a common endeavor to politicize and historicize family-related concepts, such as childhood, parenting, kinship, etc. Additional attention was devoted to the familial etymological roots of some central political concepts, such as fraternity and patriarchy. The discussion on political concepts from the sphere of family life between scholars who are at the same time positioned as daughters/sons, parents/nonparents, and taking part in different familial forms, was able to demonstrate the blurred lines between the political and the personal, as well as between political-philosophical thought and what is usually considered the private aspects of a scholars’ life.
The 14th Lexical Conference for Critical Political Thought (May 2017)

The presentations in this conference aimed, like those presented in previous conferences, to contribute to an alternative political lexicon, drawing upon various trends within twentieth-century Continental Philosophy or inspired by it. The conference consisted of five sessions, presenting concepts such as “authentic neighborhoods”, “landscape”, “calligraphy”, “mimesis”, “pile”, “transparent works”, “disability art”, “censorship”, “education”, and “messianism”.

Mafte’akh: A Lexical Journal of Political Thought

The journal Mafte’akh: A Lexical Journal of Political Thought is now in its seventh year of continuous open-access online publication. The first issue published in 2017, issue 11, was published in March as a special issue celebrating fifteen years to the publication of Adi Ophir’s seminal book The Order of Evils. The issue includes an editor’s introduction, a Hebrew translation of Étienne Balibar’s entry “Je, Moi, Soi” from Barbara Cassin’s acclaimed Vocabulaire européen des philosophies: Dictionnaire des intraduisibles; a portfolio of video art, photography and painting, which were curated especially for the issue around the concept “The Face of Evil”; and eight original lexical essays: “Justification”, “Definition”, “This World”, “Cosmopolitan Publics”, “Disaster-without-Disaster”, “Common Struggle”, “Congenital Affinity”, “Literature in the Voice of the Victim.” Seven of these were authored by current or past members of the Political Lexicon department.

The second issue to appear in 2017 is issue 12, forthcoming in October as the second issue produced and dedicated to the Photolexic group. This ongoing working group consists of photography theorists and practitioners operating under the auspice of the Political Lexicon department, and co-directed by Dr. Ruthie Ginsburg.

Work on issues 13, forthcoming April 2018 has already begun. Issue 14 is forthcoming in October 2018 (guest co-editor: Dr. Assaf Tamari), and will include selected papers from a very successful and influential workshop on Jewish political concepts that took place this year, titled “Beyond the Horizon of Secularization.”

During this year Mafte’akh’s editorial team was joined by three prominent young female scholars: Dr. Yael Berda, a leading human rights lawyer and associate professor at the department of sociology and anthropology at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Dr. Michal Givoni, a former member of the Political Lexicon
department and associate professor at the politics and government department
at Ben Gurion University in the Negev; and Zahiye Kundos, who is in the process
of submitting her PhD dissertation, and is also co-director of the “Humanities in
Conflict Zones” project at the Minerva Humanities Center.

**Education & Politics Group: Critical perspectives in
Contemporary Theories of Education**

Led by Dr. Itay Snir and Mr. Adam Aboulafia, this new research group in the Political
Lexicon department is devoted to a critical examination of the relationship between
education and politics, focusing on both conceptual issues in the philosophy of
education and more empirical analyses of the various links between the political
sphere and educational practices and institutions. We are particularly interested
in the variety of ways in which education is or might be politicized, taking as our
point of departure the understanding that any “de-politization” is yet another
political strategy.

Participants were chosen from over 40 applicants according to merit and
disciplinary and/or professional diversity, consisting of researchers in philosophy
(particularly philosophy of education), sociology, and law, many of whom have
also held professional positions within or in close connection with non-academic
educational institutions (e.g. high-school teachers, education journalism, curriculum
supervisors in the ministry of education). Our goal for the academic year 2016-2017
was to create a collective research environment that would be able to connect
various theoretical disciplines engaged with the politics-education nexus, and
to bring them into close contact with issues stemming directly from educational
and political practice. We met once a month throughout the year, and for each
session at least two participants gave presentations—either of important relevant
research from their field or from their own work—followed by group discussion.

As the year progressed, a common group problematic gradually emerged,
namely the relationship between the state and educational institutions: the ways
in which the state strives to control or regulate these institutions, the more general
functions that these institutions fulfill in relation to the goals of the state, and
the ways in which educational institutions can become a locus of pressure and
protest regarding state policy. Our plan for the next academic year is to produce
original work on this particular theme by the participants, and we plan to publish
an edited volume on the subject.
Academic Professionalization from a Critical Perspective: Workshops for First-Generation Academics and Arab Students

In the academic year 2016-2017, two workshops took place under Minerva Humanities Center’s initiative, both for research students, Master’s degree students and PhD Candidates in the humanities and social sciences, who consider climbing the academic ladder. The First-Generation Academics workshop is intended for students whose parents do not hold academic degrees. The workshop for Arab students responds to educational exclusion and other structural factors that prevent entrance to the Israeli academia. This workshop was in cooperation with Tel Aviv University’s "Sawa" (سوا), the Kahanoff Arab Student Retention Initiative, and the dean of students’ office.

Local and international research shows that the percentage of students whose parents do not have academic degrees is significantly lower than the percentage of students who have at least one parent with an academic degree. First-generation students also tend to prefer colleges to universities, and professional programs that are perceived to yield social mobility rather than the humanities and social sciences. These tendencies further decrease the representation of first-generation academics among university staff. Arab students currently comprise only about 4-8% of the students who graduate with advanced degrees and a mere 2% among academic staff. Some of the barriers that have been identified as impeding academic success of Arab students in Israeli academia are linguistic, cultural and peer-group differences.

The workshops focus on academic professionalization skills: reading and writing academic texts (research proposals, dissertations, articles), writing CVs and abstracts, submitting proposals for conferences and research funding, publishing papers, adjunct teaching, etc., and reading critical texts concerning academia, which expose the students to the structural strengths and weaknesses of the contemporary academic establishment. In addition, there are meetings with senior and junior researchers. For the first time this year there was a mentoring program that provided six hours of tutoring for the students. All mentors are volunteer researches from Minerva Humanities Center and from the Academia for Equality organization. In both our workshops, some of tutors were themselves first-generation or Arab researchers. The workshops also serve as a mutual support group for the participants, allowing them to discuss their own concerns, experiences, and language challenges.

The first workshop took place in the academic year of 2015-2016, as a pilot project,
led by Dr. Roy Wagner and Ms. Revital Madar. In 2016-2017 the two workshops were led by Efrat Ben-Shoshan Gazit, who hold an MA in Gender Studies. The call for applications yielded some 90 responses for both workshops. For the First-Generation workshop we selected the 24 candidates who adhered best to our criteria (first-generation MA and PhD students). The students came from various universities and colleges, and from a variety of disciplines. In the Arab group we selected 15 students, all of them from Tel Aviv University. In both workshops the students strongly confirmed the contribution of the project. They reported that they have a better understanding of what is expected from them as researchers, and that they have more tools to meet those expectations.

Publications

Books

Special Journal Issues

Articles in Refereed Journals
The theme of our department this year was Political Violence. We held 12 meetings throughout the year, in each of which we read text by a different scholar and examined a different aspect or display of political violence. Among the authors we studied were Franz Fanon, Hana Arendt, Jean Amery, Mahmood Mamdani and Norbert Elias. Each meeting was led by a different scholar, either a member of the group or a guest lecturer. The following are selected abstracts of our meetings.

**29.12.2016, Political Violence in Settler Societies (Tom Pessah)**
Dr. Tom Pessah led a meeting on the representation of violence in democratic settler societies. He provided some historical background on debates in nineteenth-century US and New Zealand regarding the indigenous groups that “deserve” violence, and on the ways in which it was necessary to frame such debates in order to secure consensus within the settler society.

**14.3.2017, “Occupation of the Senses” (Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian)**
Guest lecturer Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian led a discussion based on her recent book. The theme emphasized the particular nature of violence exhibited even by such seemingly innocent festivals, where colored lights transform the walls of Jerusalem’s Old City to violent parades with chants of “Death to the Arabs”. The lecture analyzed the effect of these displays on Palestinian residents of Jerusalem. Also discussed were the theologies of the Bible and of Security, and how they provide justification for such actions, as well as the notion of necropenology—punishment directed towards the dead (e.g. refusing to return bodies of Palestinians to their families). We discussed the relationship of these concepts to anti-colonial writings, such as those of Fanon.

**4.4.2017, Trauma and political violence (Irit Aviram)**
Irit Aviram led the discussion, based on a text by Effi Ziv, “Insidious Trauma” (Mafte’akh 5 [2012], pp. 55-73). In this article the author integrates into the psychoanalytic field the political dimension which is often omitted from it, and she does so by naming traumas of political origin which are unrecognized as traumas. In Irit Aviram’s presentation, a similar line of thought was proposed, which examined the traumatic influence of an oppressive culture on the psyche from the perspective of the concept of otherness. For this purpose, Aviram compared the Generalized Temptation Theory of the psychoanalyst Jean Laplanche and the
Melancholic Identification Theory of Judith Butler. This comparison illuminated the way in which political forces demand the denial of the internal otherness that is inherent to the psyche; that is, the denial of the dimensions of the psyche which cannot be recognized by society. Aviram sees this denial as inherently violent. In the discussion questions were raised regarding the usefulness of the concept Insidious Trauma, the place the psychoanalytic field allows for the influence of external reality on the psyche (over and above internal conflicts), the relation between the violence operating on the self and the violence inflicted on others, and more.

15.5.2017, The French Revolution and the Concept of Trauma (Amnon Yuval)
The term trauma was developed in psychiatric thought since the end of the nineteenth century, in order to make sense of extreme experiences and behaviors of individuals. It began to appear in works dealing with the French Revolution in the end of the 1960s. However, for several decades its use by historians was slim, eclectic and based mainly on the popular sense of the word, with no commitment to a careful definition of the term or to its internal logic. Since the beginning of the 2000s this attitude began to change. The first historians of the Revolution to employ the concept of trauma as a significant tool for analysis were art and literary researchers, but in recent years they were joined by some more politically-oriented historians. My presentation dealt with this historiographical turn, trying to clarify the added value of the sociological concept of Cultural Trauma (or Collective Trauma) in the context of the French Revolution.

13.6. 2017, Violence across time and Regions (Prof. Oded Heilbronner)
In my lecture I looked at ‘violence’ across all periods of human history and across some regions of the world. My outlook capitalizes on the growing scholarly interest in the history of violence, which is emerging as one of the key intellectual issues of our time. I discussed recent scholarship in the field, providing a narrative of violence, as well as a wide-ranging thematic treatment of different types of violence. At the center of the lecture was the debate about the rise and fall of the amount and quality of mass human violence
Symposium: Between Settlers and Citizens in the Negev (17.1.2017, Tel Aviv University)

This event was part of our From Settlers to Natives series. During the first session, scholars from Ben Gurion University and the Sapir Academic College discussed processes of gentrification, class formation and colonization in the Negev. The second session was devoted to community members, and we heard from an environmental activist and from the chairperson of the Council of Unrecognized Villages in the Negev. The symposium furthered our study of relationships between settlers and natives by highlighting the complex relationships between secular and religious Ashkenazi newcomers, older Mizrachi residents and indigenous Bedouin groups in a shared space.

Publications

Law, Minority, and National Conflict, ed. Raef Zreik and Ilan Saban, Buchan Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, 2017.

The book deals with the legal and socio-political status of Palestinians in Israel in light of the broad, historical picture that covers the relationship between Israel and the Palestinian people at large.


The paper suggests an analytical framework for comparing both the reality and discourse of apartheid in former South Africa with the current reality and discourse in Palestine-Israel. This historical-analytical perspective includes four factors: economy, political unit, language, and political theology. This framework allows us to draw analogies and discover the similarities and dissimilarities between the two cases.

This book is a collaboration of the Minerva Humanities Center with the Betzalel Art Academy and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. The eight articles that comprise this book are accompanied by a collection of both popular and rare historical images of the Temple Mount, located in institutional Israeli archives and in private collections. In addition, it includes contemporary photographic artworks that engage with the historical collection and were presented at the photography gallery of the Bezalel Academy in 2016. The book is a cross between an academic volume, a memorial album and an exhibition catalogue. It presents original and critical research, but also strives to break out of the boundaries of academia through its accessible form and language. It aesthetics recalls memorial albums, but it also seeks to undermine the authority of the kind of memory such albums pertain to have. It is an exhibition catalogue, where the exhibition itself is borderless and without a specific time frame, as it is still growing. Each of the articles included in the book focuses on a different visual arena in Israel, using it to examine the ideologies and narratives that frame the presence of Temple Mount in it. They adopt a critical position towards the iconic status of the site, peeling away and politicizing its mythical imagery.

The articles in the book include: “Above and Beyond the View Line” (Noa Hazan and Avital Barak); “How Many Political-Theological Particles Can Be Replicated in a Single Photograph?” (Muhammad Jabali); “The Return to the Monument” (Hava Swartz); “Temple and Law” (Haim Yaacobi); “Moving the Second Temple” (Yael Padan); “Imagination, Memory and Phantasy” (Merav Mac); “From Orientalism to Militarism: The Dome of the Rock in the Work of Jewish Photographers” (Dor Gez); “I See Her and I See Neither Mountain nor Temple” (Hagar Ophir).
B. Center-Wide Projects

A. Activities, Dec. 2016—June 2017

Starting January 2017 we began a process of engaging the new body of “Humanities in Conflict Zone” into the Minerva Humanities Center. Despite the fact that the new fellows did not know Minerva before, the decision of including them within the center goes hand in hand with its spirit, which is committed to change, able to highlight the crucial dynamics between several levels of institutional production of knowledge, and to draw a direct line between theory and practice.

We have recruited 4 fellows and one artist-in-residence (the fifth was interviewed as potentially committed), who joined the research groups of the Center, promoting their own projects, while taking part in outreach initiatives on and off campus.

We held our first annual researchers’ workshop in April, in which the fellows presented their projects and received feedback.

We also held our special annual workshop, Narratives of Progress, hosted in the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

B. Decision on Thematic Threads for the Project

We decided to divide our broad vision into several thematic threads. These provide a conceptual structure around which to integrate both individual projects of our scholars, as well as conferences, workshops, outreach activities, etc.

The threads are:

1. Modernity as Cultural Shock: Between Continuity and Break

We seek to examine the challenges modernity poses to religion and culture, with an emphasis, although not an exclusive one, on the Islamic heritage of knowledge traditions in the context of colonial and post-colonial states. This theme deals with questions such as identities, nationalism, religiosity; as well as secularism, reforms, cultural transformations etc.

Under this theme we link the projects of scholars Zahiye, Manar and Maram. The theme also relates to many of Raef’s group projects, as well as Yusri’s initiative to examine the impact of the Arab spring on Israeli-Palestinian society. In addition, we are developing cooperation with the group of scholars led by Prof. Israel Gershoni, dealing with modernity in the Middle East.
2. Knowledge and Civilization: Immigration and Transformation of Knowledge in the Islamic Space and beyond

The immigration of Greek and other forms of science and knowledge into Islamic spaces, and later to Europe is one of the central yet contested aspects of history of science and religion. It was not simply a process of translation and transmission of knowledge, but primarily a transformation of that knowledge itself, as well as its relation and role in the broader culture into which it was integrated. Through the concept of civilization we would like to question some of the assumptions in the history of science and provide different perspectives to current debates.

Under this theme we link the project of Yusri, the upcoming project of Yossef Awabdy; Rodeyna (once we have a place for her as post-doc); and the Mucks project of Miki and Ahmad. We also plan an international workshop next summer, and a special bi-lingual, English-Arabic edition of the journal Science in Context (published under the hospice of the Cohn Institute).

3. Spiritual Practices and Rituals of Sovereignty

This theme draws the connection between spiritual practices, such as spiritual exercises and mystical experiences in different religions, and new forms of sovereignty, especially that of the modern state, from the late middle-ages to early modernity. The theme also examines the ways these practices and rituals create a new inter-religious discourse and develops into disciplines of knowledge and literary works.

Under this theme we link such projects as Maram’s and Gal’s; a cooperation with Galili’s Arab-Jewish studies; the “Tradition and Transmission” research group already operating in the MHC since 2014; and the project of Hebrew Literature. We also develop a cooperation with Vivian Liska, head of the Institute of Jewish studies in Antwerp in these lines. This theme also brings together Dikla’s project and also to some of the research groups of the Political lexicon. We also plan a workshop on these topics next fall.
C. Humanities as Intervention in the Israeli-Arab Education System

The above thematic threads are linked in what we previously defined as Humanities Outreach Projects. Once knowledge migrates from the university to schools and colleges, its function also changes. The educational aim here is not about providing information about history or philosophy but rather—following the unique academic approach developed by the Cohn Institute over the years—realizing that knowledge changes by being placed in a new context. The aim is to turn the learning experience into a transformative one, based on the idea that all knowledge-experience—including that of “high science” and not only that of the high-school classroom—is inherently transformative.

The fact that there is poor presence of the humanities within the Arabic-Israeli education system not only distances it from the ideas of enlightenment or the achievements of human spirit. It first and foremost separates these students from themselves. It prevents them from negotiating their identities, their past, traditions and believes. Instead of equipping them with advanced tools for negotiating with the “shocks of modernity,” giving them an option to revise ideas and to resist destructive options, it only allows them to adopt a limited, reactionary position.

We see the above three thematic threads as closely linked to this issue, both in terms of providing better understanding of the situation (for example: what is the relation between the recent increase of violence in the Israeli Palestinian society and the Arab spring) as well as making transformative knowledge accessible to students by creating materials, training teachers, cooperating with different organizations.

What we plan for the next year is to further develop the concept of humanities as intervention in schools and colleges, and at the same time, to produce this form of transformative knowledge through the different research projects. We plan on providing accessible knowledge with the support of advanced technologies, i.e. Mucks (online courses), accompanied by teaching methods that teachers will use to make this learning as meaningful as possible.
Citizens’ Photography: Knowledge Production in the Realm of Human Rights

Led by Dr. Ruthie Ginsburg, supported by Fritz Thyssen Foundation.

This project focuses on visual knowledge-production in the realm of human rights, especially knowledge produced by non-professionals in the field of human rights, based on a combination of political expertise, with particular attention to citizens’ photography.

Both globally and locally, human rights are currently the main political framework for individuals and groups struggling for justice. As opposed to traditional political practice that is grounded in expanding public support, human rights politics strives to sway public opinion through expert knowledge. The mode of producing and collecting knowledge on human rights-violations has transformed thanks to major technological developments such as digital photography and the internet. In the last two decades in particular, evidence on human rights abuses has been increasingly produced by non-professionals—citizens who are part of the afflicted community—rather than by a third parties such as human rights professionals or photojournalists. This mode of knowledge-production has led to new networks and collaborations that affect the structure and activity norms of human rights organizations. The case study for this project is the Camera Project of the Israeli human rights organization B’Tselem, which operates in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). The case study is examined in comparison to similar citizens’ photography projects elsewhere in the world.

In order to gain better understanding of citizens’ photography as a mode of knowledge production in the realm of human rights, several interviews were conducted over the past months: five with Palestinians who participate in the Camera Project and live at Hebron (al-Khalil) and Nabi Salih, a Palestinian village in the West Bank; and five with B’Tselem employees, one of whom is the project’s director. The intricate relations and collaboration between the non-professional citizens and human rights experts were also revealed through archive research and comparison between B’Tselem’s YouTube channel and Palestinian channels, such as the Tamimi’s YouTube channel, documenting Nabi Salih’s ongoing struggle against the occupation.
Publications

Two papers are currently under review and two others currently being written. "Citizens' Photography: A Comparative Analysis" is under review in *Media, Culture & Society*. It is a comparative analysis of citizens’ photography in the spheres of media/journalism, the social sciences, and human rights organizations, demonstrating the role of such photography in those fields and its complicated relationship with experts in each. Based on a comprehensive review of the literature, the analysis is concerned with the historical emergence of the practice, its strengths and weaknesses. While most scholars have considered citizens’ photography in a single, isolated field of knowledge, this article seeks to understand its centrality for a civil politics of visual participation via a comparative approach. Taking advantage of developments in digital and information technology, citizens’ photography has become a common way for ordinary people, rather than exclusively professionals, to produce knowledge, holding the promise of democratization of information-making and distribution but also the potential for failure.

"Emancipation and Collaboration: A Critical Examination of Human Rights Video Advocacy" is under review in *Theory, Culture, & Society*. It explores the relationship between political freedom and collaboration in the work of human rights organizations. It focuses on the ethical and political implications of producing evidence, once the documenting tool, the camera, is in the hands of an engaged civilian rather than a professional bystander such as a photojournalist. By examining cases in the occupied Palestinian territories (OPT) where the Palestinians are the photographers, I outline the relations and tensions between emancipatory acts and collaboration via visual information production. While both human rights organizations and the Palestinian non-professional photographers celebrate the collaboration in knowledge production as empowering, it also has negative political effects, such as reducing its political impact to an instrumental and public-oriented one—directed mainly at the Israeli public.
3. "Armed with a Camera: Human Rights Documentation, Gender, the Case of Israel/Palestine" is currently in writing. It focuses on the special agency of women in a conflict zone. Women participation in visual documentation is portrayed by B’Tselem in the context of their precarious position—if not double oppression—as Palestinian women under occupation. The article relates these women's position to the discussion on the ethics of abuses documentation in a gendered context initiated by Virginia Woolf in *Three Guineas* (1938), and taken up by Susan Sontag in *Regarding the Pain of Others* (2003). It also offers a critical reading of B’Tselem’s celebration of the Palestinians’ participation in the Camera Project, as they are the paradigmatic civil society in the eyes of international law. While international law and human rights organizations emphasize the protection of women, children and elders in a state of war, unarmed men are neglected. Against this background, I ask whether we can see gender differences in the visual documentation produced in the Camera Project.

4. Another article in writing is the first documentation of non-professional photographers in the OPT. During the First Intifada (1987-1993), a team of filmmakers and journalists initiated a citizen photography project where they trained three young Palestinians to film and edit. The outcome was a 60-minute documentary called *Palestinian Diaries*. The article is based on interviews conducted with the initiators about the aim of the project and its effects.
Led by Prof. Israel Gershoni.
This year we continued our reading group, getting familiarized with the cutting-edge historical research conducted lately in the field of Middle Eastern History. Each session was dedicated to one important book, discussing its contribution to the body of research in its specific historical discourse, as well as its broader meanings and contributions.

**Session 1, 29.11.2016: Dr. Keren Zdafee**
Discussing the book *The Age of Efendiyya: Passages to Modernity in National Colonial Egypt*, Oxford University Press, 2014 by Lucie Ryzova. We discussed the emerging new Middle Class elite in colonial-era Egypt, how different men and women exploited new opportunities for social mobility as vehicles for the reorganization of society, enrolling in new schools and acquiring education disseminated through new networks of communication. By doing so, they articulated a new *effendi* culture imbued with a sense of mission and duty towards the building of the new Egyptian society.

**Session 2, 27.12. 2016: Dr. Sivan Balslev**
Discussing the book *Childhood and Colonial Modernity in Egypt*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, by Heidi Morrison. We discussed the transformations of Egyptian childhoods that occurred across gender, class, and urban/rural divides. This is the first book to discuss modern childhood as a social experience in modern Egypt, seeing children as historical actors to influence and be influenced by modernity. Through the detailed overview of this book we acquired a closer understanding of the emergence of the category of childhood in the Middle East and its historical importance on the background of the colonial experience of the country.

**Section 3, 24.1.2017: Ms. Zahiya Kundus**
Discussing the book *Freedom in the Arab World: Concepts and Ideologies in Arabic Thought in the Nineteenth Century*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016 by Wael Abu-‘Uksa. We discussed the emergence and translations of the concepts of freedom and modernity in modern Arabic thought, how it played a valuable role in defining associated concepts such as liberalism, socialism, progress, rationalism, secularism, citizenship, and enlightenment. This intellectual effort contributed to important and groundbreaking linguistic developments and semantic shifts that assumed historical importance such as the rise of nationalism, relations with European powers, and the influence of the Ottoman rule over society.
Session 4, 28.3.2017: Mr. Ellie Osherov
Discussing the book *Formations of the Secular: Christianity, Islam, Modernity*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003, by Talal Asad. We discussed the concepts, practices, and political formations of secularism in the modern Arab Middle East, and the major historical shifts that shaped major secular attitudes and manifestations. Asad’s book undermines the Western idea of the articulation of secularism in the Islamic world, as well as the notion that secularism was mainly introduced into the Middle East by colonial powers. He explains how the concept of secularism was developed within the societies of the Middle East themselves, imbuing it with socio-cultural meanings relevant to their own culture and ways of living.

Session 5, 25.4.2017: Dr. Liat Kozma
Discussing the book *Industrial Sexuality: Gender, Urbanization, and Social Transformation in Egypt*, Texas: The University of Texas Press, 2016 by Hanan Hammad. We discussed the experience of industrial work by Egyptian men, women, and children, and the transition from peasant-based, handcraft cultures to factory organization and urbanization in the years between the two world wars. The book underlines the struggle to live in new urban spaces, the need to embrace new customs of urban norms and morals, and most importantly, gender hierarchy and order. This book contributed to the understanding of the evolution of the working class in Egypt on the background of the colonial rule.

Session 6, 23.5.2017: Dr. Abigail Jacobson
Discussing the book *Extraterritorial Dreams: European Citizenship, Sepharadi Jews, and the Ottoman Twentieth Century*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016, by Sara Stein. We discussed the experience of Mediterranean Jewish men, women, and families, in an era of great changes within their physical vicinity and space. Stein explores how the changing of borders, migrations, genocides, and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, as well as the formation of a new modern passport regime, influenced the identity of Jews in their journey to find their legal place in a divided world with competing nationalist sentiments. This stands as an important contribution to minority studies, and the ways in which minorities struggled global politics in a changing environment of the Middle East between the two world wars.
Special seminar by Susana Huler.

In 1946, a short time after the war, Lacan said that it is impossible to understand the being of man without madness, and even more: it would not be the being of man if it did not carry in itself madness as a limit to his freedom. This seminar was dedicated to studying this limit from the perspective of different moments in the teachings of Freud, Lacan and Miller.

The Book Review Project, directed by Dr. Noam Yuran, is a series of public events dedicated discussions about recently-published books in the Humanities and related Social Sciences. The events focus on books of Israeli authors as well as on Hebrew translations of books in Philosophy, History, Literature, Political Science, Cultural Studies and more. The events, which usually attract wide and diversified audience, comprise of interdisciplinary panels of researches, combining leading scholars and young researchers. By providing a stage for these encounters, MHC aims to establish a fertile and critical discussion on issues and themes at the heart of the contemporary academic life, touching upon social and political questions of the present. For more details see the event posters below.

The Minerva Colloquium is a joint forum of the entire center, dedicated either to presentations by our own members, guest lecturers, or center-level discussions of thematic topics. Part of the sessions is also dedicated to cross-departmental updates, where we inform each other of our activities, plans, and methodologies. The Colloquium meets between two and three times each semester.

22.11.2016 Dr. Ronen Ben-Arie. Collaborative Struggles in Israel-Palestine

Dr. Ronen Ben-Arie presented a joint book-project he is working on together with Dr. Marcelo Svirsky (University of Wollongong). Together they develop a new research framework for examining collaborative struggles of Arabs and Jews in Palestine (focusing on the Mandatory period), and through which to reevaluate the possible horizons of political activity.
24.1.2017 Chen Iron. Corporate Social Responsibility: 
Adam Smith’s Critique
Chen Iron, student at the Cohn institute, presented a re-reading of Adam Smith’s 
moral theory of economic behavior, relating it to the contemporary discussion 
about the corporate responsibility.

28.3.2017 Zehiya Kundus and Dr. Gal Hertz. Humanities in Conflict 
Zones: Introduction
This session was dedicated to introducing the Center’s new project and research 
group, “Humanities in Conflict Zones,” to the rest of the members. We were 
introduced to the rationale of the project, followed by personal presentations of 
the new project members, and finally a discussion of possible integrations between 
that project and the rest of the center’s activities.

16.5.2017 Ori Landsberg. Hegel after Levinas: 
Towards Immanent Otherness
Ori Landsberg, a research student, presented part of his study-in-progress focusing 
on the central concept of otherness in Hegel. The presentation surveyed certain 
problematic readings of this concept, calling for its re-evaluation by means of a 
critical juxtaposition with its use in the works of Levinas.

6.6.2017 Avital Barak and Dr. Noa Hazan: Temple Mount Book Project 
/ Dr. Raef Zreik: The Occupation at 50
In the first part of this session, Avital Barak and Dr. Noa Hazan presented their 
joint book-project, The Mountain, The Dome and The Gaze (see description 
above under “projects”). We were introduced to the final draft of the book and 
to several selected articles from it. We discussed the new venues opened up 
by this scholarly format and their implications for the sort of questions we are 
interested in as a center.

In the second part, Dr. Raef Zreik conducted a discussion marking the fiftieth year 
of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. We used this opportunity 
to review some of the scholarly work conducted in our center, and to ask about 
the requirements and possibilities of political thinking, and about the possibility 
of a joint Israeli-Palestinian, under this ongoing condition.
C. Detailed Event Programs

The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas

Conference: The Moral Dilemmas of Science

Nov 14, 2016 (Monday), room 449, Gilman building floor 4
18:00 Chair: Jose Brunner (Director, Cohn Institute, Tel-Aviv University)

Key lecture: John Heilbron (Professor of History and Vice-Chancellor Emeritus, University of California, Berkeley), Bacon's Idols Updated.

Commentator: Rivka Feldhay (Director, Minerva Humanities Center, Tel-Aviv University)

Nov 15, 2016 (Tuesday), room 449, Gilman building floor 4
10:00 – 12:00 Session 1: Dilemmas
Chair: Amir Teicher (History Department, Tel Aviv University)

Claus Spenninger (History, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich), Towards a more reasonable frame of mind among scientific men: International relations and “private” communication between physicists, ca. 1914-1927.

Ute Deichmann (Jacques Loeb Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences BGU), Internationality as moral challenge - The early beginnings of the Israeli-German collaboration in the sciences.

Peter Collins (Director Emeritus, the Centre for History of Science at the Royal Society), The Royal Society During the Cold War: Keeping the Door Open.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
Tuesday June 20, 2017 (Invitees Only)

11:30-12:00
Greetings:
Shai Lavi, Director of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
Introduction:
Raef Zreik, Tel Aviv University
Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

12:00-13:15  Panel: The Idea of Progress and It’s Connotations
Chair: Noam Yuran, Tel Aviv University
Falko Schmieder, ZfL-Berlin: The Concept of Progress in Marxism and in Critical Theory
Pini Ifergan, Bar-Ilan University and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute: Blumenberg’s Narrative of Progress: Overcoming It and Reoccupying It

13:15-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Roundtable: No Critique without Hope?
On the Historical Dynamics of Critical Thinking
Chair: Gal Hertz, Tel Aviv University, ZfL-Berlin
José Brunner, Tel Aviv University
Naveh Frumer, Tel Aviv University
Zahiye Kundos, Tel Aviv University

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:30 Roundtable: Education and Progress
Chair: Maram Masarwi, Al Quasemi College and Tel Aviv University
Itay Snir, University of Haifa: Progressive Education, Child Development, and the School
Ruth Amir, The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College: From a Narrative of Progress to (Cultural) Genocide: Forcible Transfers of Indigenous Children
ערב השקה לכרוס ספרה של מישל בוקובזה קאהן
עדויות על ניסיrelude הקדוש

1732-1727

בשנים

החלמה שונים ומשונים שהתרחשו בבית הקברות סנט-מדאר, ויוחסו לקדוש פרנסואה דה פריס. למורת רוחם של השלטונות, התקבץ מדי יום בבית הקברות קהל רב כדי לצפות ולהשתתף במעשי הנס. ספרה של מישל בוקובזה קאהן מנתח עדויות כתובות על ניסי הקדוש מפרספקטיבה חדש, ומראה כיצד הן מטרימות את שיח העדות של ימינו.
הכניסה חופשית
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מקורות הניאו-ליברליזם
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The ORIGINS of
NEOLIBERALISM
MODELING THE ECONOMY
FROM JESUS TO FOUCAULT
Dotan Leshem

יום רביעי, 26.4.2017, בשעה 18:00
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הכיסוםوفقית
התכנסות
18:00
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פרופ' שרון חנס
על מאמריו של פרופ' גילה שטופלר
פרופ' מנחם מאוטנר
המיעוט הערבי, המיעוט החרדי והתאוריה הרב-תרבותית במדינה יהודית ודמוקרטית
פרופ' גילה שטופלר
תגובה:
על מאמריו של פרופ' יואב פלד
ד"ר מיטל פינטו
אזרחותם של מיעוטים בדמוקרטיה אתנית:
1939–1918
הרפובליקה הפולנית השנייה
1972–1921
צפון-אירלנד
ולא
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פרופ' אורן יפתחאל
ומאמריו של ד"ר ראיף זריק
ועאזר דקואר
פרדיגמת האפרטהייד: היסטוריה, פוליטיקה ואסטרטגיה;
על דרום-אפריקה דאז ועל פלסטין/ישראל
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חיים י. צדוק
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 INVITATION: Discussion in the wake of the release of the volume
"Law, Society and Culture"
In the light of the memory of Y. Tsadok
editors: Dr. Raif Zayek and Dr. Ilan Sivan
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לحبיצי ויצמן, ולحبיזי מודרניזם
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מיכל ספיר
מוזיקאית וכותבת
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מכללת בית ברל
אניגרימט ול איבן

Understanding Wittgenstein,
Understanding Modernism

Edited by Anat Matar

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הכיתוש וופשיט
Don Ihde is one of the leading contemporary philosophers of technology. His book presents systematically the main principles of his theory, which is based on the thought of Heidegger, Merleau Ponty, and Derrida. Ihde explains the basic principles of post-phenomenology, such as the anticipation of technology over science, the body as a technological nature, technological and scientific phenomena, historical changes, and many more.
הDefense of the Rights of Women
Mary Wollstonecraft

The defense of women’s rights is a book written in 1792. In this book, Wollstonecraft argues that the low status of women in society is not due to a natural difference between the sexes, but rather a result of constant oppression and an effort to prevent women from achieving spiritual and moral freedom. To correct this unfairness, Wollstonecraft asserts that women should be granted the same education and opportunities as men; only then can they fulfill their true potential as independent and equal citizens.

The defense of women’s rights by Mary Wollstonecraft was a groundbreaking work in the field of feminism, a term that was coined only later. Wollstonecraft’s book was personally attacked by those who opposed her views, but today she is recognized not only as the founder of the women’s rights movement but also as a significant writer whose works have left their mark on both romantic and feminist literature.

The Hebrew translation of the book, Defense of Women’s Rights, was published in 2015. The Hebrew edition is translated and introduced by Dr. Shira Hlevi, professor at the University of Haifa, who specializes in the history of women and gender at Ben-Gurion University. Her book, which focuses on the role of women in the public and political sphere, has been influential in the study of women’s rights in Israel.
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וגוסט 2017

עורכים: יוחאי עתריה ועמיחי שלו
משה אלחנתי
כרמל יוסף
עמרי הרצוג עודד וולקשטיין
אסף דגני
יוחאי עתריה
עורך הספר

העיון הפוסט-אנושי
בין פנטזיה לחיי נצח לבהלה קיומית
יוחאי עתריה ועמיחי שלו
ש' 69 : 2016 דצמבר
מרשתות מחשב אינטליגנטיות ועד זומבים חסרי מוח, מגלמים בשר ודם ועד ל,Object magic, מפחד מוות ועדרכי נצח: גבולותיו של העולם הפוסט-אנושי.への עולמות אינסופיים.حكيم הומנניאט הוא לא פרום דיני, והאדם הפשוט הוא בלט מחזורי. משך הידידות והשדéo תחת סידות קיימיות
משך עיוות ועיוות קיימיות.

לרעיון הפוסט-אנושיות יש היסטוריה ארוכה ועתיד מורכב, הרבה מעבר לשלוב של אדם-מכונה או להפיכת בני האדם לגיבורי-על. לא ניתן להגדיר את האדם הפוסט-אנושי רק במונחי העל-אדם נוסח ניטשה, והאדם הפוסט-אנושי הוא אשר אנחנו. בספר זה מבקשים כותבות וכותבים מתחומי האקדמיה, התרבות והספרות לענות על השאלות הללו, אם באמצעות סרטי מדע בדיוני, פסיכדליה, התפתחויות רלוונטיות בתחומי המדעים, חוויה של מצמררות, הטבח השיטתי בבעלי חיים והModuleName השוכב. כל אחד ואחת מהם שואל שאלת יסוד דומה – מהי פוסט-אנושיות והאם היא כבר חלק מהתרבות שלנו? כל אחד ואחת מהם מציע תשובה מעוררת הטרון. התוצאה היא ספקטראל רבגוני שפורש עולמות ומלוכים, פוער סדקים בקביעויות ובתפיסות קיימיות מחד, ומאידךشرטט מרחב וממצאים, שחלקם כבר מתרחשים לנגד עינינו.
We are happy to announce the release of our new book 'I Am Not a Monster! An Essay on Edgar Allan Poe.'

The book, written by Professor Oded Wolfshtein, is a fascinating exploration of the works of Edgar Allan Poe. It is a study of a committed reader who tries to decipher the ambiguity that his work casts on its readers, and its enigmas and provocations. Reading in real time, he penetrates the inner secrets of the text and escapes from it to look at the historic moment in which it was created.

The book is available at the Minerva Humanities Center, 281 Gilman Building, on Saturday, April 5th, from 5:00 PM.
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 חיים דעואל לוסקי: צילום אופקי
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במהלך ארבעים השנים האחרונות יצר חיים דעואל לוסקי יותר משלושים
מצלמות רב–מוקדיות, ייחודיות בצורתן ובחומריותן, הנבדלות זו מזו במבנה
הפנימי שלהן (נקב, לשכה אפלה, סוג המצע שעליו נקלט הדימוי), ובמערכות
אופטיות שונות המשבשות את אופן התנהגות האור ואת יחסים
האור לחומר ובין האור למרחב. כל אחת ממצלמות אלה חוללה תופעות
אופטיות חד–פעמיות והציעה תנאיtaşפה למחשבה על מהות הצילום
ועל היכולת לחשוב באמצעותו על העולם שבו הן מופעלות.

ספר זה - המציג כל אחת ואחת מהמצלמות بطريقة פרטית ופרשני – הוא תוצר
של שיתוף פעולה מתמשך בין דעואל לוסקי לבין אזולאי. יחד הם חוקרים את
משטר הראייה שמיסד הצילום השגור - אנכי, חד–מוקדי - המתמסר쉽
להיגיון הריבוני ולעיקרון הקניין הקפיטליסטי. באמצעות מכשירים ייחודיים
שליחים המשבשים את השליטה של הצלם במכשיר, ומזמנים התנסות בתופעות
אופטיות סינוגליות ובלתי–צפויות, בוחנים שניים אפשרויות לשחרור הצילום
האנכי מכבליו, כמו גם חלופים למשטר הראייה הרווח. בין השאר, חלופים
הנשענות על הפילוסופיה האופקית (דעואל לוסקי) כמו גם חלופים א–היררכיות המשוחררים מתביעת בעלות (אזולאי).

הספר מציג את המצלמות של דעואל לוסקי כפרויקט סדרתי המשלב בין
מחשבה תיאורטית ביקורתית לבין עשייה, ומציב אותן במרחב של דמיון אזרחי.
מרחב הדמיון האזרחי מאפשר לאזולאי לדחות את תפיסת הזמני של הקדמה,
שהפכה את הקمرا אובסקורה ליושנת ודנה והפכה לעבור מן העולם, ולהציע
ארבעה מסלולים נרטיביים מקבליים משמשים כמצע שעליו היא פורשת
היסטוריה פוטנציאלית של הצילום.

הוא ד"ר לפילוסופיה ואמן. הוא משמש כמרצה בכיר
חיים דעואל לוסקי
באקדמיה לאמנות בצלאל, באוניברסיטת תל אביב ובמדרשת בית ברל.

היא פרופסור באוניברסיטת בראון, מלמדת מחשבה אזרחית
אריאלה אזולאי
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יו״ר: לין חלוזין-דברת
יאירה סעדי,
שכונות אותנטיות
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
אפרת הילדסהיים,
סינקופה נופית
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
11:45 - 10:30
יו״ר: אודי אדלמן
אניסה אשקר,
קליגרפיה
אמנית רב תחומית
לבנת דקלב,
מימזיס
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
13:30 - 12:15
יו״ר: רותי גינזבורג
רלי דה-פריז
ערימה
רונה ברייר-גארב,
עבודות שקופות
מכון ון-ליר בירושלים
17:30 - 16:15
יו״ר: איתי שניר
ענת רימון-אור,
חינוך
המרכז ללימודים אקדמיים באור-יהודה
יואב רונאל,
משיחיות
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הכנס החופשי
בין השארים: מושגים פוליטיים וקשרי המשפחה שלהם
סדנה במסגרת קבוצת הלקסיקון למחשבה פוליטית
במרכז מינרבה למדעי הרוח, אוניברסיטת תל אביב

הפסקת צהריים
14:30-13:30

יו״ר: לבנת קונופני דקלב

מושב ג׳
16:15-14:30

אם הבנים
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
דנה אולמרט

האם המתה
אוניברסיטת בר אילן
מירי רוזמרין

רצח אב
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
אפרת אבן-צור

יו״ר: רותי פרסר

מושב ד׳
18:15-16:30

חֲבֵרָה
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
לליב מלמד

גילוי עריות
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
אפי זיו

שארות קווירית
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ברכות
9:30
יו״ר: איתי שניר

מושב א׳
11:30-9:45

די לחינוך
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
אהד זהבי

חינוך ביתי
האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
מרים סמט

ארוס פדגוגי
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
עפרי אילני

יו״ר: חן משגב

מושב ב׳
13:30-11:45

קשר דם
אוניברסיטת תל אביב
לין חלוזין דברת

כריית נשים
אוניברסיטת בר אילן
אומי לייסנר

משק בית
אוניברסיטת תל אביב והמכללה למנהל
שלי כהן

יום ב׳, 22.5.2017 | בניין בלומברג, מבני מרפאת תל-אביב

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