



The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies  
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Tel Aviv University

# Social Constructions of the Self: A Workshop

Tel Aviv University, 7-8 January 2018

Sunday, 7 January

**16:30-18:30**

## Greetings and Opening Remarks

**Leo Corry**, Dean, The Lester and Sally Entin  
Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University  
**Aviad Kleinberg**, Head of the Zvi Yavetz School  
of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

## Keynote Address

**Elizabeth Lunbeck**, Harvard University  
*Narcissistic Selves in the Age of Trump*

Monday, 8 January

**9:00-11:00**

## The Bounded Self

Chair: Yael Sternhell, Tel Aviv University  
**Youval Rotman**, Tel Aviv University  
*The Relational Self: The Slave, the Author,  
the Reader, the Scholar*  
**Alice Bellagamba**, University of Milan  
*Selves and Freedom after African  
Emancipations*  
**John Stauffer**, Harvard University  
*Frederick Douglass's Continual Self-Fashioning*

**11:15-13:15**

## The Transformed Self

Chair: Roy Tzohar, Tel Aviv University  
**Ram-Prasad Chakravarthi**, University of Lancaster  
*Reconfiguration: Emotions and Conversion*  
**Maria Heim**, Amherst College  
*Pulling up the Roots: Conversion Narratives in  
the Theravāda*  
**Laurie Sears**, University of Washington  
*Mysticism and Islam in Javanese Ramayana Tales*

**15:00-17:00**

## The Nocturnal Self

Chair: Avner Wishnitzer, Tel Aviv University  
**Roger Ekirch**, Virginia Tech  
*A Cage of Unclean Thoughts*  
**Elisabeth Bronfen**, University of Zurich/New York  
University  
*Traversing the Night: Where the Social Meets the  
Aesthetic*  
**Carole Woodall**, University of Colorado  
*Illegible Nights: Drug Zones and Cocaine  
Narratives in 1920s Istanbul*

**17:15-18:15**

## Concluding Discussion