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Dear Fellows and Instructors,

The idea of initiating a joint IIAS-ZiF endeavor began in March 2013, at the UBIAS (University-Based Institutes for Advanced Study) conference in Jerusalem. It took another two and a half years until the idea of pairing ZiF and the IIAS became a reality. When, in our discussions, the concept of “human dignity” first arose, it was immediately clear to both of us that we could not imagine something more appropriate for both Israel and Germany. The more we thought about it, the more we realized that there has not been, in the past few years, a day when of human dignity has not been at the center of news events across the globe.

From the outset it was clear that, with ZiF (Bielefeld) and the IIAS (Jerusalem) joining together, Israel and Germany would be bringing their own unique sensibilities to this area of inquiry. Both countries have struggled to define the parameters of human dignity, from the purely theoretical aspects to the reality of facts on the ground which cannot be ignored and should be addressed. Topics on slavery, the issue of refugees, and respecting the rights of citizens, women, freedom of thought, have always been part of the narrative of human history. The balance of power between legal, political and governmental authorities and the individuals living under those authorities, has always been a delicate one, vulnerable to abuse. It is a balance which needs to be continually redefined.

At the end of an interesting year of preparation, we are delighted to now welcome you as participants in this wonderful endeavor. Your scholarship, expertise and your personal experience will all be brought to bear in a series of master classes that will touch on many important issues, among them the philosophy of human dignity, the impact of canonical texts on the evolution of human dignity, and the legalization of human rights. While we are all equally committed to the study of human dignity, each phase of the International Academia will remain autonomous. The entire impact of the Academia will only be felt at the close of the second session, in Bielefeld.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to making this an event that will not remain within the boundaries of theory, but will also have to ability to make a difference.



Michal Linial



Ulrike Davy

## IIAS

The Israel Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) was founded in 1975, with the vision of providing a unique setting for intellectual, academic achievement in all disciplines. The IIAS was recognized as a national institute in 2012. Each year the IIAS hosts between thirty to forty Research Group fellows, for five- to ten- month periods of residency. The IIAS is unique among Institutes of Advanced Study worldwide in hosting collaborative groups of Research Group fellows. As of today, 150 Research Groups have been in residence. The other core activity at the IIAS are our six Advanced Schools (Economics, Life Science, Theoretical Physics, Mathematics, Humanities and Computer Science & Engineering). This year the Intercontinental Academy on Human Dignity is the IIAS Advanced School in Humanities. Additional events include conferences, workshops, outreach lectures and special seminars. As with our Research Groups and Advanced Schools, these events represent broad and varied fields of interest in all disciplines.

For more information about the IIAS: [www.as.huji.ac.il](http://www.as.huji.ac.il)

## ZiF

The ZiF is Bielefeld University's Institute for Advanced Study and fosters outstanding and innovative interdisciplinary research projects. Since its inception in 1968, the ZiF has been an independent research institution, open thematically and to scholars from all disciplines and all countries. In focussing on the support of promising research groups (in various formats), it is a prime venue for academic exchange, but also to bring scholars into discussion with artists, journalists and other public figures. It welcomes about 1.000 international guests per year and is able to offer on-site accomodation, catering and state-of-the-art facilities. While conferences, colloquia and lectures are regular formats, summer schools are considered an important feature of the ZiF's annual schedule, too. They provide an environment even more conducive to intensive reflection and exchange, to developing and testing new ideas, while breathing the fresh air of nearby Teutoburg forest. The ZiF is pleased to join IIAS in hosting the second Intercontinental Academia within the UBIAS network and looks forward to welcoming its participants.

For more information about the ZiF (in English): [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/ZiF/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/ZiF/)



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### Michal Linial

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**Michal Linial** is a Professor of Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In October 2012, she assumed the position of Director at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies. Prof. Linial obtained her PhD in Molecular Biology from HUJI, with postdoctoral training at Stanford University in the field of molecular neuroscience. Prof. Linial is a fellow of the International Society of Computational Biology (ISCB) and served as Vice President until 2015. She is an active member of the steering committees of major Computational Biology organizations (RECOMB, ECCB, ISMB) as well as the head of the ELIXIR-IL node. She was a visiting Professor in Genome Research at the University of Washington in Seattle, and a Visiting Scholar in Microsoft Research, Cambridge in Boston. Prof. Linial served as the Director of the Sudarsky Center for Computational Biology (2003-2012), and she is currently the chair of the Computational Biology program at HUJI. Her laboratory deals with the cellular and molecular mechanisms for coping with changing settings and extreme conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, aging, stress and pathogens. Prof. Linial's lab developed and hosts several open databases and resources on protein families and functional annotations that serve the biomedical community.



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### Ulrike Davy

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**Ulrike Davy** is a Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law, International and German Social Law, and Comparative Law; from September 2010 through September 2015 she has been the managing director of the Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF), Bielefeld University. Her research focuses on EU social policy, welfare state theory, universal and European human rights law, international refugee law, and migration law. Ulrike Davy is (co)author of *Asyl und internationales Flüchtlingsrecht* [Asylum and international refugee law] (1996), *How human rights shape social citizenship* (2014), *Sozialpolitik der Union* [Social policy of the European Union] (2014), *The politics of recognition: Changing understandings of human rights, social development, and land rights as normative foundations of global social policy* (2015).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> UBIAS Intercontinental Academia 2016 on Human Dignity**

The Intercontinental Academia initiative began as a joint project of UBIAS (University-Based Institutes of Advanced Study) members, with the goal of assembling graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and young faculty from around the world (the fellows) for two-week sessions of on-site residency at each of the partner institutes.

The concept of the UBIAS Intercontinental Academia (IA) was proposed at the steering committee meeting in New Delhi, India (March 2012) by Eliezer Rabinovici. The guidelines for convening an IA and its structure were discussed during the March 2013 UBIAS meeting in Jerusalem and adopted by the plenary of UBIAS directors. The first IA led by IEA-USP, Brazil and IAR-Nagoya, Japan focused on the topic of “Time”. For the second IA, the IIAS (Jerusalem) teamed up with ZiF (Bielefeld) to convene an academy on “Human Dignity”. Once the topic was confirmed at the UBIAS directors meeting in Taiwan (November 2014), we began to work on the program and refine the concept. We were supported by the IEA-USP and benefited from the experience gained in San Paulo during phase 1 of the first IA. We agreed that the success of the IA depended on attracting the most outstanding fellows, representing diverse disciplines, knowledge, fields of expertise, social backgrounds and world regions.

We appreciate the nominations by and support of many of our UBIAS colleagues. In the end, we selected approximately 40% of the applicants. We set a strict limit on the number of IA fellows to create a venue for an intimate and personal exchange of thoughts and ideas. In parallel, we approached distinguished senior scholars, inviting them to present Master Classes for a period of two weeks both in Jerusalem and Bielefeld.

When we chose our topic, human dignity, it was a rather academic decision. We did not anticipate that recent events worldwide would make the topic so urgent. Issues of migration, democracy, religion, terrorism, refugees, gender and violence are increasingly prominent in civil discourse. We seek to open a dialogue on these issues, with the help of brilliant young scholars, highly renowned experts and guests.

## The Road to Jerusalem

The road to this Academia was not short, and I wanted to mention some of the people who made it come true. Special thanks are due to Ulrike Davy who, two years ago suggested “Human Dignity” as the focus of our IA. Together, we invested more than twelve months of intense planning, with face-to-face and endless Skype discussions. We worked as a team with our partners from ZIF and with Nadiv Mordechay, our project coordinator for Phase I, who quickly became a hub for every academic and organizational decision.

We were lucky to have a devoted Steering Committee comprised of Alon Harel, Hannah Lerner and Benny Porat. They shared with us their ideas and enthusiasm, and were active in shaping the academic aspects of our program. Mimi Ajzenstadt, Bernadette Brooten, Ruth Gavison, Daphna Golan, Miri Gur-Arye, Rami Reiner and Yedidia Stern were very helpful during the initial formative phases of the project. Menahem Ben-Sasson, David Enoch, Michael Karayanni, Avishai Margalit, Yuval Shany and Guy Stroumsa were instrumental in providing advice, direction and encouragement. The support of the IIAS Board of Directors was crucial in receiving a green light for this Academia as the IIAS Advanced School in the Humanities for 2016. Needless to say, such an event must rely on our dedicated and professional administrative team, and I am very grateful to them too.

Michal Linial



## IIAS Instructors



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### Aharon Barak

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Professor **Aharon Barak** was President of the Supreme Court of Israel from 1995 to 2006. Prior to that, he served as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Israel (1978–95), as the Attorney General of Israel (1975–78), and as the Dean of the Law Faculty of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is currently a Visiting Professor at Yale University School of Law and at the University of Toronto School of Law. He has also taught at the Law Schools of the University of Michigan and New York University. Prof. Barak served as chairman of various public commissions, including the Public Commission for the New Law on Government Corporations, for Credit Cards, for the Law of Corporations and for the Codification of Civil Law. He has published many books and articles about law and has received various awards such as the Israel Prize for Law and the Zeltner Prize. His most recent book, *Human Dignity: The Constitutional Value and the Constitutional Right*, was published in 2015.



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### Bernadette J. Brooten

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**Bernadette J. Brooten**, Kraft-Hiatt Professor of Christian Studies, of Women's and Gender Studies, of Classical Studies, and of Religious Studies at Brandeis University, is the founder and director of the Brandeis Feminist Sexual Ethics Project. She received her Ph.D. (1982) from Harvard University. She has written *Women Leaders in the Ancient Synagogue: Inscriptional Evidence and Background Issues* (1982), *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism* (1996), and she has edited *Beyond Slavery: Overcoming Its Religious and Sexual Legacies* (2010). She has also published on various topics in ancient Jewish and early Christian history. In addition to a MacArthur Fellowship, she has held fellowships from the Harvard Law School, the Fulbright Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for 2011–2012 to write a book on early Christian women who were enslaved or who owned enslaved laborers, and was a Visiting Scholar involved in research with the Harvard Women's Studies in Religion Program. Bernadette was a fellow at the IAS (2014/15).



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## Marcus Düwell

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Professor **Marcus Düwell** holds the chair of philosophical ethics at Utrecht University. He is Director of the Ethics Institute of Utrecht University and Director of the Utrecht Research Institute for Philosophy and Religious Studies. From 2005-2012 he served as Director of the Netherlands Research School for Practical Philosophy. Professor Düwell studied Philosophy, German Literature and Theology in Tübingen and Munich. His PhD thesis (University of Tübingen) was about the relationship between ethics and aesthetics. He was the academic coordinator of the Interdepartmental Center for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities at the University of Tübingen (1993-2001). His research interests include bioethics, ethics of climate change, moral and political philosophy. Professor Düwell is currently heading the research project “Human Dignity as the Foundation of Human Rights.” The project aims to reconstruct the core meaning and normative content of the concept of human dignity. In 2014, he edited *The Cambridge Handbook of Human Dignity*.



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## Moshe Halbertal

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Professor **Moshe Halbertal** received his PhD from The Hebrew University in 1989. From 1988 to 1992 he was a fellow at the Society of Fellows at Harvard University. Professor Halbertal served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, University of Pennsylvania and Yale Law School. He is currently a professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at The Hebrew University and the Gruss Professor at NYU Law School. He is the author of many books, including *Idolatry* (co-authored with Avishai Margalit, 1992); *People of the Book: Canon, Meaning, and Authority* (1997), both published by Harvard University Press; *Concealment and Revelation: Esotericism in Jewish Tradition and its Philosophical Implications* (2007); *On Sacrifice* (2012); *Maimonides: Life and Thought* (2013), published by Princeton University Press. Professor Halbertal was the recipient of the Goldstein-Goren Book Award for the best book in Jewish thought in the years 1997 to 2000. He was named a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2010). In 2015, he delivered the University of Chicago Law School Dewey Lecture on “Three Concepts of Human Dignity.”



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## Christine Hayes

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**Christine Hayes** is Robert F. and Patricia R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica. Before joining the Yale faculty in 1996, she was Assistant Professor of Hebrew Studies at Princeton University. Her scholarly monograph *Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds* (Oxford University Press, 1997) was honored with a Salo Baron prize for a first book in Jewish thought and literature, awarded by the American Academy for Jewish Research (1999); *Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud* (Oxford University Press, 2002) was a 2003 National Jewish Book Award finalist; *What's Divine About Divine Law? Early Perspectives* received the 2015 National Jewish Book Award in the category of Scholarship and the 2015 PROSE award in the category of Theology and Religious Studies from the American Publishers Association. Other publications include *Introduction to the Bible* and *The Emergence of Judaism*. Prof. Hayes currently serves as co-editor of the Association for Jewish Studies Review and as a sub-editor of the Encyclopedia for the Bible and its Reception. In 2005, she was awarded the Sidonie Miskimin Clauss Prize for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities. Since 2015 she has been a faculty fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America.



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## Mordechai Kremnitzer

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Professor **Mordechai Kremnitzer** is Vice President of Research at the Israel Democracy Institute, where he heads the Constitutional Principles, National Security and Democracy, and Arab-Jewish Relations projects. He is Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the Law Faculty at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Prof. Kremnitzer has advised the governments of Canada, Hungary, Finland, and Thailand on reform in criminal and public law. Prof. Kremnitzer has published extensively in the fields of criminal, military, and public law. His books deal with judicial activism; the offence of sedition, libel, official secrets, revocation of citizenship, disqualification of parties and lists, targeted killings, offences against the

state, the offence of breach of trust, administrative detention, and Israel's Basic Law: The Army. He also co-authored a proposal for a new section of Israel's penal code, which has been adopted by the Knesset. In 2012, he was awarded a five-year European Research Council grant for a project entitled "Proportionality in Public Policy: Towards a Better Balance between Interests and Rights in Decision-Making."



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### Michael Rosen

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**Michael Rosen** is Professor of Political Theory in the Department of Government at Harvard University. He has worked on a wide variety of topics in philosophy, social theory and the history of ideas with particular interest in 19th and 20th century European philosophy and in contemporary Anglo-American political philosophy. He studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford (1970-74) before studying in Frankfurt and returning to complete his doctorate under Charles Taylor at Oxford (1980). He has taught at Harvard, Oxford and University College London before becoming a Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy at Lincoln College, Oxford (1990), moving to Harvard in 2006. At Harvard, he has taught a broad range of subjects, including courses on German Idealism, Hegel, Marx, Adorno, Rawls and Contemporary Political Philosophy. He edited (with Brian Leiter) the *Oxford Handbook Of Continental Philosophy* (2007) and in 2012 published *Dignity: Its History and Meaning*.

ZiF Instructors



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### Aleida Assman

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### Lynn Hunt

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**Lynn Hunt** is a Distinguished Research Professor and Eugen Weber Professor of Modern European History, Emerita, University of California, Los Angeles, United States of America. Her research interests cover: the origin of human rights and religious toleration in the eighteenth century, the French Revolution, historical epistemology, gender relations. Lynn A. Hunt has (co)authored *The Family Romance of the French Revolution* (1992), *Inventing Human Rights* (2007), *Measuring Time: Making History* (2008), *The Book that Changed Europe* (2010), *Writing History in the Global Era* (2014).



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### Gertrude Lübbe-Wolff

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**Gertrude Lübbe-Wolff** is a Professor for Constitutional and Administrative Law, Bielefeld University, Germany; member of the German Federal Constitutional Court (2002–2014). Her fields of expertise include: function and role of constitutional courts, comparative constitutional law, constitutional history, EU and national constitutions, German asylum law, German environmental law, philosophy of law. Gertrude Lübbe-Wolff is author of *Die Grundrechte als Eingriffsabwehrrechte* [German fundamental rights reconstructed as negative rights] (1988), *Recht und Moral im Umweltschutz* [law and morality in environmental protection] (1999), *Wie funktioniert das Bundesverfassungsgericht?* [How does the German Federal Constitutional Court work?] (2015), *Die Rechtsprechung des Bundesverfassungsgerichts zum Strafvollzug und Untersuchungshaftvollzug* [The case-law of the German Federal Constitutional Court concerning the treatment of prisoners] (2016).



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### Ralf Poscher

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**Ralf Poscher** is a Professor for Legal Philosophy, University of Freiburg, Germany. His fields of expertise include: German constitutional rights, the right to education and inclusion, freedom of religion, the right to human dignity, German constitutional history, legal cultures, legal theory and legal philosophy. Ralf Poscher is (co)author of *Der Verfassungskompromiß zum Religionsunterricht* [The German constitutional compromise on religious instruction in schools] (2000), *Grundrechte als Abwehrrechte* [Fundamental rights as negative rights] (2003), *Menschenwürde im Staatsnotstand* [Human dignity in a state of emergency] (2006), *Das Recht auf Bildung* [The right to education] (2009), *Grundrechte. Staatsrecht II* [Fundamental rights. Constitutional law II] (2014), *Hermeneutics, Jurisprudence and Law* (2015).



## 2016 Fellows



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**Stephanie N. Arel**  
USA

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**Stephanie N. Arel** is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR) at Boston University, where she completed her Ph.D. in Theological Studies. Her research interests lie at the intersection of theology, psychology, and philosophy where she focuses on issues of human suffering, especially in the aftermath of trauma. She studied religion and psychiatry at Union Theological Seminary, and she holds a certificate in trauma modalities for clinical treatment from the New York Institute for the Psychotherapies. Probing questions about the body's affective response to life experiences, including how rhetoric and practice shape bodies as a means of self-formation, her work advances the interrelation between theology and the humanities and social sciences. She most currently draws on the psychological literature in affect theory to inform a theological evaluation of shame, and subsequently human dignity. Issues of embodiment also emerge in her work at the IBCSR, where she works on the Sex Gender Differences in Religion Project. She is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society of Ricoeur Studies, an international, interdisciplinary body dedicated to the work of Paul Ricoeur.



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## Guy E. Carmi

Israel

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**Guy E. Carmi** is a partner in the litigation department of Lipa Meir & Co., where he has worked since 2008. Guy received his S.J.D. and LL.M from the University of Virginia School of Law, and his LL.B. from the University of Haifa Faculty of Law. Guy represents banking corporations, insurance companies, real-estate entrepreneurs in a variety of cases in complex civil and commercial litigation, in front of all the judicial instances, including the Supreme Court. Guy handles, inter alia, complex civil and commercial cases, antitrust, defamation, administrative petitions (including tenders), and petitions to the High Court of Justice. In addition, Guy teaches Selected Issues in German Constitutional Law at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law, where he has also taught Comparative Perspectives on Freedom of Expression. He previously taught Holocaust and the Law at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Introduction to American Law at the University of Haifa Faculty of Law and the College of Management Law School, and at the University of Virginia School of Law. Guy's scholarship principally deals with comparative constitutional law, focusing on freedom of expression. Among his publications are articles in *McGill Law Journal*, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Boston University International Law Journal*, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, and the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*. Guy's doctoral dissertation, titled "Dignity and Liberty: Differing Approaches to Free Speech in Germany, The United States and Israel" won The Gorney Prize for Young Researchers in the field of Public Law of The Israeli Association of Public Law.



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## Levi Cooper

### Israel

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**Levi Cooper** was born in Melbourne, Australia. He holds a PhD from Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Law and in 2014/15 he was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. Levi's research interests include: History in the late modern period, law and literature, and the interplays between Jewish legal writing and broader legal, intellectual, and cultural contexts. Levi is currently a postdoctoral fellow with The Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies (IUAP). His current project explores the relationship between European Enlightenment codification and early nineteenth century Jewish legal writing in the Russian Empire. In this framework, he is analysing artistic depictions of Napoleonic law as it related to Jews. In addition to his academic research, Levi has taught – and continues to teach – at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. Levi serves in a volunteer capacity as the spiritual leader of Kehillat HaTzur VeHaTzohar in Zur Hadassa, a mixed religious and secular neighbourhood outside of Jerusalem. He also serves on the Readers' Association of the National Library of Israel and as an educational advisor to the Jewish community of Istanbul, Turkey.



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## Caterina Drigo

Italy

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**Caterina Drigo** graduated in Law (LLM) from the University of Udine. After her undergraduate studies she received a Diploma of Specialization at The Law School of Legal Professions from the University of Padua and a PhD in Constitutional Law from the Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna (phd thesis: Constitutional Courts and Legislators). During her PhD studies she was a visiting research scholar at Cardozo School of Law, New York. In 2010 she received the Diploma of the Académie Internationale de Droit Constitutionnel, after having attended the courses of the XXVI session, in Tunis. From 2010-2012 she was a Research Fellow at the Constitutional Law in the Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna. In addition, in the years 2012-2013, she was a Teaching Assistant of Public Law at Bocconi University, Milan working with Prof. Luca Mezzetti. From November 2012 she has been a Researcher in Constitutional Law in the Law School and Law Department of Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, where she also teaches Fundamental Rights and Public Law and Fundamental Rights Protection.

She is a member of the editorial board of the review [www.dirittiregionali.org](http://www.dirittiregionali.org) and a member of the Association Diritto pubblico comparato ed europeo and of the Association des Auditeurs de l'Académie Internationale de Droit Constitutionnel. She is also a member of the Italian section of the Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Constitucional. She has participated in national and international congresses and seminars as a speaker and discussant. She has published several articles and essays on constitutional justice and on fundamental rights protection.



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**Dascha Düring**  
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**Dascha Düring** completed her bachelor's and research master in philosophy at Utrecht University. She graduated cum laude. Dascha's thesis concerns the concept of duty in Confucianism and Kantianism. Since 2013 she is working on a comparative PhD thesis on concepts of humanity in Chinese and Western ethical traditions, and is acting coordinator of the Ethics Institute KNAW China Exchange Programme.

Her research interests primarily concern the philosophical presuppositions of practical self-understanding, with a special focus on the relation between ethical and aesthetic forms of self-reflexivity and the way they manifest themselves in different cultural traditions. Her *ceterum censeo* is that aesthetic sensibility plays a much more important role in practical self-understanding than is now often assumed: agents' capacities to relate to the external world, and themselves, in a disinterested way is crucial to how they understand themselves as agents. This has implications for our understanding of the concept of human dignity: From this viewpoint, human dignity should never solely be understood strictly in moral terms – human dignity always also has an aesthetic dimension. It is precisely the dialectic between moral and aesthetic dimensions of human dignity that make the concept interesting. In light of these considerations she is currently working on questions regarding “long-termism,” hope, and imagination in ethical theory and moral practice.



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## **Johannes Eichenhofer**

### Germany

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**Johannes Eichenhofer** is a research assistant and postdoctoral fellow at the Universität Bielefeld. Previously he has studied Law at the Freie Universität and the Humboldt Universität of Berlin, as well as at the Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy (2003-2009). He holds a PhD in law from the Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany (2012). From 2011-2013 he absolved his clerkship (Referendariat) at the Kammergericht (Higher Regional Court) of Berlin with assignments to (among others) the German Chancellery and the German Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

His research interests mainly lie in migration and privacy law. Johannes wrote his PhD thesis on “the concept and conception of integration in the German Immigration Act”. He has worked as pro bono legal counselor for asylum seekers and has steadily given lectures in European and German migration law at the Universität Bielefeld and the Humboldt Universität of Berlin. Since 2014 Johannes is involved in an interdisciplinary research project called “transformations of privacy.” This project aims to examine the meaning, value and limits of privacy in the age of big data and ubiquitous computing. From February to May 2016, Johannes spends a visiting fellowship at the New York University Information Law Institute



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**Connor M. Ewing**  
USA

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**Connor Ewing** is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. Specializing in Public Law and American Politics, his dissertation provides a theoretical and historical account of the development of American federalism. His work also focuses on the emergence and development of human dignity in American constitutional law, two phenomena that have been decisively shaped by the structure of the federal system. Mr. Ewing holds a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Political Science & Philosophy, 2008) and an A.M. from the University of Chicago (Social Sciences, 2011).





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**Vanessa Hellmann**

Germany

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**Vanessa Hellmann** is a Senior Research Fellow at the Chair of Public Law (Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Gertrude Lübbe-Wolff, former Justice of the German Federal Constitutional Court) at the University of Bielefeld (Germany), taking a special interest in (comparative) Constitutional Law. Following her studies in Law at the University of Bielefeld (1997-2003) and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland (1999- 2000), sponsored by the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Academic Foundation), she worked as a Research Fellow at the Chair of Public Law at the University of Bielefeld (2003-2014), first in a project on the European Constitution/Lisbon Treaty and afterwards on her first Doctorate in Law/Ph.D. Project on (thesis) “A Legal Doctrine of Constitutional Rights” (soon to become a Habilitation in Law Project at the University of Bielefeld). From 2007-2009 she completed her Legal Clerkship (Referendariat) with assignments to the Ministry of Justice NRW, law firm Hengeler Müller and the German Federal Constitutional Court. From 2010-2014 she worked as a Research Assistant (Law Clerk) at the German Federal Constitutional Court for Justice Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Gertrude Lübbe-Wolff, and Justice Prof. Dr. Doris König. Currently she is working on her Second Doctorate in Law/Ph.D. Project at the University of Bielefeld on (thesis) “A new proceeding before the Federal Constitutional Court: Complaints by groups of individuals concerning their non-recognition as a political party for the elections of the Bundestag and the German Members of the European Parliament”.



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**Akemi Kamimura**  
Brazil

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**Akemi Kamimura** holds a Master's Degree and a Specialisation in Human Rights from the University of Sao Paulo, and a Diploma de Pós-título on "Human Rights and Women: Theory and Practice" from the University of Chile. She wrote her master degree dissertation on human rights and interdisciplinary support for victims of violence. Since 2005 she has been working as a voluntary assistant in the Human Rights and Constitutional Law Course at the Catholic University of Sao Paulo (PUC/SP). She worked as a lawyer and programme assistant in several organisations where she worked with victims of violence, human rights education, violence against women, child rights and juvenile justice and children living and/or working on the streets. She conducted a study on gender and human rights indicators, and trained Angolan civil society members in elaborating shadow reports to UN Treaty Bodies. As a consultant, she also made a compilation of international recommendations made to Brazil by UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures, and by the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights, from 2001 to 2014, and analysed the degree of compliance with each recommendation. In 2014, as a fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, she developed research on the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples.



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## Sini Kangas

### Finland

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**Sini Kangas** is an historian and senior lecturer at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere. She was born in Helsinki in 1973 and studied at the University of Helsinki, where she also received her Ph.D. in 2007, as well as a diploma in pedagogical studies in higher education in 2011. Before her present position at the University of Tampere, she had been working in several doctoral and postdoctoral research projects at the University of Helsinki, including a two-year research fellowship at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies. Her scholarly interests extend to various fields of medieval history, including the history of the crusades and the Latin east, medieval ideological warfare, and the history of childhood. At the moment she is completing a monograph on crusader violence under the topic, *The Concept of the Crusade and Christian Violence*, and starting a new project *Conflicting Childhoods: Underage Indoctrination in Holy War in the Medieval West (c. 1100–1350)*. Her recent publications include the monograph, *Authorities in the Middle Ages: Influence, Legitimacy, and Power in Medieval Society* (Walter deGruyter, 2013), edited in collaboration with Mia Korpiola and Tuija Ainonen, and articles on “Slaughter of the Innocents and Depiction of Children in the Twelfth-Century Sources of the Crusades” (in *The Uses of the Bible in Crusading Sources*, ed. by Elizabeth Lapina and Nicholas Morton. Brill, forthcoming in 2016) and “Growing up to Become a Crusader: The Next Generation” (in *Jerusalem the Golden. The Origin and Impact of the First Crusade*, ed. by Susan Edgington and Luis García-Guijarro. Outremer 3, Brepols, 2014, 255–72). In her spare time she enjoys the company of her family, reading historical fiction, horseback riding, and cooking.



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**Michael Kolocek**  
Germany

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**Michael Kolocek** was three years old when he and his family emigrated in 1988 from Poland to Bochum, Germany. In Bochum, he learnt, inter alia, walking and cycling, talking and thinking, reading and writing. He studied spatial planning in Dortmund (TU Dortmund University) and graduated as a Diplomingenieur in 2009. In his diploma thesis, he examined the discourse strategies of certain actors involved in discourses on shopping centers. In 2010, Michael began to work as a researcher and doctoral student in the interdisciplinary research project FLOOR ([www.floorgroup.de](http://www.floorgroup.de)). FLOOR examines human rights, social policies, and land policies in a global context. Between 2010 and 2015, Michael wrote his dissertation about global discourses on the human right to housing. His research interests focus on discourse analysis, informality, poverty, dignity, housing, land policy, and global social policy. He gives lectures about land policy, land management, discourse analysis and housing. Michael receives his knowledge not only from books and other research documents, but also by examining public and private spaces when he walks or cycles through the landscape, and when he talks to people living in different cities and countries. He looks at human dignity not only from a legal, philosophical, religious, or historical, but also from a spatial point of view. As a spatial planner, he does not primarily suggest how to avoid humiliation entirely, but claims for recognizing and examining in detail examples of humiliation in everyday life. Michael is married and the father of two children.



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**Sima Kramer**

Israel

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**Sima Kramer** is a state barrister, representing the Attorney General. She recently completed her doctoral dissertation in law, written under the supervision of Professor Alon Harel and Professor Yuval Feldman. Her research investigates duties in general and employee duties in particular, as directed towards the employer, colleagues and society. Her doctoral thesis focuses on interpersonal relations between employees and conceptualises these relations as a “Worker-Community”. In her dissertation, she analyses the consequences of this conceptualisation from both an ethical and a legal perspective, charting the evolution of the regulation of employee-employee regulations over time and placing them in a broad social, political and cultural context.

Sima holds a Masters in Law from the University of Toronto, with a thesis entitled “Customers as Trade Secrets v. Employees as Market-Makers: Introducing the Unified Approach of Innovation Policy”, while her LL.B is from The Hebrew University, with a minor in English Literature. She has published in a number of peer-reviewed legal journals, taught Public International Law at The Hebrew University and lectured on the law of trade secrets and privacy in the workplace. She recently won the Goldberg Prize for an article on Labour and Employment Law.



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## **Tamar Megiddo**

USA

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**Tamar Megiddo** is a Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) candidate at New York University (NYU) School of Law. She is currently a visiting doctoral fellow at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law's GlobalTrust Research Project.

Drawing on the theory of international law, legal philosophy and social theory, Tamar's current research centers on the role that individual people play in the practice of international law. Her doctoral dissertation conceptualizes individuals' participation in the practice of international law and argues that it is more significant than regularly acknowledged. It argues, further, that people respond to international law and that it serves as a distinct factor that is taken into account in national policymaking processes. Tamar earned her Master of Laws from NYU School of Law, winning the law school's graduation honors as well as the Jerome Lipper Award for distinction in the International Legal Studies program. She received her Bachelor degree in Law and the Humanities (Amirim Honors Program) from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (magna cum laude). Between the years 2009 and 2011 Tamar clerked for Israeli Supreme Court Justice Ayala Procaccia.



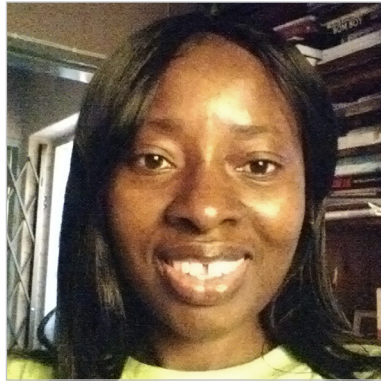
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## Omer Michaelis

Israel

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**Omer Michaelis** explores the relationship and implications of crisis discourse to the theological turns of Medieval Judaism. A PhD candidate in the Tel Aviv School of Philosophy and a research fellow with the Israel Democracy Institute in Jerusalem and the Shalom Hartman Institute's Advanced Beit Midrash, Omer has received numerous awards, including the Yaniv award for exceptional graduate students at Tel Aviv University, the Posis award for outstanding achievements, and the Jewish Law Association's Emerging Scholars grant. His research is supported by the Nathan Rotenstreich scholarship of the Israel Council for Higher Education, and the Israel Science Foundation Individual Research Grants program, as part of Prof. Menachem Lorberbaum's Research Project. Omer is part of the founding team of the Center for Religious and Interreligious Studies at Tel Aviv University, a center dedicated to studying and teaching the three Abrahamic faiths interreligiously. He received his BA in Philosophy and Jewish Studies from Tel Aviv University in 2012, as a two-time member of the Dean List, and received an MA from the Philosophy department of Tel Aviv University in 2013. During recent years Omer has assisted in the research projects of Prof. Menachem Lorberbaum, Prof. Adam Afterman, Prof. Hagi Kenaan and Prof. Ilit Ferber. He has also taught courses in Jewish Studies and Philosophy at the Mandel Leadership Institute and Alma College.



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## Funlola Olojede

South Africa

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**Funlola Olojede**, a trained linguist, veered into theology and was appointed as a postdoctoral research fellow after her doctoral studies in Old Testament at the Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University where she is also currently a research associate. The topic of her postdoctoral research was human dignity in biblical tradition. She continued as a postdoctoral research fellow at the Dept. of Biblical and Ancient Studies, University of South Africa, Pretoria from July 2013 to June 2015. Her research focus includes interdisciplinary engagement with biblical wisdom, ethics, and narratives. She was a winner of the 2013-2014 Karl Schlechter award for the Global Network of Research Centers for Theology, Religious and Christian Studies, Germany. Funlola also engages in extensive freelance editing of manuscripts, books and academic articles, among other interests. She is passionate about issues relating to human dignity and to women, and speaks at academic conferences as well as church and youth settings. She loves travel, reading and Scrabble.





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**Anita von Poser**  
Germany

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**Anita von Poser** was awarded a DPhil at the University of Heidelberg in 2009. As a doctoral fellow she received stipends from the Volkswagen Foundation (2004-2006) as well as from the Marsilius Kolleg (2008-2009), an Initiative of Excellence at Heidelberg University. As a postdoctoral fellow of the Max Planck International Research Network on Aging, she was based at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle/Saale (2010-2011). Since 2011, she has been holding a teaching and research position at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at The Free University of Berlin. In 2014, she became a Research Fellow of the “Young ZiF” at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research at the University of Bielefeld. Most recently, in 2015, she implemented a bi-disciplinary project together with colleagues from psychiatry within the Collaborative Research Center 1171 Affective Societies. Anita has conducted long-term qualitative ethnographic fieldwork in the Lower Ramu River area of Papua New Guinea and is now focusing her research on Vietnamese lifeworlds in Berlin. The core themes of her research engage Psychological Anthropology, the Anthropology of Aging and Care, Concepts of Person, Self, and Human Dignity, the Anthropology of Migration, as well as the Anthropology of Foodways.



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**Caterina Preda**  
Romania

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**Caterina Preda** holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Bucharest (2008) and is currently an Odobleja Fellow at the Advanced Studies Center, New Europe College in Bucharest. Caterina has been the recipient of several undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships in Europe and South America. A Senior Lecturer (tenured) at the University of Bucharest, Department of Political Sciences, she teaches Contemporary Latin America, Art and Politics, and Cultural Memory in Eastern Europe and South America courses. She works on topics related to art and politics in modern dictatorships in Latin America and Eastern Europe as well as issues related to the art of memorialization in the two areas. Caterina has published several scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals, as well as chapters in volumes published at important publishing houses such as Routledge and Palgrave. Caterina is currently working on a book project comparing several cases in the Southern Cone and Eastern Europe from the perspective of the relation between art and politics.



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**Talia Schwartz-Maor**

USA

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**Talia Schwartz-Maor** is a doctoral student at UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, where she studies the intersection of law, society and technology. Her research interests relate to the legal functioning of technology and its impact on legal norms and institutions. Her dissertation is focused on the role of collaborative information communication as an alternative justice system. Specifically, Talia studies the phenomena of shaming on social media and how it is played out as a new form of social control mechanism. She previously received her LL.B from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and holds an LL.M from both the Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 and Berkeley Law. Prior to Berkeley she interned for the Israel State Attorney, and worked at the Google Israel legal team.



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**Lauren Ware**

UK

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**Lauren Ware** is a philosopher at the University of Edinburgh. Her primary research is in the philosophy of emotion. She is interested in the role emotion plays in political and legal decision making, in the evaluation of risk and security, in social and group cognition, and in teaching and learning. She also has a specialisation in ancient Greek philosophy. Before taking up her position in the Department of Philosophy, Lauren was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Legal Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh's Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, where she carried out a project on the role of emotions in jury decision-making. Lauren's current research centers around the moral dimensions of emotions—particularly legal and political emotions—and what the philosophy of emotion can contribute to conceptual and institutional understandings of human rights, human dignity, risk, and creativity. Lauren was awarded a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Edinburgh in 2014 for her thesis "Plato's Bond of Love: Erôs as Participation in Beauty," which examined the metaphysics of emotion. She previously completed an MSc by Research in Classical Philosophy and a BA (Hons.) in Political Science. Prior to her postgraduate study, Lauren worked for the Prime Minister of Canada on policy research and judicial appointments.



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## Emily Kidd White

USA

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**Emily Kidd White** is a doctoral candidate at New York University School of Law, where she previously graduated from the LL.M. in International Legal Studies with the Jerome Lipper Prize for distinction. Emily's performance in the LL.M. resulted in her being awarded a two-year research fellowship at the Jean Monnet Center for Regional and International Economic Law and Justice and a teaching assistant position with the Institute for International Law and Justice, where her duties included editorial management of the *European Journal of International Law*. Previously, Emily graduated with a B.A.H. in Politics and Philosophy (First Class Degree) and a J.D. (Dean's Honour List) from Queen's University (Canada). Emily currently holds a Trudeau Foundation Scholarship. Emily's doctoral research draws upon the philosophy of emotion to provide a novel set of tools to analyze a number of recurring questions about the legal concept of human dignity. It focuses in particular on a number of jurisdictions where human dignity acts as a constitutional value intended to guide judicial interpretations of rights in the context of their violation. It analyzes the various ways emotions work to capture the attention of the presiding judge or judicial panel, the ways they lend a particular resonance or tone to the object of law's protection, and the manner in which judges sometimes draw on particular emotions, like courage or empathy, to put themselves into a position to analyze a case and its evidence in line with professed legal values.

Steering Committee



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### Alon Harel

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**Alon Harel** is Mizcok Professor of Law at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Professor Harel research topics include the areas of legal and political philosophy, constitutional theory, criminal law theory and law and economics. His book, *Why Law Matters* (2014), defends a non-instrumentalist view of law under which legal institutions are valuable as such rather than as means for the realization of other goals. Among other issues this book defends robust constitutionalism and justifies the separation between private and public law. Professor Harel was a visiting professor at Columbia Law School, Texas Law School, Toronto Law School and Boston University Law School. He was also a fellow at the Harvard Center for Ethics and at the Toronto University Center of Ethics.



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### Hanna Lerner

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**Hanna Lerner** is a senior lecturer in political science at Tel Aviv University. Her research focuses on comparative constitution writing, religion and politics, international labor rights and global governance. She is the author of *Making Constitutions in Deeply Divided Societies* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) and coeditor of *Constitution Writing, Religion and Democracy* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming), *Global Justice and International Labour Rights* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming), and *Handbook on Comparative Constitution Making* (Edward Elgar, forthcoming). Dr. Lerner received her PhD in political science from Columbia University (2006) and held a visiting fellowship at the Institute of International and Regional Studies, Princeton University (2010-11). In 2014 she co-organized a research group on constitutionalism and religion at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF) in Bielefeld University, Germany. During the academic year of 2015-16 she is a visiting scholar at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



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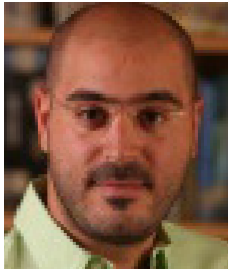
### Benny Porat

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Benny Porat is a Senior Lecturer and the Director of the Matz Institute for Research in Jewish Law, at the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He completed his PhD at the Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University (LL.D. summa cum laude). After completing his doctorate in 2010, he was a Halbert Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto. Dr. Porat focuses on the areas of theory of Jewish law, contract law, and distributive justice. Dr. Porat is the editor of the *Jewish Law Annual*, and coeditor of *Shenaton ha'Mishpat ha'Ivri*.



Coordinators



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### Nadiv Mordechay

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**Nadiv Mordechay** is currently a PhD candidate and a Research Fellow at The Hebrew University Faculty of Law. His research interests are constitutional law and judicial review, administrative law and executive, legislation, public procedure and institutional theory. He is the General Secretary of ICON-S-IL, the Israeli branch of ICON-S. His Master dissertation (“Constitutional Showdowns: The Case of Judicial Review on Social-Economic Rights in Israel’s Supreme Court 2002-2012”) was submitted in 2015. Nadiv is currently involved in several research projects concerning decision making in Israel’s Supreme Court. Prior to his joining the faculty, Nadiv was a Law Clerk in the Supreme Court (2008-2009) and spent the preceding year clerking for Israel’s Attorney-General (2007-2008). Nadiv is also a research assistant at the Israel Democracy Institute and will be tutoring second and third year undergraduate students in Administrative Law and teaching at the faculty Moot Court Workshop.



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### Iris Avivi

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**Iris Avivi** assumed her post as the Administrative Director at the IIAS on May 1, 2015. Prior to that, Iris was the Director of the Division of Graduate Studies at the Rothberg International School at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Iris is currently completing her MA in Combined Studies in Education. Iris has always viewed her administrative role as one that allows her to create new opportunities and venues for talented people to explore their potential. In her current position as IIAS Administrative Director, Iris will continue to provide a strong administrative framework to support the ongoing cutting-edge scholarship taking place at the IIAS.



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### Manuela Lenzen

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Dr. Manuela Lenzen studied Philosophy, History, Sociology and Cultural Anthropology at Bochum University and Bielefeld University. She received her PhD in Philosophy in 2002 with a dissertation in Philosophical Psychology “In den Schuhen des Anderen. Über Simulation und Theorie in der Alltagspsychologie”. Since 2005 she has worked as academic assistant at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research of Bielefeld University. At ZiF she was a research assistant to the research group “Embodied Communication in Humans and Machines.” After taking care of ZiF’s art programme, Manuela is now concerned with the Center’s public relations and organizing public talks and conferences. Her main topics are evolution, cognition, and artificial intelligence and its impacts on society. Manuela Lenzen is also a freelance science writer. She is married and has three sons.



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### Marc Schalenberg

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Dr. Marc Schalenberg studied Modern History, Philosophy and Art History at the universities of Bonn and Oxford, defending his PhD thesis on 19th century university history at Humboldt University Berlin in 1999. He worked as an assistant professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Assistent“) at Humboldt University and at the University of Zürich. He was a Research Fellow of Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies and a Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College (Oxford). Marc has a long-standing interest in comparative and interdisciplinary projects as a scholar and coordinator. Among other projects he has edited collective volumes in European cultural and urban history. Having joined the ZiF team in November 2015 as Academic Assistant to the Board of Directors, he is now pursuing these interests in a more administrative and strategic direction. He will coordinate the Bielefeld part of the Intercontinental Academia on Human Dignity .





