The Tager International Conference
Feminism in the Abrahamic Religions:
Dilemmas of Gender and Law from a Multicultural Perspective

In conjunction with The Virtual Exhibition "Body Text": Feminist Art in Diverse Religio-Cultural Spheres in Israel

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Sunday, January 31

16:00 - 16:30 Israel Standard Time – IST
14:00 - 14:30 UK, Western European Time – UTC; 15:00 - 15:30 Central Europe Time – CET; 09:00 - 09:30 US Eastern Standard Time – EST; 21:00 - 21:30 Western Indonesian Time – WIB

Greetings and Introductory Remarks
Arie Zaban, President of Bar-Ilan University
Esther Tager, London
Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Academic Director of the Rackman Center, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University
Rivka Tuval-Mashiach, Head of the Gender Studies Program, Bar-Ilan University
Ora Limor, Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims, The Open University of Israel

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

Keynote presentations

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School
Christian Perspective

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

amina wadud, National Islamic University
Muslim Perspective

Discussion

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

Chair: Ronit Irshai, Bar-Ilan University

Discussion:
Nurit Jacobs-Yinon, Curator
Andi Arnovitz, Artist
Doris Hakim, Artist
Yara Mahajena, Artist
Monday, February 1

16:00 - 17:30 IST Workshop 1
**Feminist Theological Challenges to Religion**

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

**Presenters:**
- **Hille Haker**, Loyola University Chicago
  The “Obscenity” of Feminist Voices in Christian/Catholic Theology and the Duty to Speak
- **Lisa Isherwood**, University of Winchester
  Monotheism and Ethics from the Margins
- **Hagar Lahav**, Sapir Academic College
  Belief as a Feminist Haven: Theological Perspectives in Sociology of Belief

**Respondent:**
- **Barbara U. Meyer**, Tel Aviv University

17:45-19:45 IST Workshop 2
**Multiculturalism, Religion, Gender, and Law – Part I**

**Chair:** Michael Karayanni, Hebrew University

**Presenters:**
- **Lisa Fishbayn Joffe**, Brandeis University
  Exit, Voice, and Effective Remedies for Women Disadvantaged by Minority Religious Practices
- **Jan Feldman**, University of Vermont
  Public Purposes at Cross-Purposes: Can Segregation Lead to Integration? What We Can Learn from Israel
- **Yofi Tirosh**, Tel Aviv University
  Women, Religion, and Public Spaces in Israel: Contemporary Challenges
- **Frances Raday**, Hebrew University
  Religion, Culture, and Gender - Current Developments in International Human Rights

**Respondent:**
- **Gila Stopler**, College of Law and Business

20:00-21:30 IST Public Session 3

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

**Greetings**
- **Amnon Albek**, Rector of Bar-Ilan University
- **Oren Perez**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University
- **Romie Tager**, London

**Chair:** Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Bar-Ilan University
Tuesday, February 2

16:00-17:45 IST Workshop 3

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

*Chair:* Ruth Roded, Hebrew University

*Presenters:*

- **Debra Majeed,** Beloit College
  To Privilege State or Religious Law?

- **Lisa Anteby-Yemini,** Aix-Marseille University
  Negotiating Gender and Religion: Exegesis, Space of Worship, and Religious Functions among Jewish and Muslim Women

- **Mira Tzoreff,** Tel Aviv University
  Islamic Feminism From Within: Egyptian and Saudi Women Heading an Evolutionary Gender Revolution

- **Nahed Ashqar-Sharary,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
  The Challenges of Islamic Feminism (Al-nesweya Al-islameya) among Muslim Women in Israel

*Respondent:*

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

17:45 -19:45 IST Workshop 4

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

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

*Presenters:*

- **Salwa Alenat,** The Open University
  Two or More Faces of the Same Coin: The Struggle of Religious Muslim Women for their Identity in a Complex Israeli Reality

- **Cochav Elkayam-Levy,** Bar-Ilan University

- **Rawia Aburabia,** Sapir Academic College
  The Law on the Books Versus the Law in Action: Muslim Women in a Polygamous Marriage under the Jewish State

- **Elisheva Rosman,** Bar-Ilan University
  Choosing Battles: Religious Feminists’ Expectations vis-à-vis the State

*Respondent:*

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

**Closing Remarks**

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