

Quests for Healing and Social Justice at State Margins

5-8 April 2022 | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
& Freie Universität Berlin

Arrival Monday 4 April 2022

19:00 Informal dinner in Jerusalem for those who have arrived (TBA)

Day 1: Tuesday 5 April 2022 (6205 Humanities)

- 9:00-10:00 **Welcome and introduction:**
Gili Drori, Director, European Forum (HUJI)

Ben Kasstan (Bristol), Lea Taragin-Zeller (HUJI), Nurit Stadler (HUJI), Hansjörg Dilger (FUB), Claudia Liebelt (FUB)
- 10:00-11:30 **Session 1: Presentations**
Does religion matter? Negotiating migration, diversity and difference in the context of disability activism, Vanessa Rau (Max Planck)

Haredi perceptions and attitudes toward their relationships with rabbis and doctors, Rivka Neriya Ben-Shahar (Sapir)

Chair: Tanya Zion-Waldoks (HUJI)
- 11:30- 11:45 Coffee and snacks
- 11:45-13:15 **Tour of HUJI**
- 13:15-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Session 2: Presentations**
Caring for the wellbeing of distant others: Muslim and Christian charity from Indonesia to the Middle East, Miriam Lücking (HUJI)

Hygienic anxieties, fragrant matter: Disinfectants, eau de Cologne and Turkish concerns during the early COVID-19 pandemic in Germany, Claudia Liebelt (FUB)

Chair: Nurit Stadler (HUJI)
- 15:30-15:45 Break
- 15:45- 17:15 **Session 3: Roundtable discussion**
Physicians for Human Rights

Chair: Lea Taragin-Zeller (HUJI)

17:30-18:30

Session 4: Guest presentation on marginality (Zoom)

Fighting for dignity: Migrant lives at Israel's margins, Sarah Willen (University of Connecticut)

Discussant: Hansjörg Dilger (FUB)

19:30

Dinner in Jerusalem (Piccolino)

Day 2: Wednesday 6 April 2022 (Public policy seminar room)

9:00 - 10:30

Session 5: Tour of Yad Sarah

11:30-13:00

Session 6: Presentations

Socio-cultural spaces and time frames that enable / prevent genital autonomy, Limor Meoded Danon (Bar-Ilan)

Health care for migrant sex workers from Eastern Europe in Berlin, Ursula Probst (FUB)

Discussant: Ben Kasstan (Bristol)

13:00-14:00

Lunch at HUJI

14:00-14:15

Anthropology and activism between East and West Jerusalem

Yael Assor

14:15-15:45

Session 7: Presentations

Translating risk: minorities, medicine, and the ethical contours of genetic consultants in Israel, Lea Taragin-Zeller (HUJI)

Migration, care, and death – a psychological anthropology of contested Vietnamese carescapes in Berlin, Anita von Poser and Max Muller (FUB)

Discussant: Adane Zawdu Gebyanesh (Van Leer Institute)

15:45-16:00

Break

16:00-17:30

Session 8: Presentations

Navigating conflicting religious systems: Birth and death related purity scheme among Ethiopian Jewish migrants In Israel, Adane Zawdu Gebyanesh (Van Leer Institute)

Access to HIV-prophylaxis in Germany: Flawed promises of demarginalisation? Max Schnepf (FUB)

Discussant: Claudia Liebelt (FUB)

19:30

Dinner in Jerusalem (Luciana)

Day 3: Thursday 7 April 2022 (6205 Humanities)

9:00-10:30

Session 9: Tour of Bet Hansen

11:30-13:00

Session 10: Presentations

Cultural sensitivity in managing the COVID-19 crisis amongst Arab and Palestinian citizens of Israel, Nour Abed Elhadi Shahbari (Haifa)

Transfigurations of conflict: Religious minority communities in pandemic Berlin, Dominik Mattes (FUB)

Discussant: Müge Akpınar (FUB)

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Session 11:

The quest/ion of health protection: sexuality education among British Muslims, Ben Kasstan (Bristol)

Legalization and authentication of marginalized healing practices: A case study in Turkey, Müge Akpınar, (FUB)

Discussant: Netta Barak-Corren (HUJI)

15:30-15:45

Break

15:45 - 17:15

Session 12: Thinking through themes, developing directions, future plans

18:30

Dinner in Jerusalem (Nocturno)

Day 4: Friday, 8 April 2022

10:30-12:30

Session 13:

Small group meetings for drafting a special issue proposal and discuss further collaborations

12:30-13:30

Lunch

Close

Workshop organizers (alphabetical)

Hansjörg Dilger, Freie Universität Berlin

Hansjörg Dilger's research interests include medical anthropology and global health, religion and religious diversity, schools and education, transnationalism and migration, and urban anthropology. Regionally, his research focuses on eastern and southern Africa as well as on migratory contexts in Germany. Between 1995 and 2006, Dilger conducted long-term fieldwork on HIV/AIDS and social relations in Tanzania, focusing on the dynamics of kinship- and church-based support in the context of rural-urban migration as well as on the identity politics and the limitations of collective action in urban NGOs. His more recent research on neo-Pentecostal churches and revivalist Muslim organizations in Dar es Salaam has explored the dynamics of moral and religious belonging, charismatic healing and body practices, and processes of spatialization and institutionalization in religiously diverse settings. Since 2015, Dilger has been part of a collective of refugee women, students, lecturers, and activists that has worked and published on the situations and experiences of female refugees in Berlin. Dilger is PI of the following ongoing research projects (all funded by German Research Foundation, DFG): "Governing Religious Diversity in Berlin: Affective Dynamics of In- and Exclusion in Urban Space" (within the collaborative research centre "Affective Societies", with Omar Kasmani and Dominik Mattes); "Religious Reform, Faith-Based Development and the Public Sphere in Sub-Saharan Africa (Lagos, Dar es Salaam and Cape Town)" (together with Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town, Felician Tungaraza, University of Dar es Salaam, and Marloes Janson, SOAS University of London); and "Productive Pathologies: Professional Patients and the Commodification of Illness in Egypt" (with Mustafa Abdalla).

Ben Kasstan, University of Bristol

Ben Kasstan is a medical anthropologist, and his research explores the cultural politics of health protection, with a particular focus on how multiple pursuits of protecting life intersect in public healthcare. Ben's research around abortion, vaccinations and equality/inclusion has been published in *Social Science & Medicine*, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, and *Vaccine*. As a public anthropologist, Ben uses academic research to pursue social justice in public life and has appeared on GAVI Vaccines Work, the BBC World Service and has been invited to comment on vaccination policy in *Ha'aretz*, *Sky News*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, *Evening Standard*, and *NewsWeek*. Ben is an Associate Editor at *Anthropology & Medicine* and serves on the editorial board of *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*.

Claudia Liebelt, Freie Universität Berlin

Claudia Liebelt's research foci are in the Anthropology of the Body and the Senses, Political Anthropology, Gender and Sexualities, Care and Intimate Labour, as well as Islam and Secularity. Claudia is especially interested in debates on the biopolitics of beauty, embodied normativities, postsecularism, new materialities, as well as categorizations of race, class and gender, with a regional focus on the Middle East and Northern Africa. She is currently conducting research on the "Olfactories of Hygiene," that is, the social configurations of bodily hygiene, smell, and the role of hand sanitizers during the COVID-19 pandemics in Turkey and Germany.

Nurit Stadler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nurit Stadler's research interests include fundamentalism, the Ultra-orthodox community, Greek-Orthodox and Roman Catholic rituals in Jerusalem, text-based communities, the veneration of Mary in

Israel/Palestine, and the study of female saint shrines, sacred nature and sacred iconography. Stadler is the author of three books: *Yeshiva Fundamentalism: Piety, Gender and Resistance in the Ultra-Orthodox World* published with New York University Press, in 2008. This book is an analysis of the reconstruction of masculine in the fundamentalist world as a result of the challenges of modernity. It addresses these questions through an investigation of the redefinition of the family, work, the army and civil society in the Ultra-Orthodox yeshiva world in Israel. Stadler is also the author of *A Well-Worn Tallus for a New Ceremony* (2012) with Academic Studies Press (Brighton, MA). In this book she explored new aspects of voluntarism, citizenship, family life and the concept of freedom in the ultraorthodox culture today. Her third book *Voices of the Ritual* (Oxford University Press 2020) analyzes the revival of and manifestation of rituals at female saint shrines in the Holy Land. Since 2012 she has been involved with the project on sacred shrines in Israel/Palestine. In this project she studies various aspects of pilgrimage and veneration of sacred shrines, especially female shrines. Her comparative study of these shrines opens a set of questions about the centrality of fertility cults and female landscape at the age of modernity and technology of reproduction. Stadler is directing an Ethnographic Lab on issues of religion, sacredness, politics, borders and the nation state. In this project, students and researchers from around the world participate in studying and comparing ethnographies of sacred places.

Lea Taragin-Zeller, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Lea Taragin-Zeller is a social anthropologist with research interests in anthropology of religion, medical anthropology, science communication, gender and reproductive politics. She is an Assistant Professor of Cultural Studies and Public Policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an affiliated scholar at the Reproductive Sociology Research Group (ReproSoc), University of Cambridge. Her work has appeared in *American Anthropologist*, *Medical Anthropology* and *Science Communication*. Her first book “The State of Desire: Reorienting Religion and Reproductive Politics in the Promised Land” (forthcoming with NYU Press) ethnographically analyzes the ways Orthodox Jews reorient conflicting social, religious, and national desires amidst shifting forms in Israel’s reproductive governance. More recently, she has been tracing the impact of COVID-19 on religious minority groups while developing a model of inclusive science and health communication in Israel and the UK. She tweets at @leataragin

Workshop participants (alphabetical)

Müge Akpınar, Freie Universität Berlin

Müge Akpınar is a PhD candidate at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies and the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at Freie Universität Berlin. Her current PhD project lies at the intersection of medical anthropology, anthropology of religion, and anthropology of ethics and morality. Drawing on her ethnographic fieldwork in Turkey on an alternative health network that offers an interpretation of Islamic and prophetic medicine with an epistemological and ontological differentiation from the biomedical paradigm, she explores the working of moral agency involved in the ethical cultivation of Muslim and healthy selves in her research community. Bringing the ethical self-cultivation into conversation with a phenomenologically informed understanding of moral agency and narrative identity, she approaches the coherence involved in the performance of moral agency not as absolute consistency but as narrative duration. She inquires into the constant adjustment of ethical goods and daily

life practices in the domains of therapeutic modalities, truth claims, physical and spiritual regulations of purity, consumption habits, and lifestyle changes. By doing so, she focuses on how moral agency interacts with ethical self-cultivation and how it is performed by her interlocutors in relation to embodied, affective, and temporal aspects of subjectivity.

Yael Assor, Tel Aviv University

Yael Assor is a post-doctoral fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University. She is a socio-cultural and medical anthropologist who studies how culturally-dependent moral views shape healthcare policies and medical knowledge. Assor's doctoral research explored how an ideal of "objectivity" as ethically appropriate conduct shapes the decisions made at the Israeli Public Committee for the Enhancement of the Medical Services Basket (known in Israel as Va'adat Sal Hatrufot). Her new research examines the ethical assumptions underlying the notion of "medical effectiveness" in medical cost-effectiveness calculations.

Netta Barak-Corren, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Netta Barak-Corren is an assistant professor of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She received her first dual-major degree in Law and Cognitive Science from the Hebrew University as the Valedictorian of her class and her Doctorate in Law from Harvard University. Netta's research centers around empirical and behavioral analysis of public and constitutional law. She is particularly interested in questions relating to law and religion, equality, and conflicts of norms, both at the individual and societal levels. Her research won numerous grants and awards, most notably the Gorni Prize for an Outstanding Junior Faculty in Public Law, the Birk prize for Excellence in Legal Studies, Stanford's International Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard's Sinclair Kennedy Fellowship, the Howard Raiffa Best Paper Prize, the Fisher-Sander Best Paper Prize, and the Menachem Goldberg Best Paper Award. Prior to academia, Netta clerked for the Chief Justice of Israeli Supreme Court, Hon. Dorit Beinisch.

Rivka Neriya Ben-Shahar, Sapir College

Rivka Neriya-Ben Shahar is a senior lecturer at Sapir Academic College in Sderot, Israel, teaching courses in research methods, communication, religion, and gender. Her doctorate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was entitled "Ultra-Orthodox Women and Mass Media in Israel – Exposure Patterns and Reading Strategies." She was a Fulbright post-doctoral fellow and a Scholar in Residence at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute at Brandeis University. She worked on a study that analyzes women's cultural-religious praxes. Dr. Neriya Ben-Shahar researches the mass media from the perspectives of religion and gender. Her most recent research project addresses the tension between religious values and new technologies among Old Order Amish women and Jewish ultra-Orthodox women.

Limor Meoded Danon, Bar-Ilan University

Limor Meoded Danon is researcher and lecturer at the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine, Bar-Ilan University. Her current studies focus on the geneticization of intersexuality and the journeys to parenthood of people with intersex bodies. She conducted her postdoc fellowship between 2015-2019, at the Martin Buber Society of Fellows (MBSF) of Humanities and Social sciences at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She conducted a comparative study on the biopolitics of intersexuality in Germany and Israel, as well as parental and intersex people's lived experiences. She published her findings in highly-ranked journals. In 2012, she

completed her doctorate in the department of Sociology and Anthropology at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Her dissertation was entitled 'Intersexuality and the "MinGuf process": The paradox of sex' and was the first Hebrew-language book published on intersexuality in Israel. She has taught courses on sociology of the body, sex/gender biopolitics and qualitative research at different colleges and universities throughout Israel, as well as at the University of Konstanz in Germany.

Mirjam Lücking, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Mirjam Lücking is an anthropologist, working on contemporary expressions of religion and politics in Indonesia and the Middle East, with ethnographic research on various forms of transnational mobility, such as pilgrimage, tourism, and labor migration. She is currently affiliated with the Martin Buber Society of Fellows at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Dominik Mattes, Freie Universität Berlin

Dominik Mattes is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and the Collaborative Research Center (SFB) "Affective Societies" at Freie Universität Berlin. Since 2014, he has been co-chairing the German Anthropological Association's Work Group Medical Anthropology. His book, *Fierce Medicines, Fragile Socialities. Grounding Global HIV Treatment in Tanzania* (Berghahn, 2019) examines the political-economic conditions of providing antiretroviral medicines, the manifold intricacies of living a life with these pharmaceuticals, and the interference of religious discourse and practice with the biomedical therapy in Northeastern Tanzania. Aside from Medical Anthropology and Critical Global Health, Dominik's work is situated at the intersection of religion and migration. While his first postdoctoral project explored notions of belonging among the congregants of a West-African Pentecostal church in Berlin, his current research focuses on how migration-related religious diversity is affectively governed in the same city.

Max Müller, Freie Universität Berlin

Max Müller is a PhD student working at the Collaborative Research Centre 1171 "Affective Societies - Dynamics of Social Coexistence in Mobile Worlds", based at Freie Universität Berlin. Growing up in the eastern part of Berlin Max encountered Vietnamese migrants and their German-born children very early in his life. This led him to do ethnographic research among a group of second-generation German-Vietnamese with special focus on their transnational upbringing. For his M.A Thesis, he wanted to understand how members of this group construct and negotiate their sense of belonging in their ancestral homeland while on holiday there. His PhD research centers on emerging care spaces and the institutionalisation of mental health services for Vietnamese migrants in Berlin with special focus on (Buddhist) hospice and end-of-life care.

Ursula Probst, Freie Universität Berlin

Ursula Probst is a PhD student at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (Freie Universität Berlin) investigating (labour) migration, the social production of bodies, and health in urban settings with a particular focus on the commercialisation of sexuality, intimate labor and the sex industry. Based on ethnographic fieldwork with migrants from Eastern Europe who are/were working in different sectors of the sex industry in Berlin, she is currently analysing the racialised and sexualised dimensions of so-called "Europeanisation" processes and (Eastern) European (non-)belongings as an embodied practice.

Vanessa Rau, Max Planck Institute

Vanessa Rau is an interdisciplinary sociologist with a special interest in identity constructions and biography regarding Religion and Secularism, Migration, Gender, Sexuality and Disability and the Politics of Difference more broadly. She currently is a post-doctoral research fellow at the Max-Planck-Institute on the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. Her dissertation at the Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge entitled “Contesting the Secular and Converting Space in Berlin? Becoming Jewish in an Urban Scene” examines a newly emerging Jewish-Hebrew scene in Berlin and investigates how religious and secular belonging are negotiated under specific discursive representations. The dissertation was awarded with the Koerber Prize in 2020. Recently, she was part of a collaborative research project “Civil Society Organizations at the Challenges of Migration and Diversity” (Zomidi) where she focused on a disability rights organisation at the intersection of Migration and Disability. Currently she is conducting research on a project called “Super-Diversity meets Intimacy” where she studies Migration and the politics of difference in romantic relationships. She is also part of the ORA international joint research project “Muslim-Jewish encounter, diversity and distance in urban Europe: Religion, culture and social model”.

Nour Abed Elhadi Shahbari, University of Haifa

Nour Abed Elhadi Shahbari is a public health researcher in the field of decision-making regarding vaccines and cultural sensitivity. Nour holds a PhD in the field of vaccine decision-making and culturally sensitive services. Nour serves as Adviser to the Ministry of Health and National Control Center for Interventions to Promote Corona Services in the Arab Society, and a systematic health intervention (Taqadom 550) for promoting health and reducing disparities and inequality in Israel's Arab society.

Max Schnepf, Freie Universität Berlin

Max Schnepf is a PhD candidate and Research Associate at the Institute for Social and Cultural Anthropology (Freie Universität Berlin), interested in the intimate entanglements of biomedical technologies and configurations of gender and sexualities. As part of the research project “PrEPped Intimacies in Berlin”, he ethnographically investigates the new pharmaceutical HIV-prophylaxis PrEP and its transformative effects on the bodies, subjectivities and affective attachments of gay men in the urban context of Berlin. Since 2019, Max is co-chair of the Working Group “Gender & Sexualities | Queer Anthropology” within the German Anthropological Association.

Anita von Poser, Freie Universität Berlin

Anita von Poser's research interests pertain to the field of psychological anthropology with a special focus on affects, emotions, belonging, and empathy as well as migration, aging, care, and the life course. Her current research involves ethnographic research with Vietnamese-born social workers in Berlin as well as trans-disciplinary collaborative work on the affective efforts of migration in clinical settings and everyday lifeworlds with colleagues from the field of cultural psychiatry and global mental health.

Sarah Willen, University of Connecticut

Sarah Willen is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut and Director of the Research Program on Global Health and Human Rights at the university's Human Rights Institute. A former NIMH Postdoctoral Fellow in Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, she holds a PhD

in Anthropology and an MPH in Global Health, both from Emory University. Willen's first book *Fighting for Dignity: Migrant Lives at Israel Margins* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), has won multiple awards, and she is a two-time recipient of the Rudolf Virchow Prize from the Critical Anthropology of Global Health Caucus of the Society for Medical Anthropology

Adane Zawdu Gebyanesh, Van Leer Institute Jerusalem

Adane Zawdu Gebyanesh is a cultural sociologist focusing on how categories of difference structure our social and political experience, with a particular interest in ethnic and racial categorization. As a Polonsky Fellow, Adane is working on a project titled *The Changing Structure of Difference: The Working of Ethnic and Racial Categories Among Ethiopian Migrants in Israel, 1977-2020*, studying the changing relations between ethnic culture and skin color among Ethiopian Israelis, from the early years of migration to present day. Adane received his Ph.D. from the Sociology Department at the University of Connecticut, where he completed his dissertation, titled *When Rituals Migrate: A Study of The Relationships Between Collaborative Cultural Practices and Social Ties Among Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel*.

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Tanya Zion-Waldoks, a lecturer in the Seymour Fox School of Education at Hebrew University, is a feminist activist and mother of four. Tanya is fascinated by the intersection of religion, gender, education and politics. Current research explores religious women's feminist activism and political subjectivities through qualitative studies with a comparative perspective in Israel. Her work has been published in leading journals such as *Gender & Society* and *Signs*. Tanya received her PhD from Bar-Ilan's Gender Studies program, and was awarded the Kreitman post-doctoral fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and a Rothschild and Israel Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

We will be joined by:

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- ▶ **Hadas Ziv**, Head of Projects and Ethics

- ▶ **Ghada Majadle**, Department Director (Palestinians in the OPT & The Mobile Clinic)

- ▶ **Zoe Gutzeit**, Department Director (The Bella Kaufman Open Clinic)