



# The Relevance of Regions and Area Studies in a Globalized World

## International Conference

December 14-16, 2015, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Conference Program

### Day 1 – Monday, 14.12.2015

Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Room 405

**14:00-14:30 Registration**

**14:30-15:00 Greetings**

Menahem Ben-Sasson, President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Vered Vinitzky-Seroussi, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Noam Shoval, Director of the European Forum at the Hebrew University

Ruth Fine, Conference Co-Convenor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**15:00-16:30 Panel # 1 – Roundtable**

**What is a Region? Historical and Cultural Evolution(s) of Regions: Globalization, Regionalism, and Nationalism**

**Chair: Arie M. Kacowicz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Yuri Pines, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Fredrik Söderbaum, University of Gothenburg

Etel Solingen, University of California, Irvine

Avraham Sela, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Luis Roniger, West Forest University

James Green, Brown University

**17:00-19:00 Panel # 2**

**Migration and Diasporas.**

**Chair: Michal Biran**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Discussant: Frank Schimmelfennig**, ETH Zürich

Tal Dingott Alkopher, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Emmanuelle Blanc, LSE

Steven Kaplan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Henry Yu, University of British Columbia

Dirk Höder, Arizona State University

**19:00-21:00 Reception**

### Day 2 – Tuesday, 15.12.2015

Abba Eban Hall (Truman Institute)

**09:00-10:45 Panel # 3**

**Communication and Media**

**Chair: Mor Mitrani**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Freie Universität Berlin

**Discussant: Janice Stein**, University of Toronto

Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt and Christian Baden, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Michal Daliot-Bul, University of Haifa

Nissim Otmazgin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**11:15-13:00 Panel # 4**

**Borders, Security and Peace**

**Chair: Galia Press-Barnathan**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Discussant: Etel Solingen**, University of California, Irvine

David Newman, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Benny Miller, University of Haifa

Norrin Ripsman, Concordia University

Arie M. Kacowicz, Daniel F. Wajner, and Exequiel Lacovsky, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**14:30-17:00 Panel # 5**

**Economic Development and Interdependent Inequalities**

**Chair: Lior Herman**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Discussants: Fredrik Söderbaum**, University of Gothenburg, and **Tanja Boerzel**, Freie Universität Berlin

Yoram Haftel & Daniel F. Wajner, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Alfred Tovas, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Christian Thauer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Edward Mansfield, University of Pennsylvania

Claudia Kedar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### Day 3 – Wednesday, 16.12.2015

Abba Eban Hall (Truman Institute)

**09:00-11:00 Panel # 6**

**Ideational Factors and Regions**

**Chair: Rehav Rubin**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Discussant: Avraham Sela**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Naomi Chazan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Anton Pelinka, Central European University

Carlos Escudé, University of CEMA

Bruce Maddy-Weitzman, Tel Aviv University

Jacques Bertrand, University of Toronto

**11:30-13:15 Panel # 7**

**Language, Culture and Translation**

**Chair: Martina Weisz**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Discussant: Ruth Fine**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Louise Bethlehem, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Susanne Zepp, Freie Universität Berlin

Michael Rössner, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Ayelet Banai, University of Haifa

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**14:30-16:00 Panel # 8 – Roundtable**

**Europe as a Model? The Study of Regions in a Comparative Perspective**

**Chair: Thomas Risse**, Freie Universität Berlin

Tanja Boerzel, Freie Universität Berlin

Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zürich

Ton Nijhuis, Universiteit van Amsterdam

Galia Press-Barnathan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**16:30-18:30 Panel # 9 – Roundtable**

**Area Studies in the Social Sciences, Law, and the Humanities; Is the Study of Regions in Decline in the Academic Curriculum? If so, why?**

**Chair: Ruth Fine**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Asher Cohen, Rector of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Manuel Trajtenberg, Tel Aviv University

Eli Salzberger, University of Haifa

Yuval Shany, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Thomas Risse, Freie Universität Berlin

Janice Stein, University of Toronto

**18:30-19:00 Concluding Comments and Open Discussion**

