The 4th Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration:

The Changing Face of Migration: Future Challenges for Societies

Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
May 23-24, 2016
**Sunday, 22 May**

19:00-21:00 Pre Conference Evening in Honor of the South African Community in Israel;

Launching the book ‘South Jews African in Israel-Assimilation in Multigenerational Perspective’ by **Prof. Rebeca Raijman**

Chair: **Prof. Moshe Semyonov**

**Monday, 23 May**

08:15-09:00 Gathering and Registration

09:00-09:30 Greetings:
- **Prof. Shosh Arad**, President, Ruppin Academic Center
- **Prof. Howard Duncan**, Executive Head of Metropolis International
- **Mr. Rani Trainin**, Vice Chairman of JAFI

Moderator: **Dr. Dvora Blum**, Director, Institute for Immigration & Social Integration

09:30-10:10 Plenary: Attitudes toward Recent Immigrants (Olim)

Chair: **Dr. Karin Amit**, Head of the MA program in Immigration & Social Integration, Ruppin
- **Mr. Elias Inbram**, Lawyer, Lecturer and Social Activist, Former Israeli Diplomat
- **Prof. Yitzhak Katz’s**, Maagar Mochot Research Institute, Results from Ruppin Survey

10:10-10:20 Coffee Break

10:20-11:50 Plenary Panel: The Current Refugee Crisis in Europe

Chair: **Prof. Moshe Semyonov**

Moderator: **Mr. Arad Nir**, Head of Foreign News Desk, International Commentator, Channel 2 News.
Speakers:
H. E. Mr. Carl Magnus Nesser, Ambassador of Sweden to Israel
Ms. Walpurga Englbrecht, UNHCR Representative in Israel
Prof Howard Duncan, Executive Head of Metropolis International and Editor of ‘International Migration’
Prof. Galia Sabar- Chair, African Studies, Tel Aviv University

11:50-12:00  Coffee Break
12:00- 13:30 Public Opinion and Social Exclusion
Chair: Mr. Richard Lewis, Vrije Universiteit (Belgium)
• Policing Roma integration Between Diversity Recognition and Deconstruction of the Mainstream, Mrs.Tina Magazzini (Spain)
• Still not Welcomed: Educational Exclusion of Roma Children in the Czech Republic, Mrs. Denisa Sedláckov (Czech Republic)
• Strangers in their Homeland – The Roma in Europe and the Double Standard of Inclusion – Exclusion, Dr. Katalin Katz (Israel)
• Inclusion and Exclusion and Asylum Seekers’ Rights to Primary Education, Mrs. Mirjam Streng (Israel)

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Migration Patterns and Movements
Chair: Dr. Dov H. Maimon, Jewish people Policy Institute, Jerusalem (Israel)
• Reasons for Immigration, Life Patterns and Perceptions of Israeli Immigrants in Berlin, Mr. Shuki Stauber (Israel)
• “I Chose a Place, Which Unless You Don’t Have Ideological Attachment to it, I Think, it’s not Worth Choosing” – the Present Day Hungarian Aliyah, Mrs. Ráchel Surányi (Hungary)
• Sanctuary City: Applications Beyond North America and the UK, Prof. Harald Bauder (Canada)

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Migration, Democracy and Activism
Chair: Adv. Sivan Carmel, Director HIAS (Israel)
• Legal and Symbolic Membership Naturalization Intentions of Turkish Residents in Germany, Dr. Nils Witte (Germany)
• Protesting Language Tests for Immigrants for Gaining Residence and/or Citizenship, Prof. Elana Shohamy (Israel)
• Multicultural Citizenship in a Democratic Country, Dr. Irit Keynan (Israel)
• Criminalizing and Penalizing Immigration: Immigrants as Symbolic Assailants, Jize Jiang and Prof. Edna Erez (USA)

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Health and Migration: Mental Health and Deviance
Chair: Dr. Yossi Levi-Belz, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
• The Mental Health of Asylum Seekers & Victims of Human Trafficking in Israel: The Experience of Gesher Clinic, Mrs. (MSW) Laura Crompton (Israel)
• Patterns of Drug Abuse Among FSU immigrant Drug Addicts in, Dr. Liat Yakhnich (Israel)
• Positive Psychology Among Ethiopian Immigrants in Israel - a Pilot Study, Dr. Rafi Youngmann and Dr. Rachel Bachner-Melman (Israel)
The Experience of Therapists Working With Battered Women from a Different Cultural Background, Mr. Dror Netzer (Israel)

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Migration and Labor Market
Chair: KM (Former) Mr. Meir Sheerit Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
• The Economic Impacts of Immigration in Developing Countries, Dr. Sarah Kups and Dr. Marcus Böhme (France)
• Trends and Managing of Labor Migration in the Post-Soviet Space in the Context of the Economic Integration in Eurasian Economic Union, Prof. Sergei V. Ryazantsev (Russian Federation)
• Recent Report From the Task Force on Measuring Labor Mobility of UNECE Mr. Mark Feldman, Director, the Labor Statistics Sector, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics (Israel)

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break
14:30-16:00 Migration and Education
Chair: Prof. Ehud Menipaz, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
• Social and Educational Aspects of Immigration and Integration, Mrs. Tal Levy and Mrs. Leslie Cohen (Israel)
• “Orit” – Teaching Hebrew Literacy to Non-literate Adult Immigrants from Ethiopia in Israel, Dr. Michal Schleifer, Prof. Elite Olshtain, Dr. Pnina Golan-Cook, Keith Goldstein, Mr. Eli Ziv, Dr. Sara Rubinstein and Prof. Bella Kotik-Friedgut (Israel)
• The Role of the “Educational Bridges” in Migrant
The other Journey: Biographical Narratives of Israelis of Ethiopian Origin, Former Activists in Underground Movements During the Civil War in Ethiopia, 1974-1991, **Mr. David Ratner** (Israel)

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**Labor Migrants**
Chair: **Prof. Lea Achdut**, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)

- What’s so Social about Remittances? A Discussion of Ceasing Remittances and the “Social” in Social Remittances, **Prof. Robin A. Harper and Dr. Hani Zubida** (USA, Israel)
- Remittances-based Expenditures: Decision-makers and Spending Priorities in the Kyrgyz Republic, **Mr. Christopher Ostropolski** (Canada)
- Strategy and Tactics: Engaging the Materiality of Zimbabwean Migrants Spatial Presence in Johannesburg, **Mr. Khangelani Moyo** (South Africa)

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**Migration, Health and Social Work**
Chair: **Prof. Uri Aviram**, Ruppin Academic center (Israel)

- Health Behavior and Utilization of Women’s Health Services among Ethiopian Women Immigrants in the Negev, **Mrs. Nivi Dayan**, (MSW) (Israel)
- Shall we Focus on the Herd or on the Cow? - Legal Aspects of Health and Vaccination in Times of
Migration, Mrs. Ingrid Jez (Austria)
- Community Health Worker Effectiveness among Asian-American Immigrants in NYC: What are the Causal Factors and their Implications? Dr. Ephraim Shapiro, Mrs. Laura Wyatt, Mrs. Lindsey Riley, Mrs. Jennifer Zanowiak, Dr. Nadia Islam, Dr. Chau Trinh-Shevrin (Israel, USA)
- Obligations Towards Victims Trafficked Outside The State: Sinai Torture Victims, Adv. Maayan Niezna (Israel)

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Migration Democracy and Legislation
Chair: Adv. Dr. Merav Shmueli (Israel)
- Immigration as a Major Challenge to European Liberal Democracies, Prof. Fatos Tarifa (Albania)
- A Supranational-Regional Case for Immigration Justice, Dr. David Sheindorf (Israel)
- Dual Citizenship and Societal Cohesion: Who is an Ideal Citizen? Mrs. Agnese Lace (The Netherlands)

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Attitudes toward Immigrants
Chair: Mr. Haim Goren, Tel Aviv City Council (Israel)
- The Burden of History: Remembering the Holocaust and Attitudes Towards Asylum Seekers in Israel, Dr. Gal Ariely (Israel)
- Testing A New Conceptual Model For Attitudes Toward Immigrants: A Case Of Social Workers’ Attitudes Toward Asylum Seekers in Israel, Dr. Eugene Tartakovsky and Dr. Sophie D. Walsh (Israel)
- The Connections Between Personal Value Preferences, Immigrant Appraisal, and Burnout
Among Social Workers Working with Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union and Ethiopia in Israel: Dr. Sophie D. Walsh and Dr. Eugene Tartakovsky (Israel)

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45

Migration, Children and Youth
Chair: Mrs. Stacy Yeoshua, Or Shalom (Israel)
• Children’s Migration and the Shaping of Contemporary Zimbabwe, Mrs. Noa Levy (Israel)
• Perceptions of Risk and Protection of Young Children from the Ethiopian Origin in Israel, Dr. Yael Ponizovsky-Bergelson, Dr. Nira Wahle, Orly Erlichman (MSW) and Prof. Dorit Roer-Strier (Israel)
• Caring for Immigrant Families of Children with Sensory Disability: a Case Study in Milan, Dr. Nicoletta Pavesi (Italy)
• Excessive Obstacles to Family Reunification for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in Sweden and the Netherlands: Case Studies within a Legal Framework, Mrs. Anne Sapir and Mrs. Naomi Caplan (Israel)

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Sense of Belonging, Identity and Well-Being
Chair: Prof. Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University (USA)
Two Dimensions of Immigrants’ Integration: Life Satisfaction and Sense of Belonging among Post-1990 Immigrants in Israel, Prof Rebeca Raijman, Prof. Moshe Semyonov and Mrs. Rona Geffen (Israel)
• Dimensions Of Life Satisfaction: Immigrant and Ethnic Minorities, Dr. Nonna Kushnirovich and Dr. Arie Sherman (Israel)
• The Consequences of Discrimination to the Self-Identification of Individuals with Immigration Background in Germany: a Turkish Italian Comparison, Dr. Oshrat Hochman, Dr. Anna Stein Prof. Noah Lewin-Epstein, and Dr. Thomas Wöhler (Germany, Israel)

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Civic Society and the Third Sector
Chair: Adv. Michal Pinchuk, Executive Director ASSAF (Israel)
• The Contribution of Non-state Actors to the Social Integration of Immigrants in Israel, Dr. Dov H. Maimon (Israel)
• Trade Union Membership and Employment Integration of Third Country Migrants. Structural Influences of Industrial Relations Traditions And of Migrants Integration Policies Across Europe, Dr. Francesco Marcaletti (Italy)
• Do Immigrants Trust Trade Unions? A Study of 16 European Countries, Dr. Anastasia Gorodzeisky and Andrew Richard (Israel, Spain)

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Migration Policy
Chair: Mr. Ilan Cohen, CIMI (Israel)
• Social and Immigration Policies Shaping Immigrant Communities: Filipinos in Israel and Canada, Dr. Deby Babis and Dr. Agnes Meinhard (Israel, Canada)
• No Time to Waste: Rethinking labour market policies as a strategy for the economic integration of migrant
families in Ireland, Mr. Pablo Rojas Coppari (Ireland)
● States’ Obligations towards Climate Immigrants, Mr. Nimrod Kovner (UK)
● Immigrants, Medical Citizenship and the Impact of the Affordable Care Act in the United States, Prof. Richard E. Barrett (USA)

18:00 Cultural Event
Holot Theatre: Life Experiences of Refugees in Israel

Tuesday, May 24

09:05-09:20 Opening Remarks: Speaker: Mr. Yuval Yavneh, Deputy Director General of the New Israel Fund

09:20-11:00 Plenary Panel: Sponsored by Ashalim (JDC): Next Generation, Integration of Migrant Children and Youth
Moderator: Prof. Julia Mirsky, Ben Gurion University
Ms. Sharon Porat, Program Manager Early Childhood Division, JDC-Ashalim, Prof. Kathy Laster, Director, Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, Victoria University, Australia, Ms. Lea Golan, Director General, Or Shalom Former MK, Mr. Daniel Bensimon, Writer & Journalist,

11:00-11:10 Coffee Break

11:10-11:30 Poster Session- MA Students

11:30-13:00 Migration Policies and Practices
Chair: Mr. Zeev Slov, Israel Immigration Authority (Israel)
● Agism in Immigration Policies: A European Perspective, Dr. Pnina Dolberg, Dr. Ursula Trummer and Prof. Sigurveig H. Sigurðardóttir (Israel)
• Regional Immigration Systems: A Comparative View, Prof. Andrei Korobkov (USA)
• Barriers towards accommodation and housing for refugees in Austria: A challenge to be met by learning from transdisciplinary experiments within urban labs?, Mrs. Petra Wlasak (Austria)
• Bringing out the Dead, Bringing in the State, Mr. Tal Harris (Germany)

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Second and 1.5 Generation Immigrants
Chair: Mr. Vadim Blumin, Content & Training Specialist of Makom, JAFI
• Celebrating Memory and Belonging: Young Russian Israelis Claim their Unique Place in Tel-Aviv’s Urban Space, Dr. Anna Prashizky and Prof. Larissa Remennick (Israel)
• False Narratives: How Some 1.5 Generation Undocumented Youth Maintain Sense of Belonging, Dr. Elizabeth Benedict Christensen (Denmark)
• Political Culture in Transition: Two Generations of the Ex-Soviet Immigrants in Israel and Germany, Dr. Michael Philippov (Israel)
• How I became a wandering Jew in Israel and learned to like it, Ms. Yana Pevzner Bashan, Journalist (Israel)

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Attitudes toward Immigrants
Chair: Dr. Sergio DellaPergola, Hebrew University (Israel)
• Race, Racism, and Trust: Responses of Ethiopian Jews in Israel to Stigmatization by the Police, Dr. Ofir
Abu, Dr. Fany Yuval, and Prof. Guy Ben-Porat (Israel)
- From Protection of the Immigrant, to Protection from the Immigrant: Changes in the Attitudes of Social Democratic Parties towards Immigration, as Reflected in Election Manifestos – the Case of British Labour, Mrs. Orni Livny (Israel)
- Ethnic Identity in the Shadow of Perceptions of Social Discrimination: The Case of Immigrants from Ethiopia in Israel, Dr. Pnina Golan-Cook, Keith Goldstein and Prof. Elite Olshtain (Israel)
- Caught between Humanitarianism and Exclusionism? Attitudes of the Danish Public towards Asylum Seekers, Mrs. Adi Hercowitz-Amir (Israel)

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Migration and Health
Chair: Dr. Moshe Israeli, Director of Tissue Typing Laboratory, Beilinson Hospital, Rabin Medical Center. Petach-Tikva, (Israel).
- Comparative characteristics of some parameters of diabetes mellitus among immigrant patients and Israeli-born patients, Dr. Margarita Fraimovitch and Dr. J. Wainstein (Israel)
- Immigrant Health Patterns in the United State, Mrs. Maskileyson Dina (Israel)
- Microbes the “Undercover” Immigrants, Prof. Bracha Rager (Israel)
- The Media – A Remedy or a Disease, Mr. Yair Amikam (Israel)

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Migrant Youth
Chair: Mr. Ofir Lahav, Ministry of Immigrant Absorption
- The Challenge of Return - The Transnational Remigration of Adolescents to Iraqi Kurdistan, Dr. Simon Moses Schleimer (Germany)
- Youths Volunteer in Migrant Communities: Concepts, Activities and Implications for the Future, Dr. Levi Doly, and Dr. Meishar Michal (Israel)
- Transforming the Lives of Youth via Effective Community-Based programs Mr. Zemene Achihon (Israel)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Gender and Migration
Chair: Dr. Aviva Zeltzer Zubida, Strategy Consultant (Israel)
- The Impact of Motherhood on Immigration: A Comparative Study of Different Ethnic Group of Women in United States, Mrs. Noa Achouche (Israel)
- Women Out-Migration and Their Social Life: A Case Study of Nepalese Women Working as Care Givers in Israel, Prof. Uddhab P. Pyakurel (Nepal)
- A Work Trap or a Safety Net?: The Employment of French Immigrant Women in French Speaking Companies in Israel, Dr. Karin Amit and Dr. Shirly Bar-Lev (Israel)
- En Route to the Middle Class: Russian Israeli Mothers Navigate their Children’s Education, Dr. Sveta Roberman, Dr. Lauren Erdreich and Dr. Deborah Golden (Israel)

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Asylum Seekers and Refugees
Chair: Dr. Zoe Gutzeit Physicians for Human Rights (Israel)
- Will Barriers, Fences and Walls Actually thwart Desperate Illegal Migrants in the Future?, Prof. Lilach Lev Ari and Dr. Arnon Medzini (Israel)
- Borders and Bodies: Eritreans Narratives of Escape, Dr. Efrat Ben-Ze’ev and Dr. Nir Gazit (Israel)
- When Diversity is not Enough News Frames, Collective Memory and Refugee’ Protest in Israel, Mrs. Noam Tirosh (Israel)
- Turkey and the Syrian Refugees: From Hospitality to Long Term Solutions, Dr. Gallia Lindenstrauss (Israel)

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Immigrant Integration
Chair: Dr. Ahmad Hleihel, Central Bureau of Statistics (Israel)
- Linguistic and Economic Adjustment among Immigrants in Israel, Prof. Barry R. Chiswick, Prof. Uzi Rebhun and Mrs. Nadia Beider (USA, Israel)
- Where’s the Benchmark? The Challenge of Constructing an Immigrant Integration Index, Dr. Jack Jedwab (Canada)
- The Migration and Integration Process of Iranian (Persian) Immigrants in Hungary, Sweden and Israel from the Perspective of the Individual and the Community, Mrs. Viola Vadasz (Hungary)

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Young and Students
Chair: Prof. Eli Feinerman, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
• Young People and Immigration Processes: Survey in Five European Countries, Prof. Rita Bichi (Italy)
• The Impact of Higher Education on the Lives of Young Turkish Women in Vienna, Mr. Dursun Sule (Austria)
• “In the school, it is a bit hard but I do my best to cope”… Immigrants Students’ Educational Challenges in a New Country, Dr. Orly Haim (Israel)
• Refugees and Higher Education; A Case Study on African Asylum Seekers in Israel, Mrs. Emily Primack (Israel)

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Different Aspects of Migration
Chair: Ms. Carmit Elad, Co-Chair of the public council of the IISI (Israel)
• 2022 World Cup: A catalyst for change in the Gulf, Dr. James M. Dorsey (Germany)
• From “The Mother of the Painter” to “Persian Madonna”: Visual Journeys of Immigrant Artists, Dr. Michal Tannenbaum (Israel)
• Tale of Two Cities: The Absorption of Bnei Menashe Immigrants in the Educational Systems of Two Israeli Towns S’derot and Kiryat Arba, Dr. Ram Thein (Israel)
• The Developmental Conditions of “The Children’s Warehouses”, the Pirate Daycare Centers for Children of Migrant Workers and Asylum Seekers in Israel Ms. Rotem Ilan, Dr. Yael Mayer & Prof. Michelle Slone (Israel)

15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
15:45-16:45 Closing Panel:
Chair: **Dr. Dvora Blum**, Director, Institute for Immigration & Social Integration, Ruppin
**Prof. David Passig**, The Changing Face of Migration: Future Challenges for Societies

17:00 Closing evening