Conference program*

The 2nd Ruppin International Conference
On Immigration and Integration:
New Frontiers in Research & Policy making

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There may be minor changes in the final program

Monday, 21st May

08:15-09:00 Gathering and Registration

09:00-09:30 Greetings, Prof. Shosh Arad, President, Ruppin academic Center
Mr. Nahum Itzkovitz, Director General of the Israel Ministry of Social Affairs and Services

09:30-10:15 Plenary Speech
Chair: Prof. Ruth Klinov (Israel)
Speaker: Prof. Barry Chiswick (USA): Negative and Positive Assimilation, Skill Transferability and Linguistic Distance

10:15-11:30 Plenary Panel: Global Influence – Influence of the contemporary economic situation on immigration
Chair: Prof. Moshe Semyonov (Israel)
Prof. Victor Armony (Canada)
Prof. Sergio DellaPergola (Israel)
Prof. Richard Lewis (Belgium)

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-13:15 Physical and Mental Health – Chair: Prof. Bracha Rager (Israel)
Psychiatric care for refugees, Dr. Ido Lurie (Israel)
Health in the job market, Dr. Rita Bichi (Italy)
Immigrant physicians from the FSU: Pathways into the health care system, Prof. Judith Shuval (Israel)
The ringworm children story, The construction of Ethno-medical identity, Aya Bar Oz (Israel)

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Language and Identity – Chair: Prof. Julia Mirsky (Israel)
Language and identity in Canada, Prof. Donald Cuccioletta (Canada)
The language of the Jews in Canada, Dr. Jack Jedwab (Canada)
Bilingualism and identity, Dr. Pnina Golan-Cook, Prof. Elite Olshtain, & Keith Goldstein (Israel)
Comparison of cultural integration and identity: The case of Germany
Dr. Oshrat Hochman & Prof. Eldad Davidov (Switzerland)

13:15-14:15  
Lunch Break

14:15-15:45  
Indices of Social Integration – Chair: Prof. Raphael Bar-El (Israel)  
General thoughts about cohesion measurement, Prof. Siby Heilbrunn, Dr. Liema Davidovitch & Prof. Lea Achdut (Israel)  
Integration index, Blangiardo Gian Carlo & Carrillo Daniela (Italy)  
Social integration index, Dr. Lloyd Wong (Canada)  
The Ruppin Index for Immigrant Integration in Israel, Dr. Karin Amit (Israel)

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Deviations and Non-Standard Behavior – Chair: Prof. Giora Rahav (Israel)  
Murder and responses among Ethiopian immigrants, Prof. Edelstein Arnon (Israel)  
Female victims of domestic violence: A comparison between immigrants from the FSU in Israel and Israeli-born women, Dr. Evgeny Tartakovsky & Sabina Mezhibovsky (Israel)  
Domestic violence among Ethiopian immigrants, Dr. Malka Shabtay (Israel)  
The transition to the adulthood of the separated children: A case study in Trento town, Dr. Nicoletta Pavesi (Italy)

15:45-16:00  
Coffee Break

16:00-17:30  
The Educational System – Chair: Mr. Danny Pins, JDC (Israel)  
Education and identity in Canada- the role of the classroom, Prof. Gail Benick (Canada)  
Interplay of American and Israeli community life experiences of immigrant parent, Adina Schwartz (Israel)  
Immigrant parents' interaction with education systems, Dr. Rita Sever (Israel)  
Culturally Sensitive Therapeutic Work with Children at Risk from the Foreign Community in Tel-Aviv, Ms. Tamar Swartz (Israel)

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The Labor Market – Chair: Nadine Baudot-Trachtenberg (Israel)  
Labor migrant recruitment practices in Israel, Prof. Rebeca Rajman & Dr. Nonna Kushnirovič (Israel)  
Motivation to lead among immigrants in the high-tech industry, Dr. Karin Amit & Dr. Shirly Bar Lev (Israel)  
Money is not enough - can wealth explain differences in subjective well-being of immigrants and natives? Dr. Oshrat Hochman & Nora Skopek (Germany)  
Inequality in the EU job market, Dr. Selma Muhič Dizdarević (Czech Republic)
Evening of the Jewish Agency for Israel- Over 80 Years of Aliyah & Social Integration. Honored guest, Mr. Natan Sharansky, Chair of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel

Tuesday, May 22

09:00-09:45 Plenary speech: Chair: Prof. Moshe Semyonov (Israel)
Speaker: Prof. Marta Tienda (USA), Child migration: challenges of integration and potential developments

09:45-11:15 Round table on migration policy and law:
Chair: Emily Furman, Chair of the Public Council of the Institute for Immigration and Social Integration
Moderator: - Ruth Sinai, Social commentator
Discussants:
Prof. Marta Tienda, Princeton University (USA)
Mr. William Tall, Present Representative UNCHR
Attorney Daniel Solomon, Population & Immigration Authority (Israel)
Attorney Yonatan Berman, Migrants Rights Clinic at the Academic Center of Law and Business (CLB) in Ramat Gan,
Mr. Oded Diner, Amnesty Israel (Israel)
Ms. Dana Weiler-Polak, Welfare and interior affairs correspondent, Haaretz

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:45 Law and Immigrants’ Rights – Chair: Adv. Dr. Yuval Livnat (Israel)
Providing legal assistance to Israel's Ethiopian community, fighting discrimination and inequality, Atty. Itzik Dessie (Israel)
Social rights for labor immigrants, Dr. Nonna Kushnirovich & Dr. Dani File (Israel)
The role of a governmental Ombudsman in charge of foreign Workers rights at work, Adv. Iris Maayan (Israel)

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Civil Society and Immigration – Chair: Dr. Dvora Blum (Israel)
Political participation in integration of immigrants, Prof. Myer Siemiatycki (Canada)
The Chinese Diaspora and the Transformation of Voluntary Associations in Medan, Indonesia, Wang Yui Kelvin KO (Germany)
Immigrant organizations in Canada, Sinela Jurkova (Canada)
Religious organizations in Canada, Prof. Paul Bramadat (Canada)
12:45-13:30  
Lunch Break

13:30- 14:45  
Geographical Aspects of Immigration – Chair: Prof. Yitzhak Haberfeld (Israel)  
Socioeconomic integration in the geographic space, Tal Modai & Dr. Pnina Plaut (Israel)  
Immigration and geographic location, Anya Glikman & Prof. Moshe Semyonov (Israel)  
Circular immigration, Prof. Karmen Medica (Slovenia)  
Immigrating Home: Spatial and Cultural Effects of lifestyle migration, Hila Zaban (Israel)

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Immigration Policy in Various Countries – Chair: Dr. Ze’ev Hanin, Ministry of Immigrant Absorption (Israel)  
Immigration policy in Israel, Dr. Zvi M. Libman (Israel)  
Immigration policy in the EU, Dr. Moritz Jesse (Netherlands)  
The privatization of immigration in Israel, Ilana Shpaizman (Israel)

14:45-15:00  
coffee Break

15:00-16:30  
Public Attitudes toward Immigrants - Chair: MK Dr. Marina Solodkin (Israel)  
Attitudes toward immigrants, Prof. Lea Achdut & Dr. Karin Amit, (Israel)  
Attitudes toward immigrants, Dr. Anastasia Gorodzeisky (Israel)  
Attitudes toward immigrants, Prof. John Kincaid, (USA)  
Globalization and attitudes toward immigrants, Dr. Gal Ariely (Israel)

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Demographics and Family – Chair: Mr. Neil Gillman, Jewish Agency for Israel  
Demographic characteristics, Dr. Francesco Marcaletti, Veronica Riniolo (Italy)  
Marriage and immigration in the Philippines, Cherry Joy G. Veniles (Philippines)  
Lactation, Dr. Efrat Neter, Ira Mezivovsky & Bat Chen Shabtay (Israel)  
Migrant One–Parent Families in Germany: gendered strategies of individuation and coping in a welfare state context, Dr. Lydia Potts & Dr. Dorothea Krüger (Germany)

16:30-16:45  
Coffee Break
16:45 – 20:00  
**Evening of the Canada Israel Forum**  
Chair: Dr. Jack Jedwab (Canada)  
Opening Greeting:  H. E. Mr. Paul Hunt, Ambassador of Canada to Israel  
Plenary Speech: Mr. Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages, Canada

18:00-19:00  
**Cultural event:** African-Israeli Stage performing: 'The Lion and the Jewel', written by Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize laureate in Literature, Nigeria.

19:00-20:00  
Dinner/Cocktail

**Wednesday, May 23**

09:00-09:15  
Morning Opening: Rachel Liel, Executive Director, New Israel Fund in Israel

09:15-10:45  
Round Table on Social Integration of Refugees in Israel: Voices from the Field  
Chair: Dr. Moshe Sharir  
Shachar Shoham, Physicians for Human Rights  
Attorney Reut Michaeli, Executive Director, Hotline for Migrant Workers  
Orit Rubin, Psycho-Social Coordinator  
A.S.S.A.F - Aid Organization for Refugees & Asylum Seekers  
Oscar Olivier, Refugee from Congo and a volunteer

10:45-11:00  
**Coffee Break**

11:00-12:30  
Integration of Cultures – Chair: Yosef Joel Moss, Director, HIAS Israel  
Integration of Bnei Menashe, Ram Thein (Israel)  
The role of Fidel, Ms. Michal Avera Samuel, (Israel)  
Comparison between integration of Ethiopian immigrants and African refugees, Dr. Lisa Anteby-Yemini (France)

12:30-12:45  
**Coffee Break**
12:45-14:00  
Screening of the Canadian documentary film "Never Come Back" A Year in the life of the Roma ("Gypsy" people) in Canada. Closing Session

14:15-19:00  
Tour to Caesarea + Early dinner (by invitation)