

## Conference program\*

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruppin International Conference On Immigration and Integration: New Frontiers in Research & Policy making

Ruppin Academic Center, Israel  
**May 21-23, 2012**

\*There may be minor changes in the final program

#### Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May

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| 08:15-09:00  | Gathering and Registration  |
| 09:00-09:30  | Greetings, <b>Prof. Shosh Arad</b> , President, Ruppin academic Center<br><b>Mr. Nahum Itzkovitz</b> , Director General of the Israel<br>Ministry of Social Affairs and Services  |
| 09:30-10:15  | Plenary Speech<br>Chair : <b>Prof. Ruth Klinov</b> (Israel)<br>Speaker: <b>Prof. Barry Chiswick</b> (USA): Negative and Positive<br>Assimilation, Skill Transferability and Linguistic Distance   |
| 10:15-11:30  | Plenary Panel: Global Influence – Influence of the contemporary<br>economic situation on immigration<br>Chair: <b>Prof. Moshe Semyonov</b> (Israel)<br><b>Prof. Victor Armony</b> (Canada)<br><b>Prof. Sergio DellaPergola</b> (Israel)<br><b>Prof. Richard Lewis</b> (Belgium)   |
| 11:30-11:45  | <i>Coffee Break</i>   |
| 11:45- 13:15 | Physical and Mental Health – Chair: <b>Prof. Bracha Rager</b> (Israel)<br>Psychiatric care for refugees, <b>Dr. Ido Lurie</b> (Israel)<br>Health in the job market, <b>Dr. Rita Bichi</b> (Italy)<br>Immigrant physicians from the FSU: Pathways into the health care<br>system, <b>Prof. Judith Shuval</b> (Israel)<br>The ringworm children story, The construction of Ethno-medical<br>identity, <b>Aya Bar Oz</b> (Israel)<br><div style="text-align: center; color: green;">***parallel***</div> <u>Language and Identity</u> – Chair: <b>Prof. Julia Mirsky</b> (Israel)<br>Language and identity in Canada, <b>Prof. Donald Cuccioletta</b> ,<br>(Canada)<br>The language of the Jews in Canada, <b>Dr. Jack Jedwab</b> (Canada)<br>Bilingualism and identity, <b>Dr. Pnina Golan-Cook</b> , <b>Prof. Elite</b><br><b>Olshtain</b> , & <b>Keith Goldstein</b> (Israel)<br>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. Sibylle 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 Raijman & Dr. Nonna Kushnirovich** (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 Dizdarevič** (Czech Republic)

**17:30-19:30**

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

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**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 Filc** (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

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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)*