Transitional Justice and the Crisis of Democracy

An International Webinar
September 30 – October 1, 2020
(Times noted are local Israel time – GMT+3)

Wednesday, September 30
17:00-18:30 Session 1: Opening Panel
Greetings:
Prof. Leora Bilsky / Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Tel-Aviv University
Prof. Tomer Broude / Academic Director, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Speakers:
Prof. Roberto Gargarella / Universidad de Buenos Aires; Universidad Torcuato Di Tella
The Law as a Conversation among Equals
Prof. Samuel Issacharoff / New York University
Populism and the Institutions of Democratic Governance
Prof. Balakrishnan Rajagopal / Massachusetts Institute of Technology; UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing
Democracy, Minority Rights and State Fragility/Collapse
Prof. Ruti Teitel / New York Law School
Transitional Justice Two Decades on: The Unfinished Dialogue
Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri / SOAS University of London; Chatham House
America’s Democratic Decline: What Does This Mean for Transitional Justice?
Moderator: Prof. Tomer Broude / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

19:00-20:30 Session 2: Democratic Retrogression and Transitional Justice -- a View from the Field
Speakers:
Dr. Jens Iverson / Leiden University
False “Transitional Justice” used against Transitions to Democracy: Why Legal Integrity is More Important than Legal Technology
Dr. Maria Varaki / SOAS University of London; Chatham House
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Thursday, October 1
14:00-15:30 Session 3: Challenges
Speakers:
Dr. Limor Yehuda / Transitional Justice Postdoctoral Fellow, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Tel-Aviv University; and Dr. Natalie Davidson / Tel-Aviv University
The Invisibility of Nationalism in Transitional Justice and Liberal Constitutionalism
Ms. Daniela Tolchinisky / MA Candidate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Consequences of the Seeming Moral Consensus Created by Liberal Transitional Justice
Dr. Tamar Hostovsky Brandes / Ono Academic College
Social Solidarity in an Age of Populism: Implications for Transitional Justice
Moderator: Dr. Limor Yehuda / Tel-Aviv University

16:00-17:30 Session 4: Processes
Speakers:
Prof. Aeyal Gross / Tel-Aviv University
Transitional Justice and Democratic Backsliding: The Limits of the Comparative Discussion and of the Liberal Ideal
Dr. Or Avi-Guy / Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Transformation – Overcoming the Limits of Liberal Peace and Transitional Justice in Deeply Divided Societies
Dr. Jeremie Bracka / Transitional Justice Postdoctoral Fellow, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Can Religion Democratise the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict? Inter-faith Peacebuilding Beyond Tribalism and Liberal Theory
Dr. Yoav Kapshuk / Kinneret College (together with Prof. Lisa Strömbom / Lund University)
Destabilizing Biographical Narratives – Blessing or Curse? Israeli Pre-Transitional Justice and the Nakba-Law
Chair: Dr. Limor Yehuda / Tel-Aviv University

18:00-19:30 Session 5: Truth, Language, History
Speakers:
Dr. Eran Fish / Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Historical Facts and Legal Norms
Prof. Leora Bilsky / Tel-Aviv University and Dr. Ofra Bloch / Tel-Aviv University
Resistance in Language – The Nation-State Law and Transitioning from Democracy
Dr. Hassan Jabareen / Adalah - Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
Is Populism-Driven Nationalistic Legislation Always Bad?
Chair: Dr. Jeremie Bracka / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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