POLITICAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE · PROGRAM

Politics in Turbulent Times

Date: October 26, 2026 **Location:** The Naftali Building for Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University

08:30–09:00 **Coffee & Introduction** 09:00–09:15 **Welcome Remarks** Room 527

SESSION I

09:15 – 10:45

TRACK A — Room 527

Security, Conflict & International Order
Chair: Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University)

- **Rob Geist Pinfold** (King's College London)
  Diplomacy After the Deluge: The Gulf States' Continued Engagement with Iran
- **Ehud Eiran** (University of Haifa) & **Boaz Azili** (American University)
  Spoiling Through Domestic Manipulation: Netanyahu and the Thwarting of Ceasefire Negotiations
- **Yaniv Voller** (University of Kent)
  Why Do Strong States Militia-Ize Security
- **Tal Yaar-Waisel** (Oranim College of Education)
  A Failed Concept of Border Research or Tragic Disillusionment? Re-Thinking Israel's Border Environmental Planning
- **Benjamin Miller** (University of Haifa)
  How Does Nationalism Explain the Rising Challenges to the Liberal International Order?

TRACK B — Room 021

Political Economy
Chair: Pablo Balan (Tel Aviv University)

- **Maayan Mor** (Tulane University)
  Occupational Shift within Social Democratic Parties During the 1960s and 1970s
- **Guy Grossman** (University of Pennsylvania)
  Cutting Humanitarian Aid Raises Debt and Lowers Schooling without Building Refugees' Self-Reliance
- **Yonatan Morse** (University of Connecticut)
  Despite the Odds: Assessing Africa's New Social Welfare Landscape
- **Etel Solingen** (University of California)
  Global Value Chains, IMEC, and Israel
- **Itay Machtei** (Yale University)
  The New Working Man's Party? Populism and Redistribution in Mature Democracies

Coffee Break 10:45 – 11:00

SESSION II

11:00 – 12:15

TRACK A — Room 527

Challenges to Israeli Democracy
Chair: Lotem Halevy (Providence College)

- **Eitan Tzelgov** (University of East Anglia)
  Electoral Defeat as a Critical Juncture in Populist Radicalisation
- **Doron Shultziner** (Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College)
  From the 25th to the 26th Knesset: Will Likud's Primaries Reward Democratic Backsliding?
- **Yoav Peled** (Tel Aviv University)
  Elite Resistance to Populist Constitutional Change in Israel – An Ethno-Class Analysis
- **Doron Feldman** (University of Texas at Austin)
  From 'Villa in the Jungle' to the Emergence of Engagement with Non-State Local Forces? How Israel Responded to the October 2023 Failure

TRACK B — Room 021

Politics & Public Policy Governance
Chair: Deganit Paikowsky (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- **Nir Kosti** (LMU Munich & Hebrew University)
  Cost Awareness and the Anti-Regulatory Climate: Does Regulatory Offsetting Travel Beyond Business Legislation?
- **Eti Zaltman** (The Hebrew University)
  Governing Quality: The Politics of Academic Teaching Regulation in England and Israel
- **Kelly Goldstein**, **Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler**, **Moshe Maor** (Reichman University) & **Maoz Rosenthal** (Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College)
  Construal-Level Compatibility in Policy Discourse: An Empirical Examination of Competing Territorial Policy Alternatives after October 7
- **Saar Alon-Barkat** (University of Haifa)
  Polarized Trust and Citizen Cooperation: Populism, Politicized Policing, and Crime Reporting

Lunch · next to Lecture Hall 003 12:15 – 13:00

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13:00 – 14:00 Lecture Hall 003

Nadav Eyal
Rome Has Fallen: Reimagining the Liberal Model and World Order

SESSION III

14:15 – 15:30

TRACK A — Room 527

Parties, Voters & Elections
Chair: Yael Shomer (Tel Aviv University)

- **Jennifer Oser et al.** (Ben-Gurion University)
  How Have We Studied Voting? A Bibliometric Analysis of Electoral Participation and Vote Choice
- **Sharon Haleva-Amir** (Reichman University) & **Yonatan Amir** (Santiago de Compostela University)
  A Contemporary Analysis of Israeli Parties Digitalisation
- **Yochay Manor** (The Hebrew University)
  Mapping Israeli Party Ideologies from 30+ Years of Plenary Sessions
- **Lotem Halevy** (Providence College)
  Associational Endowments: The Social Service Origins of Opposition Parties

TRACK B — Room 021

Political Theory
Chair: Julie Cooper (Tel Aviv University)

- **Benjamin Morgan** (University of Oxford)
  The Human Predicament: How Re-Thinking Assumptions Helps Both Empirical and Theoretical Approaches to the Crisis of Liberal Democracies
- **Charles Blattberg** (Université de Montréal)
  Anemic Morality
- **Iddan Sonsino** (University of Toronto)
  The Political Theory of Industrial Policy
- **Eyal Chowers** (Tel Aviv University & Harvard University)
  Max Weber's *Ancient Judaism*: The Ethics–Politics Divide and the Challenge of Zionism

Coffee Break 15:30 – 15:45

SESSION IV

15:45 – 17:00

TRACK A — Room 527

Ideology & Radicalization
Chair: Lee-Or Ankori-Karlinsky (Brown University)

- **Yoav Ganzach** (Tel Aviv University)
  Ideology and Intolerance: A Cross-Context Replication in Israel
- **Avishai Green** (Dartmouth College)
  Stance or Salience: Examining Agenda Change in the American Right Through CPAC Speeches
- **Amit Leibson** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
  The Language of Integration: The Effect of Immigrants' Linguistic Proficiency on Natives' Inclusionary Attitudes
- **Yitshak Alfasi** (Jerusalem Multidisciplinary College)
  Political Radicalization and the Surge of Antisemitism Following October 7

TRACK B — Room 021

Comparative Political Behavior
Chair: Clareta Trager (Bar Ilan University)

- **Itamar Yakir** (Yale University)
  Who Wants More War? Conflict Exposure, Perceptions of Public Opinion, and Preferences for Escalation in Israel
- **Rebecca Hirschfeld** (King's College London)
  How and Why Issue Salience Changes in Conflict? The Case of the Environment in Ukraine
- **Dan Glasserman** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
  The Influence of Paid Fathers' Leave on Gender Equality Attitudes
- **Or Tuttnauer** (University of Mannheim)
  What Do Voters Want from Opposition Parties? Role Descriptions and the Impact of Partisan Attachment in Germany

Closing 17:00