Nazism, the Holocaust and Ethics: 
Moral Legitimacies for action in Extreme States
(The Rector’s Grant for Interdisciplinary Research Group)
14-15 May 2018
Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan

Program

Monday, Beck Auditorium  14.5.2018

09:00-09:30 Greetings
Prof. Miriam Faust, Rector, Bar Ilan University  
Prof. Eliezer Schlossberg, Faculty of Humanities, Dean

09:30-11:00 First Session: Philosophy Beyond the Normative
Chairman: Dr. Hilda Nissimi

Prof. Burt Hopkins, University of Lille
“Projection in Heidegger and an Aspect of the Problem of Genocidal Agency”

Prof. Ronny Miron, The Program for Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies,  
The Interdisciplinary Unit, Bar Ilan University.
"The Guilt of our Humanity: The Questioning of the German Guilt in Karl Jaspers’  
Thinking”

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break
11:30-13:00 Second Session: A Binocular Perspective on Evil and Pain: Psychoanalysis and Literature

Chairman: Dr. Boaz Shalgi, Department of Psychology, Bar Ilan University

Dr. Rina Lazar, Clinical Psychologist, senior teacher and supervisor, the Program of Psychotherapy, School of Continuing Medical Education, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University.
“Talking about Evil: Trying to Conceive the Inconceivable”

Prof. Yael S. Feldman, Abraham Kats Professor of Hebrew Culture, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Professor of Comparative Literature and Gender Studies NYU.
“Questioning Martyrdom and the ‘Economy’ of Pain from Euripides to Agnon”

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Third Session: Law, the Holocaust and Extreme States

Chairman: Dr. Ziv Bohrer, the Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University

Prof. Leora Bilsky, Faculty of Law & the Director of the Minerva Center for Human Rights at Tel Aviv University.
“Commissioned Corporate Histories and the responsibility of the businessman under the Third Reich”

Prof. Mark Osiel, Aliber Family Chair in Law, College of Law, University of Iowa.
"Choosing Among Alternative Responses to Mass Atrocity: Between the Individual and the Collective"

Dr. Rivka Brot, Research Fellow, Law Faculty, the Center for Jewish and Democratic Law, Bar-Ilan University.
“The Cry for Rectification”: The Tribunals of the Jews in the Displaced Persons Camps in Germany as a means for National and Moral Rectification"

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Fourth Session: The Meaning of Life on the Verge of Existence

Chairman: Dr. Yaakov Kohler

Dr. Amos Goldberg, the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
“The epistemological and discursive grey zone in Chaim Kaplan's Warsaw Diary”

Prof. Steven Bowman (Emeritus), Judaic Studies Department, University of Cincinnati.
“Greek Jews in the Sonderkommando: Ethno-Ethics in Auschwitz”

20:00 Dinner
Tuesday, Feldman Building, Room 102  15.5.2018

Pre-registration Required

09:00-10:30 First Workshop:
“Nazi Ethics: Perpetrators with a clear conscience”

Dr. Wolfgang Bialas, American Institute Berlin (IES).

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Second Workshop:
“The Banality of Radical Evil”

Dr. Yaron Senderowich, Faculty of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University,

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Third Workshop:
"The Binary Victim-Perpetrator Contested"

Dr. Michal Ben Horin, Department of Comparative Literature, Bar Ilan University
Dr. Doron Avraham, General History Department, Bar Ilan University.

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 Fourth Workshop:
"Post-Event: The Immoral Deed and the Dilemma of the Day After"

Prof. Yolanda Gampel, School of Psychological Sciences, Tel Aviv University.
Prof. Hanoch Ben Pazi, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Bar Ilan University,