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לכינוס בנושא

THE CHALLENGES OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

Monday–Tuesday,
December 16–17, 2019

at The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
Albert Einstein Square,
43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem

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PROGRAM

Monday, December 16, 2019

08:30 **Gathering**

09:00 **Greetings**

Nili Cohen, President of the Academy; Tel Aviv University

09:15 **General Introduction – Democracy, Liberalism, Rights**

Chair: Avishai Margalit, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Liberal Democracy: Values and Institutions

Shlomo Avineri, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Representative Democracy: Vulnerabilities and Resilience

Dominique Moisi, Institut Français des Relations Internationales

Is Democracy Without Rights Possible?

Ruth Gavison, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

10:45 **Break**

11:15 **The Crisis of Liberal Democracy – I**

Chair: Fania Oz-Salzberger, University of Haifa

The Crisis of Liberal Democracy: An Overview

Zeev Sternhell, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Democracy: In Search of a Strategic Perspective

Werner Weidenfeld, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

The Tension between Majority Rule and Equal Human Rights in Contemporary Democracy

Moshe Halbertal, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Transformation of Israeli Democracy through the Judiciary

Yoav Dotan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

13:15 **Lunch**

14:15 **The Crisis of Liberal Democracy – II**

Chair: Guy Stroumsa, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Illiberal Populism's Challenge to Constitutional Justice

Michel Rosenfeld, Yeshiva University

Implanting Liberal Democracy: The Arab Spring

Uzi Rabi, Tel Aviv University

Liberal Democracy and Challenges of Religion

Joseph Weiler, New York University

15:45 **General Discussion**

16:15 **Break**

16:45 **The Role of the Academies**

Chair and Speaker: Nili Cohen, President of the Academy; Tel Aviv University

The Role of Learned Academies in Preserving the Humanistic Tradition

Linda Greenhouse, President of the American Philosophical Society

17:30 **General Discussion**

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

09:00 **Gathering**

09:30 **Democracies in an Unequal World**

Chair: Benjamin Isaac, Academy Member; Tel Aviv University

Inequality in Historical Perspective

Shulamit Volkov, Academy Member; Tel Aviv University

Citizens and Subjects: Voice and Representation in a Technological Age

Sheila Jasanoff, Harvard University

Democracy in a Digital-Global Society: Technology Giants vs. the Nation State

Michael Birnhack, Tel Aviv University

11:00 **Break**

11:30 **Between Liberalism and Religion**

Chair: Sergiu Hart, Chair, Humanities Division of the Academy; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Between Democracy and Judaism

Izhak Englard, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Open Society and Closed Religion

Guy Stroumsa, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Oxford University

Liberalism between Religion and Nationalism

Menachem Mautner, Tel Aviv University

13:00 **General Discussion**

13:30 **Lunch**

14:30 **Challenges and Hazards**

Chair: Ruth Gavison, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Liberal Deficit in Israel's Democracy: A Brief Intellectual History

Fania Oz-Salzberger, University of Haifa

Rebuilding Relations among Authorities

Daniel Friedmann, Academy Member; Tel Aviv University

The Fate of Human Rights in Indifferent Societies

András Sajó, Central European University

16:30 **General Discussion: How to Overcome the Crisis**

Chairs: Shlomo Avineri, Academy Member; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Sheila Jasanoff, Harvard University.

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On-street parking is available near the Academy. The event will be recorded on video.

Places are limited. Admission is subject to availability of seating.