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International Workshop

The Genesis of International Law: Political Readings of the Bible and the Iberian Legacy

Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan), Wednesday 11th June, 2014 (bldg # 1002 room 405)

9:00- 9:15 **Greetings**

Shifra Baruchson, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan)

Hilda Nissimi, Chair of the Department of General History, Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan)

Moisés Orfali, Department of Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan)

Sofia Valdez Tůma, Head of the project of the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (EXCL/EPH-HIS/0708/2012).

9:15-11:00 1st Session: Iberian Spaces and International Law

Chair: Ruth Fine, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Joan-Pau Rubiés, London School of Economics (London), "Bartolomé de Las Casas and Human Rights: A Historical Revision"



Tamar Herzog, Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.), "International Law, the Bible, and Indigenous Land-Rights"

Claude B. Stuczynski, Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan), "Ex-Converso Jewish Echoes of the Polemics of Possession in Spanish America"

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15- 12:45 2nd Session: **Iberian Juridical Traditions Facing New Challenges**

Chair: Yosef Kaplan, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem) António Manuel Hespanha, The New University of Lisbon (Lisbon), "The Normative Catholicity of a Catholic Empire (16th-17th centuries)" Manuel Herrero, University of Pablo de Olavide (Seville), "A Sacred and Polycentric Monarchy. The Catholic Monarchy and the Bible in Campanella and Saavedra Fajardo"

12:45-14:15 Lunch

14:15-16:00 3rd Session: **Biblical (and Other) Sources of International Law**

Chair: Rivka Feldhay, Tel-Aviv University (Tel-Aviv)

Daniel Schwartz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem), "Slavery, the Ius Gentium and the Bible"

Sofia Valdez Tůma, The New University of Lisbon (Lisbon), "The Sea and its Meaning for International Law: A Theological Approach"

Luigi Nuzzo, University of Salento (Lecce), "Discourses of Conquest. An Intercultural Origin of International Law?"

16:00-16:15 Coffee break



16:15-18:00 4th Session: **Jewish and Ottoman Interactions with International Law**

Chair: Yvonne Friedman, Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan)

Joshua M. White, University of Virginia (Charlottesville), "Murky Waters:

Piracy and the Sea in Early Modern Ottoman Law"

Roni Weinstein, The Minerva Humanities Center, Tel-Aviv University (Tel-Aviv), "The International Law according to R. Joseph Karo: In Between European Canon Law and Ottoman Kanun"

Amos Israel Vleeschhouwer, Independent Researcher, "Impact, Interaction and Non-Participation: the Jewish Role in the Genesis of International Law"

18:00-18:15 Concluding Remarks

Sofia Valdez Tůma, The New University of Lisbon (Lisbon)



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