



מרכז שלם
THE
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CENTER

**The Human Nature Tradition in Anglo-Scottish Philosophy:
Its History and Future Prospects
Jerusalem, December 14 - 17, 2009**
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Sunday, December 13, 2009

Speakers arrival and check-in

Monday, December 14, 2009

8:30-9:00 Registration and refreshments, The Gilbert de Botton Auditorium, Mishkenot Sha'ananim

9:00-9:30 Opening Remarks

9:30-11:30 **Session I**

Robert Pasnau (University of Colorado)
"Nominal Persons: Ockham and Others"

Roger Ariew (University of South Florida)
"Human Nature in Descartes and Some Cartesians"

Chair: Josh Weinstein (Shalem Center)

11:30-12:00 Break

12:00-13:00 **Session II**

Michael Heyd (Hebrew University)
"Fallen, Guilty or Just Weak? The Theological Background to the Human Nature Debate in Philosophy"

Chair: Doron Avital (Evergreen Fund)

13:00-14:15 Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore

14:15-16:15

Session III

Stephen Darwall (Yale University)

“The Good and the Right in Hobbes's Moral Philosophy”

James Harris (University of St. Andrews)

“Hume’s Treatise (1740) and Essays (1741): From the Science of Man to a Science of Politics”

Chair: Gabriel Motzkin (Van Leer Institute)

16:15-16:45

Break

16:45-17:45

Session IV

Paul Rahe (Hillsdale College)

“From Thomas Hobbes to the Scottish Enlightenment: Pierre Nicole, Pierre Bayle, Bernard Mandeville, and the Theory of Spontaneous Order”

Chair: Noa Shein (Hebrew University)

17:45-18:45

Free time

17:45

Hannukah candle lighting

18:45

Speakers meet at the lobby and walk to dinner at La Guta Restaurant, 34 Drech Beit-Lechem (Speakers and session chairs)

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

8:30-9:00

Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium (refreshments served)

9:00-11:00

Session V

Knud Haakonssen (University of Sussex)

“Rights as Qualities and as Possessions”

Jesse Prinz (CUNY Graduate Center)

“Is Locke’s Way of Ideas Still Viable?”

Chair: Oron Shagrir (Hebrew University)

11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-13:30	<p><u>Session VI</u></p> <p>Thomas Ahnert (University of Edinburgh) “Theodicy and Human Nature in the Writings of Hugh Blair”</p> <p>Fania Oz-Salzberger (University of Haifa) “Adam Ferguson on Man's Active Nature”</p> <p>Chair: Hagit Benbaji (Ben-Gurion University)</p>
13:30-14:45	Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore
14:45-16:45	<p><u>Session VII</u></p> <p>Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill) “Sentiments and Spectators: Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy”</p> <p>Samuel Fleishacker (University of Illinois) “Sympathy in Hume and Adam Smith”</p> <p>Chair: Ruth Weintraub (Tel Aviv University)</p>
16:45-19:00	Free time
17:15	Hannukah candle lighting and sufganiot

19:00-21:00

Special Event

Reception and Book Launch Event for the first complete translation of Hobbes' *Leviathan* into Hebrew (Shalem Press)

Speakers:

- **Professor (Emeritus) Shlomo Avineri**
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Professor Yael (Yuli) Tamir**
MK, Former Minister of Education
- **Professor Paul Rahe**
Hillsdale College

Chair:

- **Professor Menachem Lorberbaum**
Tel Aviv University, Editor of the book

The event will be conducted in Hebrew – simultaneous translation into English will be available.

(Light refreshments will be served)

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

8:00-8:30

Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium (refreshments served)

8:30-10:30

Session VIII

Daniel Garber (Princeton University)
"Hobbes vs. Spinoza on Human Nature"

Joseph Mali (Tel Aviv University)
"Vico on Human Nature"

Chair: Ofir Haivry (Shalem Center)

10:30-11:00

Break

11:00-13:00

Session IX

Aaron Garrett (Boston University)
“The Origins of Hume’s Experimental Morals”

Yoram Hazony (The Shalem Center)
“Hume’s ‘System of the Sciences’ as a Challenge to Newtonian Science”

Chair: Mark Steiner (Hebrew University)

13:00-14:15

Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore

14:15-16:15

Session X

David Owen (University of Arizona)
“Reason, Belief and the Science of Human Nature: Hume and the Limits of Explanation”

Michael Gill (University of Arizona)
“Moral Monism, Moral pluralism, and Human Nature”

Chair: Nicole Hochner (Hebrew University)

16:15-

Free time

17:00

Hannukah candle lighting and sufganiot

17:30-

Optional Guided tour of the Old City for speakers
(Register in advance)

Thursday, December 17

8:30-9:00

Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium (refreshments served)

9:00-10:00

Session XI

Silvia Sebastiani (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris)
“Human Nature Through the Racial Prism: Discussing Human Varieties Across the Atlantic at the End of the Eighteenth Century”

Chair: Meirav Jones (Shalem Center)

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:30 **Session XII**

Frederick Rosen (University College, London)
“J.S. Mill and Alexander Bain on Human Nature”

Daniel Jacobson (University of Michigan)
“On Mill’s Moral Psychology: Sympathy, Associationism, and the Plasticity of Human Nature”

Chair: Edna Ullmann-Margalit (Hebrew University)

12:30-14:30 End of conference lunch and conversation for speakers and chairs, Restaurant Montefiore

Friday, December 18, 2009

8:00-15:00 Optional Guided tour of Masada and the Dead Sea for speakers (Register in advance; bring your bathing suite and a towel and cash for lunch, transport and guide provided).