



מרכז שלם
THE
SHALEM
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)

“Hobbes and Hume on Human Nature, politics, and the function of philosophy”

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

Hannukah candle lighting and sufganiot

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

Session VI

Thomas Ahnert (University of Edinburgh)

"Theodicy and Human Nature in the Writings of Hugh Blair"

Fania Oz-Salzberger (University of Haifa)

"Adam Ferguson on Man's Active Nature"

Chair: Hagit Benbaji (Hebrew University)

13:30-14:45

Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore

14:45-16:45

Session VII

Geoff Sayre-McCord (University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill)

"Sentiments and Spectators: Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy"

Samuel Fleishacker (University of Illinois)

"Sympathy in Hume and Adam Smith"

Chair: Ruth Weintraub (Tel Aviv University)

16:45-19:00

Free time

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

Dan 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).