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DECEMBER 19

Room 496, The Isaac and Rosa Gilman Building of Humanities and ZOOM

Opening

13:00 **Greetings**

Opening Remarks:

Prof. Domenico Agostini (Tel Aviv University) and Dr. Lutz Greisiger (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

Mr. Ariel David, Dan David Foundation Board Member
Prof. Rachel Cinamon Gali, Dean, The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University
Prof. Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Head of the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

13:30–15:00 Session 1: **Apocalyptic Origins**

Chair: Prof. Sylvie Honigman (Tel Aviv University)

- Prof. Jonathan Ben Dov (Tel Aviv University): *The Origins of the Traditions of Fallen Angels: A New Look.*
- Prof. Carlo G. Cereti (Sapienza University of Rome): *The End of the World in the Zoroastrian Tradition.*
- Prof. Domenico Agostini (Tel Aviv University): *Apocalypticism, Apocalypse, and Apocalyptic in Ancient Iran.*

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30–17:00 Session 2: **Apocalypticism as a Creative Force in the Religious World of the Middle Ages**

Chair: Dr. Naama Cohen-Hanegbi (Tel Aviv University)

- Prof. Tommaso Tesei (Duke Kunshan University): *The Ideology Behind the Apocalyptic Legend of Alexander's Gate.*
- Dr. András Kraft (University of Vienna): *Iconoclasm and apocalypticism: Two Antithetical Paradigms?*
- Dr. Yuri Stoyanov (SOAS – University of London): *Currents of Apocalyptic Innovation in Medieval Christian Dualist Milieux and their Contemporary Echoes.*

17:00 Coffee Break

17:30–18:30 **Keynote**

Chair: Prof. Tamar Herzog (Tel Aviv University)
Prof. Guy G. Stroumsa (Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Oxford University)
Time and the End of Time: Abrahamic Perspectives

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12:00–13:30 Session 3: **Asian Apocalypticisms**

Chair: Prof. Meir Shahar (Tel Aviv University)

- Prof. Barend Ter Haar (University of Hamburg): *Black Wind for Seven Nights and Days: A Chinese Apocalyptic Disaster.*
- Dr. Francesca Fiaschetti (University of Vienna) and Dr. Mirko Sardelic (Croatian Academy of Sciences): *And Then What? Social and Emotional Functions of the Apocalypse in 13th Century Eurasia.*
- Prof. Ian MacCormack (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): *Endings and Beginnings in Tibetan Buddhist Political Thought.*

13:30–15:00 Lunch

15:00–16:30 Session 4: **Early Modern Accretions of Apocalyptic Knowhow**

Chair: Prof. Nadine Kuperty (Tel Aviv University)

- Prof. Denis Crouzet (University of Paris IV – Sorbonne): *Eschatology and Guilt-Tripping: the Flood of 1524.*
- Dr. Sasson Chahanovich (Heidelberg University): *A Handbook for the Apocalypse: Streamlining Islamic Eschatological Narratives in the Ottoman Ahvāl-ı Kıyamet Corpus.*
- Dr. Gadi Sagiv (The Open University of Israel): *Apocalypse Now: Hasidic Masters' Performance of Apocalypticism.*

16:30 Coffee Break

17:00–18:30 Session 5: **Apocalypticism and Mutability in the Islamic Traditions**

Chair: Dr. Abed Kanaaneh (Tel Aviv University)

- Dr. Roy Vilozy (University of Haifa): *Imāmī-Shī'ī Exegesis and the End of Time: Working towards the Unachievable.*
- Prof. Muhammad Al-Atawneh (Ben Gurion University of the Negev): *Pandemics in Islamic Thought: Past and Present.*
- Prof. Todd Lawson (University of Toronto): *Apocalyptic and Messianic Harmony in Shaykhi, Babi and Bahai Texts. An Overview.*

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12:00–13:30 Session 6: **Modern Apocalyptic Awakenings and New Religious Movements** **ZOOM only**

Chair: Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur (Tel Aviv University)

- Dr. Ori Goldberg (Reichmann University, Herzliya): *Absence as Apocalypse – The Politics of Occultation in Khomeini's Thought.*
- Dr. Michael Miller (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw): *The Dominion of Deception: The African Hebrew Israelites' Apocalyptic Prophecies and the End of This World.*
- Prof. Heike Behrend (University of Cologne, emerita/Berlin): *Kanungu 2000: An Apocalyptic Tragedy in Western Uganda/Africa.*

13:30–15:00 Lunch

15:00–16:30 Session 7: **Apocalyptic Modernity and Postmodernity**

Chair: Dr. Einat Klafter (Tel Aviv University)

- Prof. Richard A. Landes (Boston University): *The Impact of Apocalyptic Time: From Mass Murder to the Internalizing of Nietzsche's "Bad Conscience."*
- Dr. Lutz Greisiger (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg): *Historical Millenarianism and Twentieth Century Political Thought.*
- Prof. Lorenzo DiTommaso (Concordia University Montréal): *From the Margins to the Mainstream: The Illiberal Right Turn and the Contemporary 'Apocalyptic Shift.'*

16:30–17:00 Coffee Break

17:00–18:30 Session 8: **Challenged by the Study Object: Theory and Method in Apocalypticology**

Chair: Dr. Lutz Greisiger (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

- Dr. Hillel Newman (University of Haifa): *Explaining Jewish Apocalypticism in Antiquity: A Critical Assessment of Methodology in Modern Historiography.*
- Prof. Alexander van der Haven (University of Bergen): *The End and the Past: the Apocalypse and Collective Memory.*
- Prof. Carlos Segovia (Independent scholar): *The Apocalyptic Imagination in Meta-Religious Perspective.*

18:30 **Concluding Remarks**

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