



# Critical Reflections on Alternative Paths to Modernity

A Conference in Honour of Rivka Feldhay

April 13-14, 2016

## Wednesday 13.4 (Tel Aviv University, Gilman building, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, hall 496)

09:00 **Gathering**

09:30 Greetings – Leo Corry, Dean of Humanities,  
José Brunner, Director of the Cohn Institute for  
the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas  
Introduction – Shaul Katzir

10:00 **First Panel**, Chair Yossi Mali

Raz Chen Morris: The Utopian Moment and the  
Emergence of the New Science: Alberti to Descartes  
Ronnie Mirkin: Jesuit Ballet in Seventeenth-Century  
Paris – Between School and Court  
Itay Sapir: On Piety and Doubt: Theology as  
Epistemology in Jusepe de Ribera's Painting

11:50 **Lunch Break**

13:30 **Second Panel**, Chair Ora Limor

Naomi Yuval-Naeh: Imagining Coal in 19th Century  
Britain: Coal as a Botanical  
Ohad Parnes: Divine Cells: 'Science' and 'Religion'  
in the Emergence of the Modern Life Sciences in the  
Nineteenth Century

Ido Yavetz: From Physics to Technology to Physics to  
Technology: A Spiral of Migrating Knowledge.

15:20 **Coffee Break**

15:50 **Third Panel**, Chair Shaul Katzir

Matteo Valleriani: The influence of Clavius's Scientific  
Academy on the Teaching of Mathematics in Europe  
Ofer Gal: Things I learnt from Rivka: reflections on  
interpretation  
Miki Elazar: Between Galileo and Newton: Giovanni  
Alfonso Borelli and Vertical Projectiles

19:00 **Dinner (closed)**

## Thursday 14.4 (the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 43 Jabotinsky st.)

10:00 Greeting – Gabriel Motzkin, Director of the  
Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

10:15 **Fourth Panel**, Chair Menachem Fisch

Lorraine Daston: What Is Modernity in Science?  
Hanan Yoran: Modernity between Renaissance and  
Reformation

11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:50 **Fifth Panel**, Chair Yemima Ben Menachem

Dikla Bytner: What's New about Early Modern "New  
Science"? Or, What I've Learnt so far from Leibniz's  
Inventions

Moritz Epple: Inequality, Borders, and the Alliance of  
the Learned and the Great: Untimely Reflections of an  
Encyclopedist

Martin Herrnsstadt: Administrating the Self: Sciences  
of Man, the State and the Case of Joseph-Marie de  
Gérando (1842-1772)

13:40 **Lunch Break**

15:00 **Sixth Panel**, Chair Gal Hertz

Galen Guengerich: Pluralism Revisited: a New World  
View of Religion and Public Policy

Amnon Raz Karkotzkin: Liberal Historiography and  
the Question of the Jews

Julia Lerner: Russia in Israel, or the Post-Soviet  
Presence in the Israeli Middle East

16:45 **Coffee Break**

17:00 Musical Intervention, by Polyphony Young  
Musicians

17:20 **Concluding Lecture**, Chair Hanan Yoran

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