



# **Social and Political Dynamics in Israel**

**Jewish State 70 Years  
after the Declaration of Independence**

**Jagiellonian University, Krakow**

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# --- The Program ---

## Monday, May 7

Collegium Novum, Assembly Hall, 24 Gołębia street

**16.30**                      **Registration**

**17.00**                      **Conference Opening**

**17.30 – 19.15**            **Keynote Speeches**

Derek Penslar (Harvard University, USA), *Declarations of (In)Dependence: Tensions within Zionist Statecraft, 1896-1948*

Daniel Blatman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), *Israel Today: Jewish and/or Democratic? Reflections on Holocaust Memory and National Ethnocentrism*

**19.30 – 20.30**            **Wine Reception**

## Tuesday, 8 May

Collegium Maius, Michał Bobrzyński's Conference Hall,  
15 Jagiellońska street

**9.00 – 9.45**                      **Keynote Speech**

Raffaella Del Sarto (SAIS Europe in Bologna, Italy), *Abandoning Peace? Israel's Shift to the Right*

**9.45 – 11.15**                      **Panel I Poland and Israel**

**Chair:** Michał Galas (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

Jacek Stawiski (TVN24, Poland), *Contemporary Polish-Israeli Relations*

Tomasz Michaldo (Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum), *Holocaust Memory in Israeli Education Case of Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum*

Ewa Węgrzyn (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *How Olim Chadashim Cultivated their Polishness in Israel*

**11.15 – 11.30**                      **Coffee Break**

**11.30 – 13.30**                      **Panel II Identity of the State and Nation**

**Chair:** Przemysław Turek (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

Elisheva Rosman (Bar-Ilan University, Israel), *Military Service as an Identity Shaping Process: The Case of Orthodox Female Soldiers in the IDF*

Artur Skorek (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Ontological Security of States with Competing Identities. Western and Middle Eastern Tropes in Israel's Policies*

Anna Rataj (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *The Role of the Supreme Court of Israel in Defining the Concept of the Jewish and Democratic State*

Aaron Walter (University of Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia), *Friend, and Ally: Case Study of Czechoslovak and Israeli Cultural Identity through Nation-Building*

**13.30 – 14.30**                      **Lunch**

**14.45 – 16.45                      Panel III Foreign Relations of Israel**

**Chair:** Raffaella Del Sarto (SAIS Europe in Bologna, Italy)

Isaac Degani (Bar-Ilan University, Israel), *Recent Revolutionary Developments in the Strategic Arena of Israel*

Rami Goldstein (Bar-Ilan University, Israel), *70 Years After the Declaration of Independence: Is there a Coherent Immigration Policy in Israel?*

Rafał Paweł Soroczyński (Mieszko I School of Pedagogy and Administration in Poznan, Poland), *The Problem of Continuity between the Mandatory Palestine and the State of Israel from the Perspective of International Law and Israel's Practice*

Karolina Zielińska (University of Warsaw, Poland), *Israel as a Source of Developmental Solutions: SWOT Analyses of Domestic Resources for Cooperation with Developing Countries*

**16.45 – 17.00                      Coffee Break**

**17.00 – 18.30                      Panel IV European Association of Israel Studies**

**Chair:** Derek Penslar (Harvard University, USA)

Alan Craig (University of Leeds, United Kingdom), *Securitising the Narrative. Ontological Security and Israeli Lessons of the Holocaust*

Joanna Dyduch (University of Wroclaw, Poland), *Israel's Relations with the Central European Countries (V4 countries)*

Aide Esu (University of Cagliari, Italy), *Voicing the Silence. Naturalisation of Violence and the Conflict Intractability*

**19.45                                      Dinner**

## Wednesday, 9 May

**Collegium Maius, Michał Bobrzyński's Conference Hall,  
15 Jagiellońska street**

### **9.30 – 11.00                    Panel V Literature**

**Chair:** Angelika Adamczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland)

Miri Freilich (Haifa University, Israel), *The "Fragile" Image of the Ashkenazi Jew in Israel*

Maciej Tomal (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Israeli Identity according to Amos Oz*

Daria Boniecka-Stępień (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *From Altneuland to Neuland. Re-construction of Jewish/Israeli Identity in Modern Hebrew Literature*

### **11.00 – 11.15                    Coffee Break**

### **11.15 – 12.45                    Panel VI Diversity of Israeli Society**

**Chair:** Daniel Blatman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

Przemysław Turek (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Karaite, Samaritans and Beta Israel in the State of Israel: Status of Israeli Religious Minorities in the Third Millennium*

Magdalena Pycińska (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Israeli Cultural Policy towards Palestinian National Identity*

Michał Wojnarowicz (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw, Poland), *Not just Aliyah: Non-Jewish Migrations to Israel in the 21st century*

### **12.45 – 13.45                    Lunch**

**14.00 – 15.30**                    **Panel VII Art, Cinema, Theatre**

**Chair:** Maciej Tomal (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

Michał Galas (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Image of Poland in the Arts of Mordechai Ardon*

Amichai Pardo (Orna Porat Theater, Tel Aviv, Israel), *How through Theatre Performances Historical Figures Can Be the Source of Inspiration for Young Generations?*

Edyta Gawron (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Israeli Society as Shown in Film Productions*

**15.30 – 15.45**                    **Coffee Break**

**15.45 – 17.15**                    **Panel VIII Culture**

**Chair:** Daria Boniecka-Stępień (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

Łukasz Tomasz Sroka (Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland), *Iconic and Unifying Motives in Israeli Culture*

Angelika Adamczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland), *Hebrew Proficiency Certification according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – Educational Challenge*

Marek Tuszewicki (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland), *Between Many Worlds: Ethnography and Folkloristic Research in Israel - A Historical Survey*

**17.15-18.15**                    **Closing Round Table**

„Start-up Nation at 70. How Is the Zionist Dream Today?” (Daniel Blatman, Alan Craig, Edyta Gawron, Derek Penslar, Przemysław Turek)

**18.15**                                **Conference Summary**