

**The Institute of Jewish Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, The Institute of Middle and Far East of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow in cooperation with The European Association of Israel Studies are pleased to invite you to the international conference:**

## **“Social and Political Dynamics in Israel. Jewish State 70 Years after the Declaration of Independence”**

**May 7-9, 2018, Krakow, Jagiellonian University**

Israel was established 70 years ago as a refuge for every Jew, regardless of his or her background. Over the decades the Jewish State has absorbed new waves of immigrants, new ideas and new cultural trends. Diverse, often contradictory tendencies competed with each other shaping the identity of the Israelis. It is no different now as the society of the State of Israel is divided between the postmodernism and conservatism, secularism and religious tradition, the West and the Middle East, the diaspora and the sabras. The public space is full of discussions about the Jewish and democratic character of Israel, the role of its ethnic, national and religious communities, or its relations with Middle Eastern partners and the Western societies.

The conference organized by The Institute of Jewish Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, The Institute of Middle and Far East of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow in cooperation with The European Association of Israel Studies aims at facilitating the debate on the condition of the Israeli State, society and culture 70 years after establishment of the Jewish State. We would like to focus on the historical development of the State of Israel as well the context of diaspora for Israeli society. We are also interested in the extent to which the socio-cultural changes in Israel are part of broader trends in the Middle East and how they shape relations between the State of Israel and the region.

The conference is intended to become a platform where different disciplines and diverse research perspectives meet to enrich our understanding of Israel. We hope that this will allow us to more accurately capture the dynamics of the change in Israel and its position in the world.

We invite scholars interested in the following research areas:

- Israel and the Israelis in search of an identity: between the Middle East and the West
- historical development of the Modern State
- relations of the State of Israel with Jewish diaspora around the world
- ethnic and cultural diversity in Israel
- socio-cultural determinants of contemporary changes in Israel's political system
- contemporary debate on the character of the Israeli democracy
- Israel's political and economic presence in the Middle East
- culture and education in the Israeli society
- Arabs in Israel and Palestine

The conference is held under the auspices of **The Polish Association for Jewish Studies** and **The Polish International Studies Association**.



### **Scientific Board**

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### **Practical information and deadlines**

#### **Abstracts**

The participants should submit registration forms with abstracts (200-250 words) in English by sending them to the e-mail address: [israel2018@uj.edu.pl](mailto:israel2018@uj.edu.pl).

The deadline for submitting abstracts: **March 15, 2018.**

We will inform guests about accepting the submitted form by: **March 30, 2018.**

#### **Conference fee**

The conference fee for academics is 50 EUR. It covers catering during coffee breaks, lunch and dinner as well as an opportunity to publish a paper in an indexed, internationally recognized academic journal.

The final date for the conference fee payment: **April 22, 2018.**

#### **Publication**

After being peer-reviewed, the accepted papers will be published in an indexed, internationally recognized academic journal. We will send one copy of the issue to each author.

The final date for submitting papers: **July 31, 2018.**

You can find information about the conference also on [Facebook](#) and [website](#).