**The Individual and Society**

2nd Hebrew University - Oxford University Interdisciplinary

Student Conference

27-28 March 2017

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies

66, St. Giles, Oxford

**Monday 26th March**

**10.00-10.30 Arrival at the Ioannou Centre**

**10.30-11.00 Welcome and Introduction**

Teresa Morgan, Maren Niehoff

**11.00-1.00 Gender Issues**

Dorin Erteschik: To Protect Oneself or to Protect Himself? An Examination of the

Legal Protection of Self-Defense as a Masculine Doctrine

Deborah Regal: Female entrepreneurship in China

Jimi Cullen: Women’s Pleasure: Biological *vs* Socio-Cultural Factors

Ofer Kronenfeld: The Gay Experience in Amos Guttman’s Films

**1.00-2.00 LUNCH**

**Parallel sessions 1 & 2**

**2.00-3.30** **Between East and West**

Yifat Unger: The Question of Sati

Adie Abir: Salman Rushdie’s *Midnight’s Children*: The Man as a Nation

Matthew Carlos: Monastic Beginnings: the Individual and Society in Ancient India

Noa Lerinman: Cross-Cultural Psychology

**4.00-5.30 Religion as a Factor in Self-Definition**

LaRae Ferguson: Paul and the magnetism of *charis*

Bnaya Dreyfuss: Conversion as a Means of Exchange. The Mass Conversion of

Polish Jews, 1759-1764

Ohad Vilk: Religion and the Search for Meaning within the Scientific Community

**Parallel session 3 (with tea break)**

**2.00-5.30 Literary and Rhetorical Constructions of Society and Self**

Henry Bowles: The social animus: suasion and *psychē* in the *Institutio Oratoria*

Omri Levin: Nostalgia Isn’t What it Used to Be: Truth and Collective Memory in

Stefan Zweig’s “The World of Yesterday”

Eviatar Oren: Michael Kohlhaas and Society as a (Breakable) Contract

Ofri Tauber: Scout’s Maturation Process in *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Gilad Gaibel: Fundamentalism in Saramago’s *Blindness*

Yotam Sade: The Protagonist of *Tales of the Otori*: Lack of Selfness as the

 Ultimate Selflessness

Yoav Har-Tal: Robert Burton’s Melancholic Utopia

**7.00** **CONFERENCE DINNER, ORIEL COLLEGE**

**Tuesday 27th March**

**10.30-1.00 Philosophical Reflections on the Individual in Society**

Helena Nicholson: Seneca, Stoicism, and Roman Society: *Aliter loquitur, aliter vivis* (‘You talk one way, you live another’)

Lyndon Drake: Economic justice: towards a Biblical theory of capital

Amit Pinsker: (In)Equality – A Timeless Question?

Bar Luzon: Davidson’s Three Varieties of Knowledge

Ayala Hadad: Ethics and empirical Bumps – the phenomena of pain as a case study

**1.00-2.00 LUNCH**

**2.00-4.00 Socially Determined Selves**

Jordan Maly-Preuss: Socially operant conceptions of the self in Xenophon's *Anabasis*

Gillian Hamnett: The reluctant conscript

Avishai Green: Double Agents as a Metaphor

Asor Witzman: Savior Siblings

**4.30-5.30 Final discussion**

**All sessions, together with lunch, coffee, and tea breaks, take place in the Ioannou Centre.**

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