



INTERCONTINENTAL ACADEMIA



המכון הישראלי ללימודים מתקדמים
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The Second UBIAS Intercontinental Academia on **HUMAN DIGNITY** Jerusalem/Bielefeld 2016

The Israel Institute for Advanced Studies at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (IIAS), Israel's only Institute of Advanced Study, and the **Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung** (ZiF) at Bielefeld University, Germany's oldest Institute for Advanced Studies, are joining to organize the Intercontinental Academia 2016 on human dignity. The first session of the Intercontinental Academia will take place in March 2016 at the IIAS in Jerusalem (6–18 March 2016), the second in August 2016 at ZiF in Bielefeld (1–12 August 2016).

The Intercontinental Academia aims at promoting an unprecedented interdisciplinary dialogue on human dignity, and initiating further cooperation between participants with diverse scientific and cultural backgrounds. Most importantly, it will allow promising young researchers to study with, and be mentored by, some of the most distinguished authorities in this field of research, thus enabling these young scholars to learn from their more senior mentors.

An Intercontinental Academia is a form of cooperation between Institutes of Advanced Study, connected through the global network of University-Based Institutes for Advanced Study (UBIAS). It is organized by two of these institutes, located in different parts of the world and assembles a limited number of doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars from all over the world for a period of two weeks to be spent at each of the host institutes. The participants are chosen from among the candidates nominated by all the Institutes of Advanced Study participating in the UBIAS network. UBIAS' first Intercontinental Academia was run by the Institutes of Advanced Study in Sao Paulo and Nagoya and focused on the concept of *TIME*. More information can be found at: <http://intercontinental-academia.ubias.net/>

The topic of human dignity strikes the chords of crucial ethical and practical debates in various academic disciplines. Human dignity is touched upon in research on (international) terrorism, torture, (civil) war, big data and data protection, long-term care, PID, poverty alleviation and social security, minorities, history of human rights, assisted suicide, border regimes, and genetic engineering, to name just a few areas. Accordingly, the Intercontinental Academia welcomes applications coming from a wide range of disciplines such as law, political science, sociology, political theory, history, philosophy, theology, education, cultural studies, literary studies, biology, biogenetics and informatics.

MASTER CLASSES

Each session of the second Intercontinental Academia will consist of three to five master classes led by internationally renowned scholars. The master classes will cover a number of thematic dimensions, in particular:

- The Constitutional Right to Human Dignity
- Dignity as the Core of Human Rights
- Recognizing Human Dignity after its Denial
- Human Dignity in Religion

HEADS OF THE MASTER CLASSES INCLUDE

ALEIDA ASSMANN, Professor in English Literature, University of Konstanz

AHARON BARAK, former President of the Supreme Court of Israel; Professor of Law at the Radzyner Law School, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya and Visiting Professor at Yale Law School

BERNADETTE BROOTEN, Professor of Christian Studies, Gender Studies and Classics, Brandeis University

MARCUS DUWELL, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University

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MORDECHAI KREMNITZER, Bruce W. Wayne Professor of International Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Vice President of Research, Israel Democracy Institute

GERTRUDE LÜBBE-WOLFF, Professor of Public Law, former Justice of the German Federal Constitutional Court, University of Bielefeld

RALF POSCHER, Professor of Constitutional Law and Legal Philosophy, University of Freiburg

MICHAEL ROSEN, Professor of Government, Harvard University

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection is based on a competitive application process. Up to fifteen applicants will be invited to participate in the program. The participants must have reached the final phase of their PhD work or be at the postdoctoral level. Candidates are asked to provide:

- a cover letter summarizing their interest on the topic, their expectations and additional information candidates wish to share (max. 2 pages)
- a current CV
- a project presentation (max. 2 pages) outlining how they will contribute to the Intercontinental Academia
- a letter of endorsement from one of the institutes of the UBIAS network (<http://www.ubias.net/network-participants>), including the IIAS and ZiF. Please note that previous contacts with one of the institutes of the UBIAS network are NOT required for soliciting a letter of endorsement.
- Fluency in English is mandatory.

Applications are due by **AUGUST 31, 2015** and must be sent to:

ica-jerusalem-bielefeld@uni-bielefeld.de

Costs of travel and accommodation will be partially reimbursed.

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