



Research Group Conference: **The Legitimization of Modern Criminal Law**

The Research Group conference, **The Legitimization of Modern Criminal Law**, initiated conversations across traditional disciplinary boundaries, and across national boundaries, in the belief that it is only through such collaborations and interactions that one can hope to make progress on these difficult issues. The conference was organized by the fellows of the group, **Antony Duff, Alon Harel** and **Miri Gur-Arye**. The intensive interdisciplinary discussions were based on presented papers covering a wide range of normative and empirical aspects of legitimacy. The goal was to foster intellectual bridges for further collaborative work among scholars from different backgrounds who share an interest in the problematic legitimacy of our criminal laws.

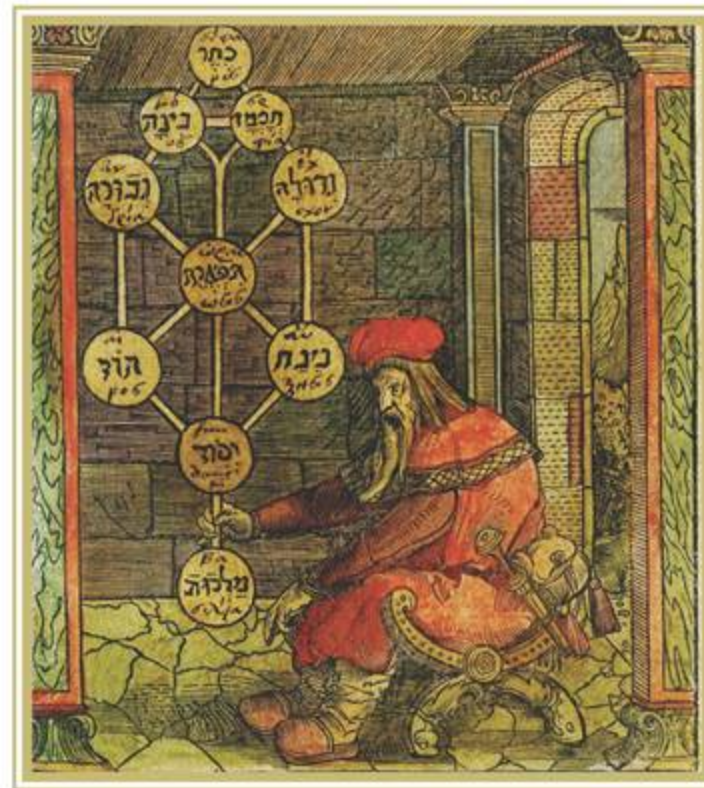


Research Group members and Conference participants

International Conference: **The Poetics of Christian Performance: Prayer, Liturgy, & their Environments in East and West**

The five-day international conference was a summary event of the Research Group on **Poetics of Christian Performance** that focused on liturgy (music and text) and prayer in a variety of Eastern and Western Christian traditions, from the end of Antiquity to the Middle Ages. Novel religious performances, both individual and communal emerged in the wake of the Christianization of the Roman world in the 4th century, and had a long history and a vital role in shaping Christian identities in Byzantium and the Latin West. The presentations in the conference covered a broad geographical framework, including the religious centers of the period (Palestine, Constantinople, and Rome), its imagined margins (East Syrian Christianity, the Germanic kingdoms, and medieval France). The rich program coordinated by **Yossi Maurey, Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony** and **Derek Krueger** included a concert, "Diabolus in Music", performed by an ensemble directed by Antoine Guerber.

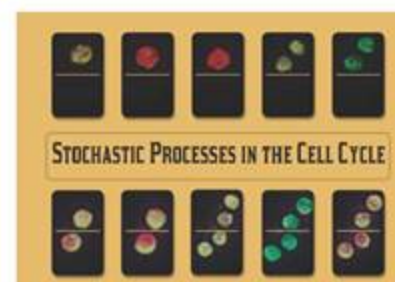
Research Group Conference: **Visualization of Knowledge in the Medieval & Early Modern Period**



During its residency in the 2014-15 academic year, the Research Group, **The Visualization of Knowledge in the Medieval and Early Modern Periods**, developed a plan for a book that would integrate the different strands of the members' individual research endeavors. The Research Group's reunion conference was organized by former fellows **Yossi J. Chajes, Katrin Kogman-Appel, Marcia Kupfer** and **Andrea Worm** (visiting scholar). They brought together nearly all of the 24 authors who will contribute to the volume. The conference focused on the fundamental principles underlying visual modes of conceptualization by reviewing the major categories of the visual production of knowledge through significant historical developments.

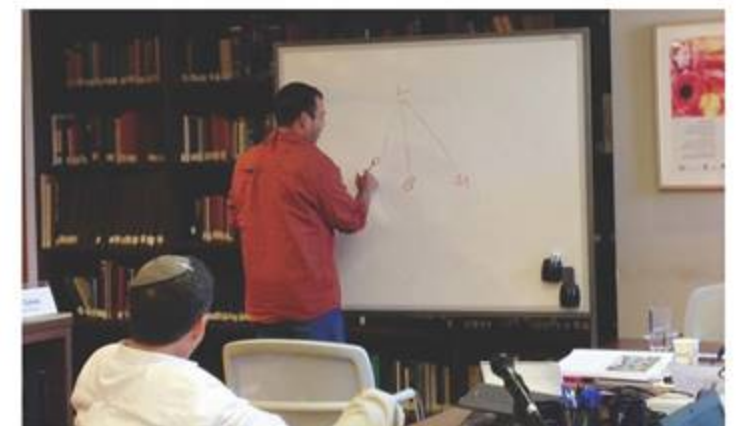
International Conference: **Stochastic Processes in the Cell Cycle**

The international conference, **Stochastic Processes in the Cell Cycle**, brought together a group of experts, theorists and experimentalists who work on a variety of organisms, from bacteria to mammalian cells. The conference hosted a group of scientists and graduate students in Physics, Mathematics, Biology and Computer Science. The conference was organized by **Ariel Amir, Nathalie Q. Balaban** and **Naama Barkai**. In addition to the exciting scientific discussions, the participants also visited a tour of the Jerusalem Bird Observatory, the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market, and the Israel Museum.



Research Group: **Health & the Environment**

Welcome to the newly-arrived Research Group, **Health and the Environment: A Unifying Framework from Individual Stress to Ecosystem Functioning**. The group hopes to develop a theory that will provide novel and mechanistic understandings as to how environmental changes regulate ecosystem processes by altering an animal's trophic functions. **Dror Hawlena**, a professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem organized an interdisciplinary group of fellows and scholars from the USA, India and Australia.



Dror Hawlena presenting the Group's research plans to the IIAS Board of Directors

Advanced School in Economic Theory: **The Theory of Networks**

Economic and social interactions often take place through a network - a collection of individuals together with a structure of pairwise connections between them. This year's Summer School will be devoted to the theory of networks. Aside from presenting basic theoretical ideas, the School will also include econometric and experimental work with applications for finance and development, among other fields. The School's general director is **Eric Maskin** (Nobel laureate, 2007) with codirectors **Elchanan Ben-Porath**, (The Hebrew University), **Matthew Jackson** (Stanford University) and Benjamin Golub (Harvard University).

Upcoming Events



July 4, 2016 ~ Arrow Lecture



July 13-14, 2016 ~ Research Group Reunion Conference, **Galicja Revisited**



August 1- 13, 2016 ~ **Intercontinental Academia in Human Dignity, Phase II** / Bielefeld, Germany