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**SACRIFICE AND DEATH IN MODERN ISLAM: HISTORY,  
ETHOS AND POLITICS**

**June 11-13, 2012  
Jerusalem**

Lectures will take place at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University, Edmond J. Safra, Givat Ram campus (in the seminar room on the first floor)

**Organizers: Meir Hatina** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
**Meir Litvak** (Tel Aviv University)

**PROGRAM**

**Monday, June 11**

9:00-9:30            *Registration*

9:30-9:45            **GREETINGS**

**Lea Prawer** (Associate Director, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies)

**Meir Hatina** (Director, The Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Meir Litvak** (Director, Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University)

9:45-11:45            **EARLY CONCEPTS OF MARTYRDOM**

**Chair: Etan Kohlberg** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Jacob Lassner** (Northwestern University)

*Martyrdom, Self-Sacrifice, and the Quest for Legitimacy in Early Islam*

**Roy Vilozny** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Martyrdom in a Quietist Community: The Imami Attitude towards Shahada*

**David Cook** (Rice University)  
*Martyrdom from Classical to Contemporary Islam*

11:45-12:15 *Coffee break*

12:15-14:30 **FROM COMMUNAL ALTRUISM TO MILITARY MARTYRDOM:  
SUNNI PERSPECTIVES**  
**Chair: Emmanuel Sivan** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the  
Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya)

**Liad Porat** (University of Haifa)  
*Self-Sacrifice and Heroism in the Discourse of the Syrian Muslim Brothers*

**Eli Alshech** (Independent Scholar)  
*Blurring the Line between Asceticism and Martyrdom: Salafi-Jihadi Religious  
Thought*

**Micha'el M. Tanchum** (Tel Aviv University)  
*Deobandi Sectarian Militancy and Martyrdom in Pakistan: Appropriation and  
Transvaluation of Indo-Muslim Traditions of Sacred Sacrifice*

**Muhammad Al-Atawneh** (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)  
*The Just War in Contemporary Islamic Legal Doctrines*

14:30-16:00 *Lunch*

16:00-18:00 **FROM SURVIVAL TO SELF-SACRIFICE: SHI'I PERSPECTIVES**  
**Chair: Meir Bar-Asher** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Robert Gleave** (University of Exeter)  
*Self-Killing, Martyrdom and the Imams' Example: Twelver Shi'ism's Legal  
Reasoning and the Narrative of Suffering*

**Rachel Kantz Feder** (Tel Aviv University)  
*The Notion of Sacrifice in the Early Writings of Muhammad Baqir al-Sadr*

**William Beeman** (University of Minnesota)  
*The Iranian Ta'ziyeh Drama and the Elections of 2009*

18:15 *Reception at IAS lobby and greetings by Reuven Amitai* (Dean, Faculty of  
Humanities)

## **Tuesday, June 12**

- 9:30-11:30           **MARTYRDOM IN ETHNO-NATIONAL CONFLICTS (Part I)**  
**Chair: Itzchak Weismann** (University of Haifa)
- Daniel Zisenwine** (Tel Aviv University)  
*From Nationalist Combatants to Martyrs: The War of Independence and Martyrdom in Algerian Memory*
- Meir Litvak** (Tel Aviv University)  
*Martyrdom is Bliss: Martyrdom in Shi'i Discourse under the Islamic Republic of Iran*
- Isaac Hasson** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Hizballah's Martyrdom in Lebanon*
- 11:30-12:00           *Coffee break*
- 12:00-13:00           **MARTYRDOM IN ETHNO-NATIONAL CONFLICTS (Part II)**
- Reuven Paz** (The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya)  
*Hamas' Martyrdom: Sublime Goal or just another Weapon*
- Moshe Gammer** (Tel Aviv University)  
*Martyrs, Terrorists or Avengers? The Case of Chechnya*
- 13:00-14:15           *Lunch*
- 14:15-16:30           **MARTYRDOM AS A SOCIAL PHENOMENON**  
**Chair: Maram Masrawi** (Al-Qasemi Academic College of Education)
- Anat Berko** (The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya)  
*The Dispatcher and His "Suicide Bombers": A First-Hand Case Study from the Field*
- Mordechai Rotenberg** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)  
*Psycho-Social Roots of Religious Suicidal Martyrdom*
- Mira Tzoreff** (Tel Aviv University)  
*The Hybrid Pharaonic-Islamic Shahid/a of the Egyptian "Arab Spring" Revolution*
- Nico Prucha** (The University of Vienna)  
*Jihadi Martyr Narratives for Online Recruitment – An Assessment of the Most Prominent Tales*

20:00

*Dinner at HaIvrit Restaurant on campus (speakers only)*

## **Wednesday, June 13**

9:30-11:30

### **COMMEMORATING THE MARTYRS (Part I)**

**Chair: Eldad Pardo** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

**Liora Hendelman-Baavur** (Tel Aviv University)

*From Obscure Sainthood to Prominent Martyrdom: Images of Fatima in the Post-Revolutionary Shi'i Discourse*

**Soli Shahvar** (University of Haifa)

*Commemoration of Martyrs in the Islamic Republic of Iran: The Visual Dimension*

**Meir Hatina** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Martyrs as Saints: 'Abadallah 'Azzam's Discourse on Martyrdom and Karamat*

11:30-12:00

*Coffee break*

12:00-13:00

### **COMMEMORATING THE MARTYRS (Part II)**

**Phillip Holtmann** (The University of Vienna)

*The Use and Genre of Huda (Encouraging Battle Songs) versus Anasheed (Theological Music) in Jihadi Indoctrination*

**Giora Eliraz** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Kartosuwirjo and Darul Islam Movement: An Inspiring Historical Chapter for Islamic Radicalism and Militancy in Indonesia*

13:00-13:15

### **Concluding Remarks**

**Meir Hatina** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

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