

## **Constructions of the Self in Ancient Mediterranean Cultures**

### **Sunday May 27:**

#### **16:00: Registration and reception**

#### **17:00: Greetings**

**Prof. Michal Linial**, Director of the IIAS

**Prof. Maren R. Niehoff** (Hebrew University), Head of the IIAS Research Group

#### **17:15: Keynote Lecture**

Chair: **Benjamin Isaac** (Tel Aviv University)

**Clifford Ando** (University of Chicago): Self, Society, Individual and Person in Roman Law

### **Monday May 28:**

#### **9:00-11:15: Between Center and Periphery: Constructing the Self in the Roman Empire (Part I)**

Chair: **Avner Ecker** (Bar Ilan University)

**Jörg Rüpke** (University of Erfurt): Urban Selves: Before and Beyond

**Carlos Lévy** (l'Université de Paris-Sorbonne): An Original Roman Contribution? Ovid and the Fluidity of the Self

**Matthew Roller** (Johns Hopkins University), Selfhood and Exemplarity: Fashioning yourself after your model, and your model after yourself

**11:15- 11:45: Coffee Break**

#### **11:45-13:15: Between Center and Periphery: Constructing the Self in the Roman Empire (Part II)**

Chair: **Menachem Hirshman** (Hebrew University)

**Maren R. Niehoff** (Hebrew University): A Liminal Self: Rabbi Abbahu “of the House of Caesar”

**Reuven Kiperwasser** (Hebrew University): ‘What have the Romans ever done for us?’ Creating Identity in Rabbinic Literature

**13:15- 15:00: Lunch Break**

**15:00 –16:30: Contours of Interiority (Part I)**

Chair: **Guy Stroumsa** (Hebrew University)

**Charles Stang** (Harvard University): Doubled Selfhood in Late Platonism

**Karen King** (Harvard University): Practicing the Immortal Self according to *The Gospel of Mary*

**16:30-17:00: Coffee break**

**17:00 –18:30: Contours of Interiority (Part II)**

Chair: **Guy Stroumsa** (Hebrew University)

**Ishay Rosen Zvi** (Tel Aviv University): Midrashic Selves

**Paula Fredriksen** (Hebrew University): Augustine and the Introspective Conscience of the West

**Tuesday, May 29**

**8:30-10:00 Trajectories of Interiority (Part I)**

Chair: **James Kugel** (Bar Ilan University)

**Ilaria Ramelli** (Angelicum; Erfurt; Oxford): Origen's Strategies of Self-Fashioning and Their Competing Receptions

**Sarit Kattan Gribetz** (Fordham University): Constructions of the Self through Time

**10:00-10:30: Coffee Break**

**10:30-12:00: Trajectories of Interiority (Part II)**

Chair: **James Kugel** (Bar Ilan University)

**David Lambert** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): Emerging Contours of the Self in Ancient Bible Translation

**Francoise Mirguet** (Arizona State University), Dis-Embedding the Inner Self: The Emergence of Interiority in Hellenistic Judaism

## Wednesday May 30

### 9:00-11:15 The Self in Action and Society (Part I)

Chair: **Haim Weiss** (Ben-Gurion University)

**Laura Nasrallah** (Harvard University): The worshipping Self: Christians and Jews and the liturgical spaces of late antiquity

**Yonatan Moss** (Hebrew University): The Ancient Christian Literary Self: Between Individual and Collective Models

**Youval Rotman** (Tel Aviv University): The Relational Self in Late Antiquity

**11:15- 11:45: Coffee Break**

### 11:45 – 13:15: The Self in Action and Society (Part II)

**Chair:** **Haim Weiss** (Ben-Gurion University)

**Joshua Levinson** (Hebrew University): Getting Away with Murder: The Lethal Subject in Rabbinic Law and Literature

**Albert Baumgarten** (Bar Ilan University): Choosing One's Social Identity – Choosing One's Self?

### 17:00-17:30: Reception at the IIAS with greetings by Prof. Yitzhak Hen, Incoming

Director of IIAS

### 17:30 Keynote Lecture:

Chair: **Maren Niehoff** (Hebrew University)

**Catharine Edwards** (University of London): The Epistolographic Self: Letter-Writing, Empire and Identity

## Thursday May 31

### 8.30- 10:45: Philosophical Reflections on the Self (I)

Chair: **Hillel Newman** ((University of Haifa)

**Sharon Weisser** (Tel Aviv University): The Personal Identity of the Stoic Wise Man

**Yair Furstenberg** (Hebrew University): The Rabbis Against Ethics of Self-Perfection in Tractate *Avot*

**Alfons Fürst** (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster): Origen on Individuality and Self-Agency

***10:45-11:15: Coffee Break***

**11:15-12:45: Philosophical Reflections on the Self (Part II)**

Chair: **Hillel Newman** (Haifa University)

**George Boys Stones** (Durham University), The Self and the Soul in Middle Platonism

**Gretchen Reydams Schils** (University of Notre Dame): How to 'Become Like God' and Remain Oneself

Concluding Remarks