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The Future of Jewish Philosophy

conference on the Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers
an international research conference at Arizona State University

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The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers (Brill) showcases outstanding Jewish thinkers who have made lasting contributions to Jewish philosophy in the second half of the 20th century. Each of the 20 volumes is devoted to an individual thinker, in order to show that thinker’s relationship to the Jewish philosophical past and to contemporary Jewish existence. This conference highlights the diversity and vitality of contemporary Jewish philosophy, and focuses discussion on Jewish philosophical response to contemporary challenges, and will chart new paths for Jewish philosophy in the 21st century.

conference program

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 18
noon - 1 p.m. lunch
1 - 3 p.m.
  Session I: Jewish Philosophy in Contemporary Jewish Culture
  presenter: Hava Tirosh-Samuelson | Arizona State University
  respondents: Elias Sacks | University of Colorado Boulder
               Yonatan Brafman | The Jewish Theological Seminary of America
               Steven Kepnes | Colgate University

3 - 3:30 p.m. break
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
  Session II: Open Forum with Featured Philosophers
  moderator: David Blumenthal | Emory University
            Elliot Dorff | American Jewish University
            Lenn Goodman | Vanderbilt University
            Menachem Kellner | Shalem College, Jerusalem
            Michael L. Morgan | University of Toronto
            David Novak | University of Toronto
            Tamar Ross | Bar Ilan University, Emerita
            Norbert Samuelson | Arizona State University, Emeritus
            David Shatz | Yeshiva University

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Session III: Pedagogy and Community Outreach
  presenters: David Blumenthal | Emory University
             Menachem Kellner | Shalem College, Israel

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. dinner break
7 - 8:30 p.m. Keynote Address: The Versatility of Contemporary Jewish Philosophy
  Zev Harvey | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Emeritus

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 19
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Session IV: Jewish Philosophy in the Academy
  presenter: Aaron W. Hughes | University of Rochester
  respondents: Claire Katz | Texas A&M University
               Cass Fisher | University of South Florida
               Heidi Ravven | Hamilton College

10:30 - 11 a.m. break
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  Session V: Jewish Philosophy for the 21st Century
  moderator: Martin Kavka | Florida State University
  panelists: Randi Rashkover | George Mason University
            Paul Nahme | Brown University
            Sam Brody | University of Kansas

1 - 2 p.m. lunch break
2 p.m. departure