



מרכז שלם  
THE  
SHALEM  
CENTER

**The Human Nature Tradition in Anglo-Scottish Philosophy:  
Its History and Future Prospects  
Jerusalem, December 14 - 17, 2009**  
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**Sunday, December 13, 2009**

Speakers arrival and check-in

**Monday, December 14, 2009**

- 8:00-9:00 Registration, The Gilbert de Botton Auditorium,  
Mishkenot Sha'ananim  
(refreshments served)
- 9:00-9:30 Welcoming Remarks  
**Meirav Jones, Associate Fellow, The Shalem Center**  
**Daniel Polisar, President, The Shalem Center**  
**Mordechai Feingold, California Institute of Technology**  
**Yoram Hazony, Provost, The Shalem Center**
- 9:30-11:30 **Session I**  
**Robert Pasnau (University of Colorado)**  
**"Nominal Persons: Ockham and Others"**  
**Roger Ariew (University of South Florida)**  
**"Human Nature in Descartes and Some Cartesians"**  
**Chair: Joshua Weinstein (Shalem Center)**
- 11:30-12:00 Break

- 12:00-13:00      **Session II**
- Michael Heyd (Hebrew University)**  
**“Fallen, Guilty or Just Weak? The Theological Background to the Human Nature Debate in Philosophy”**
- Chair: Doron Avital (Evergreen Fund)**
- 13:00-14:15      Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore
- 14:15-16:15      **Session III**
- Stephen Darwall (Yale University)**  
**“The Good and the Right in Hobbes's Moral Philosophy”**
- James Harris (University of St. Andrews)**  
**“Hume’s Treatise (1740) and Essays (1741): From the Science of Man to a Science of Politics”**
- Chair: Gabriel Motzkin (Van Leer Institute)**
- 16:15-16:45      Break
- 16:45-17:45      **Session IV**
- Paul Rahe (Hillsdale College)**  
**“From Thomas Hobbes to the Scottish Enlightenment: Pierre Nicole, Pierre Bayle, Bernard Mandeville, and the Theory of Spontaneous Order”**
- Chair: Noa Shein (Hebrew University)**
- 17:45              Hannukah candle lighting (Optional)  
*Candle lighting will take place at the bar which is located in the hallway between the hotel front desk and the conference hall.*
- 18:00-18:45      Free time
- 18:45              Speakers and session chairs meet at the lobbies of both conference hotels and walk to dinner at La Guta Restaurant, 34 Derech Beit-Lechem  
*For alternative transportation, please see Kate Deutsch*

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009**

- 8:30-9:00            Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium  
(refreshments served)
- 9:00-11:00            **Session V**
- Knud Haakonssen (University of Sussex)**  
                          **“Hobbes and Pufendorf on Human Nature and Juridical  
Artifice”**
- Jesse Prinz (CUNY Graduate Center)**  
                          **“Is Locke’s Way of Ideas Still Viable?”**
- Chair: Oron Shagrir (Hebrew University)**
- 11:00-11:30            Break
- 11:30-13:30            **Session VI**
- Thomas Ahnert (University of Edinburgh)**  
                          **“Theodicy and Human Nature in the Writings of Hugh Blair”**
- Fania Oz-Salzberger (University of Haifa)**  
                          **“Adam Ferguson on Man's Active Nature”**
- Chair: Hagit Benbaji (Ben-Gurion University)**
- 13:30-14:45            Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore
- 14:45-16:45            **Session VII**
- Geoffrey Sayre-McCord (University of North Carolina -  
Chapel Hill)**  
                          **“Sentiments and Spectators: Adam Smith's Moral Philosophy”**
- Samuel Fleishacker (University of Illinois)**  
                          **“Sympathy in Hume and Adam Smith”**
- Chair: Ruth Weintraub (Tel Aviv University)**
- 16:45                    Hannukah candle lighting and sufganiot (Optional)  
*Sufganiot – Traditional Hannukah pastries*

17:00-18:00

Presentation and discussion on the Shalem Center's effort to launch Israel's first Liberal Arts College (**Optional**)  
**Martin Kramer, Shalem College President**  
**Daniel Gordis, Shalem Center Senior Vice President**  
*Pizza to be served during the discussion*  
(Conference Speakers only)

18:30-21:00

**Special Event**

**Reception and Book Launch Event for the first complete translation of Hobbes' *Leviathan* into Hebrew (Shalem Press)**

**Welcoming Remarks:**

- **Yael Hazony**  
*Director, Shalem Press*

**Chair:**

- **Professor Menachem Lorberbaum**  
*Tel Aviv University, Editor of the book*

**Speakers:**

- **Professor (Emeritus) Shlomo Avineri**  
*Hebrew University of Jerusalem*
- **Professor Yael (Yuli) Tamir**  
*MK, Former Minister of Education*
- **Professor Paul Rahe**  
*Hillsdale College*

**The event will be conducted in Hebrew - simultaneous translation into English will be available.**  
**(Light refreshments will be served)**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

8:00-8:30

Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium  
(refreshments served)

8:30-10:30

**Session VIII**

**Daniel Garber (Princeton University)**  
**"Hobbes vs. Spinoza on Human Nature"**

**Joseph Mali (Tel Aviv University)**  
**“Vico on Human Nature”**

**Chair: Ofir Haivry (Shalem Center)**

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-13:00 **Session IX**

**Aaron Garrett (Boston University)**  
**“The Origins of Hume’s Experimental Morals”**

**Yoram Hazony (The Shalem Center)**  
**“Hume’s ‘System of the Sciences’ as a Challenge to Newtonian Science”**

**Chair: Mark Steiner (Hebrew University)**

13:00-14:15 Lunch, Restaurant Montefiore

14:15-16:15 **Session X**

**David Owen (University of Arizona)**  
**“Reason, Belief and the Science of Human Nature: Hume and the Limits of Explanation”**

**Michael Gill (University of Arizona)**  
**“Moral Monism, Moral pluralism, and Human Nature”**

**Chair: Nicole Hochner (Hebrew University)**

16:15- Free time

17:00 Hannukah candle lighting and sufганиot (Optional)

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| 17:30- | Optional Guided tour of the Old City for Conference Speakers<br>(Register in advance) |
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**Thursday, December 17**

8:30-9:00 Reconvene at the Gilbert de Botton Auditorium  
(refreshments served)

9:00-10:00 **Session XI**

**Silvia Sebastiani (Centre National de la Recherche  
Scientifique and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales,  
Paris)**

**“Human Nature Through the Racial Prism: Discussing Human  
Varieties Across the Atlantic at the End of the Eighteenth  
Century”**

**Chair: Meirav Jones (Shalem Center)**

10:00-10:30 Break

10:30-12:30 **Session XII**

**Frederick Rosen (University College, London)**  
**“J.S. Mill and Alexander Bain on Human Nature”**

**Daniel Jacobson (University of Michigan)**  
**“On Mill’s Moral Psychology: Sympathy, Associationism, and  
the Plasticity of Human Nature”**

**Chair: Edna Ullmann-Margalit (Hebrew University)**

12:30-14:30 End of conference lunch and conversation for speakers and  
chairs, Restaurant Montefiore

**Friday, December 18, 2009**

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| 8:00-15:00 | Optional Guided tour of Masada and the Dead Sea for speakers<br>(Register in advance; bring your bathing suit and a towel and<br>cash for lunch. Transport and guide provided). |
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