## החוג ללימודי מזרח אסיה

הפקולטה למדעי הרוח ע"ש לסטר וסאלי אנטין אוניברסיטת תל אביב



**DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES** 

## החוג ללימודי מזרח אסיה באוניברסיטת תל אביב מתכבד להזמינכם לסמינר המחלקתי

The Department of East Asian Studies at Tel Aviv University Cordially invite you to the Departmental Colloquium

**26/3** 

## Prof. Jonathan Silk Leiden University

Editing without an Ur-text: Buddhist Sūtras, Rabbinic Text Criticism, and the Open Philology Digital Humanities Project

Chair: Dr. Roy Tzohar

יום ג', 12:00-14:00, גילמן 449

Tue., 12:00-14:00, Gilman 449



The works attributed to Homer, folktales, Rabbinic literature and Buddhist scriptures share the feature that they all lack an Ur-text, an originary core. How are we to understand the nature of such literature, and how are we to edit it in a fashion that does not impose a unitary perspective onto what is inherently diverse and fluid? The ERC-funded Open Philology project is building a digital environment within which to edit Buddhist scriptures. This lecture introduces the problem of fluid texts, sketches how reflections on Rabbinic and Biblical literature shed light on it, and outlines the approach being taken by our team to our multi-lingual corpora of Buddhist materials.