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Contextualizing the Self: Creating and Recreating the First Person

An Interdisciplinary Workshop 2016–2017

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

12:00–16:00

Gilman Building, room 449

Chairman: **Prof. Aviad Kleinberg**

Lecture by:

Adam Seligman

Professor of Religion, Boston University

“The Ritual and the Sincere Self”

Respondent: **Dr. Tomer Persico**, Religious Studies Program, Tel Aviv University

Adam Seligman, a sociologist, is Professor of Religion at Boston University and Research Associate at the Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs there. His significant works are: *The Idea of Civil Society* (1992); *The Problem of Trust* (1997); *Modernity's Wager: Authority, the Self and Transcendence* (2000); with Weller, Puet and Simon, *Ritual and its Consequences: An Essay on the Limits of Sincerity* (2008) and most recently, with Weller, *Rethinking Pluralism: Ritual, Experience and Ambiguity* (2012). This paper explores the ideas of religious and secular selves, through a comparison of ritual and sincerity, as two ways of framing our human experience in the world. It argues for the role of ritual in creating a subjunctive, “as if” space through which relations between selves can come to exist.

***** The lecture will be held in English**