



# Minorities in the Middle East Revisited

## International Conference

**March 27, 2019**

**Drachlis Hall (496), Gilman Building, Tel Aviv University**

**11:30–13:00 First Session – Overview: Minorities in a changing Middle East**

Greetings: **Prof. Uzi Rabi**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

Chair: **Prof. Shimon Shamir**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

**Prof. Itamar Rabinovich**, The Israel Institute  
*From Minorities to Ethnicity*

**Prof. Asher Susser**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University  
*The Individual, Community and the State: Minorities in the Middle East*

**Dr. Yusri Hazran**, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University  
*Israel, Arabism and the League of Minorities – a Reevaluation*

**13:00– 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:15–16:00 Second session – Minorities in limbo**

Chair: **Dr. Brandon Friedman**, MDC, Tel Aviv University

**Prof. Franck Salameh**, Near Eastern Studies, Boston College  
*Near Eastern Christians: Cultural Intermediaries or Coal Mine Canaries?*

**Dr. Mira Tzoreff**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University  
*The Copts of Egypt after the Arab Spring Revolution: from a New Dhimmi to Fully Fledged Citizens?*

**Prof. Bruce Maddy-Weitzman**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University

*To Play by the Rules, Or Not? Modern Amazigh identity in the Shadow of the Authoritarian State*

**Ms. Lisa Miara**, Founder, Springs of Hope Foundation  
*The Yezidis: The increasing crisis in the wake of a "sanitized genocide"*

**16:00– 16:15 Coffee break**

**16:15–17:45 Third session – The Kurds: Game Changers in the Middle East?**

Chair: **Prof. Michael Eppel**, University of Haifa

**Prof. Mohammed Ihsan**, Defense Study Department, King's College London  
*The Kurds in New Iraq: Opportunities and challenges*

**Dr. Arzu Yilmaz**, Independent Scholar  
*Turkey's Kurdish Policy: Costs & Consequences*

**Prof. Ofra Bengio**, MDC, Tel-Aviv University  
*The Kurds of Syria: Survival on Shifting Sands*

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