



Research Workshop **Democratic Backsliding and Public Opinion in Times of Crisis**

Reichman University
Monday, July 21, from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Participants

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Schedule

12:00-12:45 Lunch, Karnaf

12:45-12:55 Welcoming Remarks

- Dr. Jennifer Shkabatur, Associate Dean, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy, Reichman University
- Professor Assaf Moghadam, Director of the Program on Democratic Resilience and Development (PDRD), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy, Reichman University

12:55-14:35 **Session I: Gaps in Support for Democracy**

- **Young, Male and Authoritarian? Understanding The Youthful Gender Gap in Radical-Right Support** / Christopher Claassen and Fred Paxton
- **Gender and Attitudes on Democratic Backsliding: Voice, Avoidance, and Partisan Cross-Pressures** / Alon Yakter
- **Winners and Losers in a Weakening Democracy: The Growing Gap in Democratic Satisfaction** / Amnon Cavari, Asif Efrat, and Anna Halstenbach



14:40-15:50 Session II: The Effect of Opposition to Democratic Backsliding

- **Who Opposes Democratic Backsliding and Why: The Case of the Israeli Judicial Reform** / Liron Lavi, Elisabeth Gidengil, John Hicks, and Dietlind Stolle
- **Democratic Backsliding Fuels a Democratic Spring: Executive Power Grab and Support for Democracy** / Asif Efrat, Yair Amitai, and Amnon Cavari

15:50-16:05 Coffee Break

16:05-17:15 Session III: Perceptions of the Public and of Perceptions of Leaders

- **Are Politicians' Perceptions of Public Opinion Biased More Towards the Opinions of the Politically Active, or of High-Status Groups?** / Elena Leuschner, Jesper Lindqvist, and Jennifer Oser
- **Conspiracy Thinking and Political Conspiracy Theories: A Moderating Effect of Political Congruence?** / Omer Yair, Shira Hebel-Sela, Amnon Cavari, and Asif Efrat

17:25-18:35 Session IV: Conceptualizing Democratic Support, Populism and Public Opinion about War

- **Measuring conceptions of democracy under the challenge of polarization and politicization** / Gal Ariely
- **Populist publics' affinity for nuclear weapons? Explaining opposition to the nuclear sharing weapons in European populist publics** / Tom W. Etienne, Michal Onderco, Sandra Destradi, and André Krouwel

18:40 Travel to [Café Gan Sipur](#) in Herzliya for Dinner