

mini
course

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ISRAEL AND THE POLITICS OF JEWISH IDENTITY: THE SECULAR- RELIGIOUS IMPASSE

The mini course
will take place
in **January 2019**

21	Monday	11:40
22	Tuesday	16:30
23	Wednesday	16:30
24	Thursday	15:00

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Since the 1980s, relationships between secular and religious Israelis have gone from bad to worse. What was formerly a politics of accommodation, one whose main objective was the avoidance of strife through “arrangements” and compromises, has become a winner-take-all, zero-sum game. It is a conflict over the very character of the polity, a struggle to define Israel’s collective character.

The lecturer will show how this transformation has been caused by structural changes in Israel’s public sphere. He will trace the rise of the Haredi parties and the growing consonance of religiosity with right-wing politics, the new Basic Laws on Freedom, Dignity, and Occupation, the effects of massive immigration of secular Jews from the former Soviet Union, etc.

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