



The Annual Yaron Ezrahi Conference on Democracy

Democracy, Trust & Mistrust

A Virtual Conference

October 27-28, 2021

Wednesday, October 27

Moderator: Nadav Eyal, Israeli Journalist & Analyst

4:00 - 4:20pm Opening Remarks

Yohanan Plesner, President of the Israel Democracy Institute | **Ariel Ezrahi**, Family Representative and Chair of the Conference Steering Committee | **Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy**, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Office in Israel

4:20-4:40pm

Interview with **MK Rabbi Gilad Kariv**, Chair of Knesset Committee on Constitution, Law and Justice

4:40-6:00pm Issues of Trust & Democracy

In cooperation with the Hebrew University Department of Political Science and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

The Yaron Ezrahi Memorial Lecture

Prof. Moshe Halbertal, Hebrew University, Department of Philosophy

Response Panel

Dr. Thabet Abu Rass, Co-Executive Director, Abraham Fund Initiatives | **Prof. Tamar Hermann**, Senior Research Fellow and Academic Director, Viterbi Family Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research, The Israel Democracy Institute; The Open University, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication | **Prof. Mordechai Kremnitzer**, Senior Fellow, The Israel Democracy Institute

6:00-6:45pm The Erosion of Public Trust and the Struggle for Liberal Democracy

Award-Winning American, European, and Israeli Journalists Share their Perspectives

Thomas Friedman, Pulitzer Prize Columnist, the New York Times | **Anne Applebaum**, Staff Writer for The Atlantic, Pulitzer Prize winning historian and author of The Twilight of Democracy. Member of IDI's International Advisory Council | **Nadav Eyal**, Israeli Journalist and Analyst. Author of Revolt

*All Sessions will be held in English

Thursday, October 28

10:30-10:45am Opening Remarks

10:45-11:45am The Crisis of Trust in Government Institutions

Hon. Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel
In conversation with **Yohanan Plesner**, President of IDI

Gideon Sa'ar, Minister of Justice

In conversation with **Prof. Yuval Shany**, Senior Fellow, IDI; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law

Menachem Mazuz, Former Supreme Court Justice; Former Attorney General

In conversation with **Prof. Suzie Navot**, the College of Management, Haim Striks School of Law | **Prof. Yuval Shany**, Senior Fellow, IDI; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law

11:45am-12:30pm A View From the Opposition

Moderator: **Anat Thon Ashkenazy**, Director, Center for Democratic Values and Institutions, IDI

MK Osama Saadi, The Joint List | **MK Simcha Rothman**, Religious Zionist Party

12:30-1:30pm The Media & Regulation – The Gap Between Imagination and Reality

Moderator: **Dr. Tehilla Schwartz Altshuler**, Senior Fellow and Director of the Democracy in the Information Age Program, IDI

Interview with **Dr. Yoaz Hendel**, Minister of Communications

Response Panel

Tali Goren, Vice President of Regulation & Corporate Communication, Keshet Media Group | **Modi Sherpsky**, Legal Counsel, Yes Satellite Television Company | **Asaf Wassercug**, Deputy Director of the Budget Department, Ministry of Finance | **Nir Yogevev**, Director of Regulatory and Government Relations, Cellcom Israel

1:30-2:30pm Academic Excellence & Values – Education for Democracy as a National Priority

Moderator: **Dr. Tammy Hoffman**, Director of Education Policy Program, IDI

Interview with **Prof. Yuli Tamir**, President, Beit Berl College; Former Minister of Education

Dr. Yamama Abd Al-Qader, The Ono Academic College | **MK Yakov Margi**, The Shas Party | **Rabbi Avi Gisser**, Chair of the State-Religious Education Council, The Ministry of Education | **Michal Manex**, Deputy Director of Education and Community Administration, The Federation of Local Authorities in Israel

Concluding Remarks

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The program is subject to change

The conference will be streamed live on the Israel Democracy Institute website