

Programme:

2.00 – 3.00 p.m. Official Greetings

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Johann Pock, Dean, Faculty of Catholic Theology of the University of Vienna

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Regina Polak, MAS, Research Centre “Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society”, University of Vienna

o. Univ.-Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heinz Engl, Rector, University of Vienna

Talya Lador-Fresher, Ambassador of Israel in Austria

Mag. Raimund Fastenbauer, General Secretary of the Jewish Community of Austria

Arie Folger, MBA, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Austria

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Dr. Kurt Appel, Research Centre “Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society”, University of Vienna

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gerhard Langer, Research Centre “Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society”, University of Vienna

3.00– 3.45 p.m. Prof. Yedidia Z. Stern (The Israel Democracy Institute, Vice President of the Center for Religion, Nation and State)

“Israel is a Jewish and a democratic state: What does this mean?” Overview and insights into the current debates.

Chair: Gerhard Langer

3.45 – 4.30 p.m. Prof. emer. Rachel Elior (John and Golda Cohen Chair in Jewish Philosophy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies, Faculty of Humanities)

“How a cultic and religious language transforms into a language of daily life and contemporary arts”

Chair: Gerhard Langer

4.30 – 5.00 p.m. Coffee Break

5.00 – 5.45 p.m. Prof. Eli Salzberger (Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa, Director of the Centre for German and European Studies, University of Haifa, Director of the Minerva Centre)

“Democracy, the rule of law and the Israeli legal system “

Chair: Regina Polak

5.45 – 6.30 p.m. Hana Bendcowsky (Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Dialogue)

„Religion in Israel“

Chair: Regina Polak

6.30– 7.15 p.m. Prof. Klaus Davidowicz (Professor of the Department of Jewish Studies, University of Vienna)

„Religious identity in contemporary Israeli cinema“

Chair: Gerhard Langer