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## WHAT WERE THE ELECTIONS ABOUT? HOW DO WE KNOW IT?

RESEARCH WORKSHOP OF THE ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
CO-SPONSORED BY CSES (COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ELECTROAL SYSTEMS)  
AND TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY  
TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 24-26, 2010

**Sunday October 24 (Room 527, Naftali Building)**

**9:30-10:00 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

**10:00-12:00 ELECTIONS AND THEIR MEANING(S)**

Chair: **Bernt Aardal** (Institute for Social Research, Oslo, Norway)

- ▶ **Yaron Ezrahi** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
**Elections as a Collective Choice: the Factual Consequences of a Political Fiction**
- ▶ **Jim Stimson** (University of North Carolina, U.S.)  
**Three Elections, No Mandates: France, 2007, United States, 2008, and Great Britain, 2010**
- ▶ **Michal Shamir** (Tel Aviv University, Israel) and **Jacob Shamir** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
**Mandate Election Interpretations: Structural Foundations and Social Construction**

Discussant: **Amal Jamal**, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University

**12:00-13:30** Lunch Break

### **13:30-15:30 ELECTIONS, STRATEGY, AND INSTITUTIONS**

Chair: **Orit Kedar** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

- ▶ **Gideon Doron** (Tel Aviv University, Israel) and **Maoz Rosenthal** (Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Israel)  
"Electoral Strategy as an Organizational Problem-Solving Process"
- ▶ **Bernhard Wessels** (WZB Germany)  
"Candidates and Parties - Competition or Reinforcement - or: Does it matter how they fit?"
- ▶ **André Blais** (Université de Montreal, Canada), **John Aldrich** (Duke University, U.S.), and **Thomas Gschwend** (Mannheim University, Germany)  
Is an Election about Choosing a Government?

Discussant: **Yael Shomer**, (Tel Aviv University, Israel)

**15:30-16:00** Coffee Break

### **16:00-18:00 VOTER CHOICE: IDEOLOGY AND IDENTITY**

Chair: **Ulises Beltran** (CIDE, Mexico)

- ▶ **John Aldrich**, **Sinzi Popa Dorobantu**, and **Marco Fernandez** (Duke University, US)  
When does the Left-Right Dimension have meaning in an election?
- ▶ **Tamir Sheafer**, **Shaul Shenhav** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel), **Ken Goldstein** (University of Wisconsin, U.S.)  
Voting for our Story: A Narrative Model of Electoral Choice in Multiparty Systems
- ▶ **Kees Aarts** (University of Twente, The Netherlands)  
Economy and culture in the 2010 Dutch election

Discussant: **Nicolas Sauger** (Sciences Po, France)

## **Monday, October 25**

**9:00-16:00 (Room 527)**

**CSES Planning Committee meeting**

**16:15-16:45 Reception (Room 003 Naftali Building)**

**16:45-19:00 (Room 003)**

**IN MEMORIAM OF ASHER ARIAN, PIONEER OF ISRAELI ELECTION STUDIES**

Chair: **Gideon Doron** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)

Greetings: **Dany Leviatan, Noah Lewin-Epstein** (Tel Aviv University, Israel),  
**Aviv Arian** (Family Representative)

- ▶ **Haim Ben-Shahar** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)  
**Asher Arian: Founder of the Political Science Department**
- ▶ **Yossi Beilin** (Beilink, Israel)  
**Behaviorism in Tel-Aviv**
- ▶ **Michal Shamir** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)  
**A Party System Captive by the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**
- ▶ **Sam Krislov** (American University, U.S.)  
**Should American Jews Vote Liberal?**

**Tuesday, October 26 (Room 527)**

**9:00-18:00**

**CSES Planning Committee meeting**