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

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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.)

- 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, U.S.)
  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)

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**Monday, October 25**

9:00-16:00  (Room 527)

CSES Planning Committee meeting

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