



THE **ASPER**
INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAM
ON ISRAELI LAW AND SOCIETY

Decision Making in Times of Crisis

Strategic Thinking During Peril & Uncertainty



University
of Manitoba



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Course Overview:

- The annual **Israel and International Law Program** for overseas students at Hebrew University of Jerusalem was going into its tenth year this summer. Unfortunately, we had to cancel due to Coronavirus.
- We decided that an online replacement would have to be distinctive and effective in its own right.
- We are now *pleased to announce* that we are offering a **new course this year**:

**The Asper International Program
on Israeli Law and Society:**

Decision Making in Times of Crisis

Monday, July 6th – Friday, July 31st, 2020
45 Academic Hours, 3 Credit Hours

A course offered by the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University (HU), in close cooperation HU's Faculty of Law. Designed amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the course will be offered entirely online this summer.

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- We invite law students from all across the world, not only Canada, to attend.
- The course will be of potential interest to graduate-level or professional students in many other disciplines, including business administration, political science, economics, psychology, social work, and human rights.
- It will be a **three-credit hour course**. Students who take it are eligible for a follow-up course in which they write a substantial paper related to the July online course.



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Format:

The course will be divided into two distinct components:

PART 1:

- The **first part** of the course will be led by Dr. Bryan Schwartz, (*Doctorate in Law, Yale University*) Asper Chair of International Business and Trade Law at the University of Manitoba. It will explore the Canadian and United States legal framework for emergency powers of government and balancing them with civil liberties. Then it will explore the wider question of how individuals, groups and societies make decisions in times of crisis. It will draw on insights that have already had an impact on legal thinking including decision theory, behavioural economics and some of the literature on trauma and resilience.

Dr. Bryan P. Schwartz

⇒ Asper Professor of International Business and Trade Law, University of Manitoba

⇒ Visiting Professor, Hebrew University



Additional Links & Information:

- ⇒ [Bryan P. Schwartz – Personal Website](#)
- ⇒ [Israel and International Law Program: Mishpatim](#)
- ⇒ [Not your ordinary law professor](#)
- ⇒ [Law professor opens classroom to everyone](#)

PART 2:

- The **second part** of the course will be led by Dr. Daniel Ohana, a Canadian-educated jurist now teaching in Israel. It will explore Israel as a crucible for decision making in times of crisis. Israel over the years has had to address many crises – wars, invasions, terrorism, massive waves of immigration, economic crises, social divisions. What is the legal, political and social framework for decision making in such a society?

<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Daniel Ohana</p> <p>⇒ Teaching Fellow at the Faculty of Law and Institute of Criminology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem</p> <p>⇒ Published works in <i>University of Toronto Law Journal</i>, the <i>Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence</i> and <i>Criminal Justice Ethics</i></p>	
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Schedule:

- The format will be four classes a week for four weeks, starting on Monday, July 6th, delivered online (most likely via Zoom). The Canadian classes will be delivered at 6:00 PM CT each day and run for 2 hours, including a break. The classes delivered from lecturers based in Israel will be offered at 10:00 AM CT each day and run for 2 or 3 hours, including a break.
- Students will be asked to view recordings of a Hebrew University lecture series on Israel during the COVID-19 crisis, making 45 hours of total classroom time.
- Students must attend at least half (8) of the live sessions in real-time.

All Live Lectures Via Zoom:	
<p>Canada-Based Lectures <i>July 6th-17th Start Time: 6PM CT</i></p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">8</p>	<p>Israel-Based Lectures <i>July 20th-31st Start Time: 10AM CT</i></p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">8</p>

Registration:

Registration Requirements:

- The application process is handled by the Rothberg International School.
- Requirements include: proof that you are registered in a professional or graduate-level program; in good standing at an accredited university; and have already completed at least one-half year of studies.
- New registrants must submit an official transcript from their school. If necessary, students can register using an unofficial transcript, but their grade and credit will not be released until an official copy is received.
- Exceptional upper-year commerce students are also encouraged to apply.

Registration Deadline

Tuesday, June 30th at 12 Noon CT

Transfer Credits:

- Transfer credits to your university are in the discretion of your home school.
- The following schools have previously approved the program for transfer credits: McGill, Osgoode Hall, University de Montreal, University of Ottawa, University of Saskatchewan and University of Calgary. University of Manitoba law students have already been pre-approved for transfer credits.
- Please check with your institution to determine your eligibility for this course.

Prerequisites & Eligibility:

- Prerequisites: None. This course does not assume previous knowledge in any specific discipline.
- Students are eligible even if they have previously taken a law course at the Rothberg International School at HU, including [Mishpatim](#): this course is substantially different, and alumni of that program are fully eligible.

APPLY NOW!

Evaluation & Assessment:

- Students in the July online course must write four reflection papers on lecture themes in the course. These should be 3-4 pages on one of the topics (student's choice) covered in the lectures. The reflections should show that the book/assigned materials have been read, with the students' thoughts on its value, their agreements or disagreements, and its application to legal matters of interest to them or their own experience and observations.
- Students who take it are eligible for a follow-up course in which they write a substantial paper related to the July online course. The follow-up paper for the second course should be about 8000 words, on a topic of the student's choice relating to the course.
- Required readings for each class will likely about 30-50 pages, with a much more extensive optional reading list.

Tuition Fees:

- The tuition for the July online course is **\$1540 USD** (approximately \$2100 CAD).
- Registration fee (Non-refundable deposit): \$80 US

Subsidies Available:	
May 2020 Asper Mishpatim Registrants <i>Previously registered students receive:</i>	All Other Students <i>The first 30 registrants receive:</i>
\$850 USD	\$650 USD

- 2019 Asper alumni and May 2020 Asper registrants need only contact Kari Zalik, Canadian Student Affairs Consultant, to register.
Please email: KZalik@hebrewu.org | All other students can [apply here](#).
- A follow-up paper-writing opportunity will be provided for students who have completed the July online course. The tuition fee will be \$180 US (3 Credits). To register, please contact Kari Zalik by Wednesday, July 15th at 12 Noon CT.
- Students at the University of Manitoba are eligible for additional credits as part of the regular program's Substantial Research Paper at no additional charge.

Tentative Syllabus:

PART 1: Lectures from Canada

Led by Dr. Bryan Schwartz

1. Overall Introduction to the Course
2. Legal and Human Rights Dimension of Decision Making During Crises
3. General Theories of How Decisions are Made
4. Behavioural Economics and Decision Making in Times of Crisis
5. Game Theory, Group Psychology, Recognition-Primed Decisions and Rhetoric: Theories of Decision Making and Emergencies
6. International Institutions in Times of Crisis
7. Individual and Social Psychology in Times of Crisis and Trauma
8. Jewish Civilization as an Adaption to Crises

PART 2: Lectures from Israel

Led by Dr. Daniel Ohana

1. The Political History of the Establishment and Experience of the State of Israel (Dr. David Mendelsson)
2. Decision Making During Crises in the Long History of Jewish Civilization (Dr. Jonathan Kaplan)
3. Developments in Israeli Constitutional and Human Rights Law in the Wake of the Coronavirus Outbreak (Dr. Daniel Ohana)
4. The Position of the Ultraorthodox under the Constitutional System in Israel, and Issues Arising During the Coronavirus (Dr. Gilad Malach)
5. Israel as the Start-Up Nation (David Rosenberg)
6. The Constitutional Position of Minority Rights, Law Enforcement & Intercommunal Tensions and Cooperation During the Coronavirus (Dr. Gali Perry)
7. The Role of International Law and Institutions During Crises Pertaining to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (Prof. Guy Harpaz)
8. The Impact of National and International Law on Decision Making During Crises (Dr. Amos Guiora)

PLEASE NOTE: Course details are subject to change.

Feedback: Past Asper International Programs

"Academically, a personal highlight for me was learning about some of the 'hot-topic' issues in Israeli law, especially those concerning international criminal law and the religious court system in Israel. [...] I only have good things to say about this program and I hope that other students will be able to receive the same opportunity in the future."

**–Meghan Bjorklund,
MLSA Vice-President Internal**

"I just wanted to say thank you for giving us students the opportunity to participate in this summer-program. This is truly one of the most memorable moments of my academic career."

**–Owen Sasek,
Manitoba Law Journal Student Editor**

"As a future lawyer, it is important to learn about the legal systems of various countries in the world, and this program provided me that in an informative and hands on manner. [...] This experience was especially enriching as it afforded me the opportunity to learn about an aspect of Israel that I was unfamiliar with."

**–Alexa Smith,
MLSA Academic Committee Chair**

"The course was an excellent opportunity for students from different Canadian law schools to meet and study together. [...] We were lucky to have Professor Daniel Ohana teach the course along with Professor Bryan Schwartz and several distinguished guest speakers."

**–Daniel Marin,
Osgoode Hall Law Student**

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