

Workshop

New Gatekeeper in a Globalized World? The Israeli Transparency Bill

Legal and Political Aspects of the Work of Israeli NGOs Supported from Abroad

Date: **Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

Venue: **Dormitory Club, University of Haifa**

Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked of HaBayit HaYehudi scored a personal and electoral victory when she released what she calls the "Transparency Law," a proposed piece of legislation intended to require Israeli nongovernmental organizations to reveal to the public whether they receive financial support from foreign states. It was hardly by chance that Shaked chose to include the word "transparency" when coming up with a name for her new law. Borrowed from the social protest movement, the term has the positive connotation of orderly government among the public. The workshop aims to discuss different aspects and viewpoints regarding legal and political aspects of international organization supporting Israel NGOs.

Program Draft:

- 9:00-9:15 Welcome
Prof. Eli Salzberger, Director, HCGES
- 9:15-9:45 Keynote Speech
NN, Ministry of Justice
- 9:45-11:15 Session 1: Legal Perspectives
Chair: **Prof. Amnon Reichmann**, Faculty of Law
Prof. Jonathan Yovel, University of Haifa (tbc)
Debbie Gild-Hayo, Association for Civil Rights in Israel
Dr. Giovanni Quer, University of Haifa
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-13:00 Session 2: Political Perspectives
Chair: **Dr. Ayelet Banai**, HCGES and School of Political Science
Kerstin Müller, Director, Heinrich Böll Stiftung Israel
Yariv Oppenheimer, Director, Peace Now
Anna Abelman, Ruhr-University of Bochum
- 13:00-13:15 Conclusion
Katharina Konarek, HCGES