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Europa-Universität Flensburg, Auf dem Campus 1, 24943 Flensburg,
Building Helsinki 066 (July 4th) and Helsinki 063 (July 5th & 6th)

Monday, July 04

Building Helsinki 066

10:00: Welcome to participants

10:30: **Introduction** – Dr. Phil. Annabel Herzog, Professor of Political Theory, University of Haifa, Israel & Dr. Pascal Delhom, Department of Philosophy, Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany

Section I: Liberalism

11:00: **The »Pathetic of Liberalism« (TI) and the Dignity of Politics** – Jean-François Rey, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Lille, France

11:20: **How to Account for Modern Liberalism? Levinas on Bad Conscience and Self-Interest Properly Understood** – Dr. François Coppens, Haute École Léonard de Vinci, Bruxelles, Belgium

11:40 – 12:10: Discussion

12:30: Lunch at the University

Section II: Forgiveness and Hospitality

14:00: **The Magdalene Penitents, Reparations, and the Limits of Forgiveness** – Claire Katz, PhD, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas A&M, USA

14:20: **Levinas and Derrida on Sovereignty and Hospitality** – Dr. Phil. Annabel Herzog, Professor of Political Theory, University of Haifa, Israel

14:40 – 15:10: Discussion

Coffee break

Section III: Between Ethics and Politics

15:40: **The Social Bond Based on »Exposure« and »Shared Vulnerability«. Levinas' Criteriology of Political Practice** – Peter Zeillinger, Dr. of Theology, Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria

16:00: **The Problem of Ideal Theory: A Levinasian Approach to Rawls and Race** – Prof. Martin Kavka, Department of Religion, Florida State University, USA

16:20 – 16:50: Discussion

Coffee break



Public presentation in the frame of
»Philosophie Mittenmang«

18:00: **Levinas and the Subject at the Service of the System** – Prof. Robert Bernasconi, Department of Philosophy, Penn State University, USA

20:00: Dinner downtown

Tuesday, July 05

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Section IV: Between Ethics and Politics II

10:00: **The Other in the City – The Question of the Public Space** – Prof. Dr. Alfred Hirsch, Department of Philosophy, University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany

10:20: **Beyond Consensualism and Polemology: Levinas's Responsive Idea of the Political** – Sergej Seitz, Assistant Professor in Philosophy, University Innsbruck

10:40 – 11:10: Discussion

Coffee break

Section V: The Third Party

11:40: **Levinas and Maimonides on »le tiers«** – Zeev Harvey, Professor Emeritus of Jewish Thought, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

12:00: **The Other and the Third in Interreligious Thought** – Dr. Barbara U. Meyer, Senior lecturer for Religious Studies, University of Tel Aviv, Israel

12:20 – 12:50: Discussion

13:00: Lunch at the University

Section VI: Talmudic Readings

14:30: **The Third and Civil Unrest: Levinas's Talmud in Dialogue with the 1960s.** – Oona Eisenstadt, PhD, Professor of Jewish and of Religious Studies, Pomona College, PA, USA

14:50: **Levinas's Talmudic Readings: A way to Radicalize Political Thinking** – Prof. Hanoch Ben Pazi, Department of Jewish Thought, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

15:10 – 15:40: Discussion

Coffee break

Zoom Presentation

16:10: **Experiencing Film with Levinas: Reflections on »Two Days, One Night« by the Dardenne Brothers** – Michael Morgan, Professor for Philosophy and Jewish Studies, Indiana University, USA

16:20 – 16:50: Discussion

19:30: Dinner downtown

Wednesday, July 06

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Section VII: Levinas in Dialogue

10:00: **Levinas, Nietzsche, and the Definition of Christianity** – Dr. Paul Davies, Reader in Philosophy, University of Sussex, UK

10:20: **Levinas on Sartre, Jewish Identity and Time** – Deborah Achtenberg, PhD., Professor Emeritus, Philosophy, University of Nevada, USA

10:40 – 11:10: Discussion

Coffee break

Section VIII: Jewish experience and Zionism

11:40: **Levinas from migrations and captivity to the liberative figure of the other** – Dr. Cedric Cohen Scallii, Haifa Center for German and European Studies, Israel

12:00: **Levinas's and Gandhi's Views on Zionism** – Ephraim Meir, Professor Emeritus of modern Jewish Philosophy, Bar Ilan University, Israel

12:20 – 12:50: Discussion

13:00: Lunch at the University

Section IX: Levinas in European Context (organized in Cooperation with the ICES)

14:30: **Religion After! Levinas's Talmud and post-war European politics** – Sarah Hammerschlag, PhD, Ass. Professor of Religion and Literature, University of Chicago, USA

14:50: **The Peace of Europe between reason and bad conscience** – Dr. Pascal Delhom, Department of Philosophy, Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany

15:10 – 15:40: Discussion



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