



# Call for Papers



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities

University of Haifa, Israel

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The abundance of varied phenomena which reflect contemporary spiritualities worldwide and especially in Israel, is highly impressive. These phenomena draw increasing academic attention by a large number of researchers from various disciplines including, Religious studies, Philosophy, Judaism, Anthropology, Psychology, Social work, Sociology, and Political sciences. A comparative and interdisciplinary consideration of the different facets of contemporary

The 1<sup>st</sup> Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities was held at the University of Haifa in March, 2009. Topics included spiritual development, contemporary Kabbala, East and West, spirituality in business, spiritual teachers, spirituality in psychotherapy, Shamanism, spirituality in the media, and more. The conference included about 70 presenters from varied fields of study, aroused wide interest, drew 350 participants, and won vast media coverage. For the 1<sup>st</sup> conference documentation see: <http://spirituality.haifa.ac.il>

spiritualities can contribute to the understanding of these phenomena. This is the rationale for the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Israeli Conference for the Study of Contemporary Spiritualities**.

We invite researchers and graduate students from different disciplines to submit proposals for papers or panels. The conference will include lectures both in Hebrew and in English.

**Deadline for Submissions  
November 20, 2009 . Responses will**

**be sent via E-mail until January 10, 2010. Send submissions via Email to: [spirituality@construct.haifa.ac.il](mailto:spirituality@construct.haifa.ac.il) for Pninit Russo-Netzer, Conference Coordinator. Address inquiries to this email too.**

- Proposals for **lectures** should include: Name, academic status (Graduate Student, Assistant professor, etc.), academic institution (or a different affiliation), E-mail address, abstract (350-500 words) and a list of 10 references.
- Proposals for **Panels** should include: Name, academic affiliation, 3-4 abstracts of lectures according to the format above, panel's rationale (50-100 words) and a proposed chair.

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**Chairman of the conference's committee:** Prof. Ofra Mayseless (University of Haifa), Dr. Marianna Ruah Midbar (University of Haifa).

**Conference's committee members:** Prof. Moshe Idel (Hebrew University), Dr. Daniella Gurvich (Bar-Ilan University), Dr. Nadav Davidovich (Ben-Gurion University), Prof. Phillip Wexler (Hebrew University), Prof. Mario Mikulincer (Interdisciplinary Center in Herzeliya), Prof. Yaacov Raz (Tel Aviv University).