



Toward a Thin Constitution in Israeli Governance

Balancing Central and Local Authorities

What is the ideal division between authority and responsibility?

24.9.2024 | 21 Elul | 10:00 – 15:00

At the Jewish People Policy Institute Givat Ram Campus, Jerusalem (in Hebrew)

09:30 Gathering and Light Refreshments

10:00 Opening Remarks

Prof. Yedidia Stern – President,
The Jewish People Policy Institute

10:10 Central vs. Federal Systems

A Comparative Review

Dr. Ariel Finkelstein – Local Authority Project,
Israel Democracy Institute

Panel Discussion

Prof. Eugene Kandel – Former CEO,
National Economic Council; CEO SNPI

Dr. Micah Goodman – Author of *The Eighth Day*;
Host of Israeli podcast Mifleget Hamachshavot
produced by Beit Avi Chai; Thin Constitution Council

Prof. Yedidia Stern – President, JPPI

Moderator: **Adv. Udit Corinaldi-Sirkis** – Former Legal
Adviser, Beit Hanassi; Thin Constitution Research Group

11:15 Central Authority vs. Local Authority

The View from the Federal Government

MK Moshe Arbel – Minister of Interior

The View from the Local Government

Haim Bibas – Head of The Federation of Local Authorities

Moderator: **Prof. Yaffa Zilbershats** – Bar-Ilan University
and Yeshiva University; Thin Constitution Research Group

11:45 What Is Happening in Practice

Ofir Pines-Paz – Former Minister of Interior and Head of
the Institute for Local Government at Tel Aviv University

Dr. Aliza Bloch – Educator and Former Mayor
of Beit Shemesh

Tal Ohana – Former Mayor of Yeruham

Mordechai Cohen – Former Director-General of the Interior
Ministry; Former CEO of the National Council for Planning
and Building

Moderator: **Retired Judge Raanan Giladi** –
Senior Fellow JPPI, Thin Constitution Research Group

12:30 Break

12:45 Division of Power - the Government and Local Authorities - Fundamental Aspects

Prof. Issachar Rosen-Zvi – Tel Aviv University

Prof. Moshe Halbertal – The Hebrew University

Adv. Sarit Dana – Former Deputy Attorney General;
Former Legal Adviser for Ministry of Interior

Dr. Moran Nagid – Researcher, Rubinstein Center,
Reichman University; Thin Constitution Council

Moderator/Participant: **Adv. Erez Kaminitz** –
Former Deputy Attorney General;
Thin Constitution Council

13:45 Test Cases

MK Yaakov Asher – Head of the Interior
Committee in the Knesset

Moderator: **Dr. Haim Zicherman** – Senior Fellow
JPPI, Thin Constitution Research Group;
Head of School of Real Estate, Ono Academic
College

14:00 Test Case: Religion and State

Adv. Ayelet Nahmias-Verbin – Former MK; CEO
JReady and the Jewish Agency's Fund for
Victims of Terror

Tehila Friedman – Former MK; Head of the Libba
Center's One Hundred Initiative; Thin Constitution
Council

Moderator/Participant: **Dr. Shuki Friedman** –
Director General, JPPI; Peres Academic Center

14:45 Discussion and Conclusions

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