Sunday, May 19, 2013
The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Upper Hall

10:00 Arrival
10:10–10:30 Opening and Greetings

10:30–12:30 SESSION ONE
Chair: Eli Friedlander, Tel Aviv University
Lilli Alanen, Uppsala University
AFFECTS AND IDEAS IN SPINOZA’S THERAPY OF THE PASSIONS
Ericka Tucker, California State Polytechnic University
EMOTION AND REASON IN SPINOZA’S SOCIAL THEORY

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 SESSION TWO
Chair: Pini Ifergan, Bar-Ilan University
Yakir Levin, Ben–Gurion University of the Negev
THE UNITY AND COHERENCE OF SPINOZA’S ACCOUNT OF FREEDOM, REASON, AND THE PASSIONS
Julie R. Klein, Villanova University
INTELLECTION AND FREEDOM

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–18:00 SESSION THREE
Chair: Noa Shein, Ben–Gurion University of the Negev
Noa Naaman-Zauderer, Tel Aviv University
SELF—EXPERIENCE AND THE IMAGO DEI
DOCTRINE IN DESCARTES AND SPINOZA
Jonathan Fine, Columbia University
BECOMING LIKE GOD: FREEDOM OF THE WILL IN DESCARTES

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Reason, Freedom, and the Passions in Descartes and Spinoza
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10:30–12:30 SESSION FOUR
Chair: Daniel Cook, Brooklyn College, CUNY
John Cottingham, University of Reading
The Passions: Help or Hindrance to the Good Life?
Lisa Shapiro, Simon Fraser University
Descartes and Spinoza on the Primitive Passions: Why So Different?

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 SESSION FIVE
Chair: Roy Polad, Tel Aviv University
Amihud Gilead, University of Haifa
Spinoza on Passions, Reason, and Freedom
John Grey, Boston University
Spinoza on Reason, Freedom, and the Composition of the Body

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–18:00 SESSION SIX
Chair: Raz Chen Morris, Bar-Ilan University
Tom Vinci, Dalhousie University; Visiting professor at Tel Aviv University
Descartes vs. Kant on Reason and Representation
Elliot Samuel Paul, Barnard College, Columbia University
Reason as the Faculty of Modal Cognition: Descartes on Certainty and Doubt

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Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building, Room 496

10:30–12:30 SESSION SEVEN
Chair: Marcelo Dascal, Tel Aviv University
Michael Della Rocca, Yale University
Spinoza’s Causal Theory of Action: Inexplicability in, and of, Action
Ohad Nachtomy, Bar-Ilan University
Agency and Necessity in Spinoza

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 SESSION EIGHT
Chair: Yohay Bloom, Tel Aviv University
Omri Boehm, The New School for Social Research
Freedom, Générosité, and the Cogito: Cartesian Self-constitution Reconsidered
Saja Parvizian, University of Illinois at Chicago
Cartesian Generosity Reconsidered

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–18:00 SESSION NINE
Chair: Lydia Amir, College of Management
Yitzhak Y. Melamed, Johns Hopkins University
Spinoza’s Amor Dei Intellectualis
Yirmiyahu Yovel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; The New School for Social Research
Reason and Beatitude: Self-Love in Humans and in God

Photographs taken at the event will be posted on the Institute’s website and on social networks

Admission is free
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