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The Center for Religious and Interreligious Studies Project at Tel Aviv University

A Symposium Inaugurating the Collaboration between the Universities
of Tel Aviv and Cambridge in Interreligious Studies

The Word and the Sword: Three Perspectives on Religion and Violence

Sunday, 10 June, 2012,
Tel Aviv University, Webb Building, Room 001 at 15:00

- 15:00** **Greetings**
Prof. Joseph Klafter – President, TAU
Mr. Harvey M Krueger – Chair, TAU Board of Governors
Prof. Eyal Zisser – Dean of Humanities, TAU
Symposium Moderator: **Prof. Menachem Fisch** – Tel Aviv University
- 15:10** **Opening Address**
Prof. David Ford – Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge
“The Nature and Urgency of Interreligious Study”
- 15:30–16:30** **Prof. Moshe Halbertal** – Hebrew University, and New York University
“Sacrifice and the Religious Dimensions of Violence”
Discussant: **Dr. Nehama Verbin** – Tel Aviv University
- 16:30-17:00** **Coffee break**
- 17:00-18:00** **Prof. Jonathan Riley-Smith** – University of Cambridge
“Two Conceptions of Sacrifice Associated with Crusading”
Discussant: **Dr. Iris Shagrir** – The Open University
- 18:00-19:00** **Prof. Jeremy Cohen** – Tel Aviv University
“Engaging the Past, Envisioning the Future: Transposing the Holy Struggle in
Solomon ibn Verga’s Shevet Yehudah”
Discussant: **Dr. Ram Ben-Shalom** – The Open University