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08:30 – 09:30	**Registration and Breakfast**		
FIRST SESSION	**Contracts and Property** *Chair: Michael Goldboim*	**Litigation** *Chair: Sivan Shlomo Agon*	**Corporate Enforcement**
09:30 – 10:00	**Meirav Furth-Matzkin** Contracting for Deference: Discretionary Clauses and the Problem of Deferential Review in Insurance Contracts	**Daniel Klerman & Alex Klerman** Forum Shopping and Judge Shopping: An Empirical Analysis of Immigration Policy Cases	**Yehonatan Shiman** Protective Settlements: How Corporations Pay to Shield Insiders from Liability
10:00 – 10:30	**Efi Zemach & Uri Katz** Contract Interpretation, Certainty and Judicial Discretion	**Barak Yarkoni** The Expert's Paradox: How Contingent Fees Can Reveal the Truth	**Noam Kozlov** Hybrid Resolutions
10:30 – 11:00	**Yehonatan Givati & Oren Rigbi** The Economic Consequences of Insecure Property Rights	**Alon Klement, Alma Cohen, Zvika Neeman & Eilon Solan** Trials that Speak for Thousands: Optimal Bellwether Selection in Multidistrict Litigation	**Ziv Granov & Asaf Eckstein** Judging by Benchmarks
11:00 – 11:15	**Coffee Break**		
SECOND SESSION	**Torts and Sanctions**	**Behavioral Law and Economics** *Chair: Dalit Gafni*	**Corporate Law and Insolvency** *Chair: Dan Weiss*
11:15 – 11:45	**Roy Baharad & Ehud Guttel** Restructuring Defamation Remedies	**Ronen Avraham, Tamar Kricheli-Katz & Daniel Statman** Divided Courts and Discriminatory Behavior: How Vote Margin, Issue Salience, and Affective Polarization Shape Discriminatory Behavior and Trust in Courts	**Israel Klein & Avshalom Elmalech** Empowered or Eclipsed? Re-evaluation Retail Shareholders Role in Corporate Voting
11:45 – 12:15	**Elena Kantorowicz-Reznichenko & Jaroslaw Kantorowicz** Do Income Dependent Fines (Day Fines) Improve Deterrence?	**Adi Leibovitch & Doron Teichman** Expressive Spillovers: How the Laws of One Jurisdiction Shape the Expressive Power of Another's	**Dov Solomon & Odelia Minnes** Surviving the Valley of Death: Reimagining Director Liability in Distressed Startups
12:15 – 12:45	**Seth C. Oranburg** "Private" Governance Is Actually a Club Good	**Adan Ershied & Netta Barak-Corren** Exclusion or Coexistence? Evidence from the Staggered Enactment of Veil Bans in Switzerland	**Adi Marcovich Gross & Jared I. Mayer** Insolvency on Trial
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12:45 – 14:30	**Lunch** **Greetings: Moran Ofir** (Chair ILEA 2026 Conference) **Yair Sagy** (Dean, Faculty of law Haifa University) **Keynote Address: Lucian Bebchuk,** Harvard Law School		
THIRD SESSION	**Law and AI** *Chair: Amir Bushansky*	**Antitrust** *Chair: Limor Hatsor*	**Prediction Markets**
14:30 – 15:00	**Yifat Naftali Ben Zion & Omer Pelled** Design Without Disclosure: Rethinking Precontractual Information Duties	**Danielle A. Chaim** Anticompetitive Corporate Governance	**Mirit Eyal & Jay A. Soled** Betting on Tomorrow: Prediction Markets and the Tax Treatment of Event Contracts
15:00-15:30	**Vera Shikhelman, Eran Itskovich & Orna Rabinovich-Einy** AI and International Adjudication: Empirical Insights	**Jonathan M. Barnett** Antitrust Theory Meets the Real World: Empirical Shortfalls of the New Conventional Wisdom on Competition Policy	**William A. Organek & Nizan Geslevich Packin** Don't Bet on Bankruptcy: Prediction Markets and the Limits of Insolvency Law
15:30– 16:00	**Jesse M. Fried & Idan Reiter** AI Corporate Governance and Ben & Jerry's Risk	**Raz Agranat & Michal S. Gal** The Microsoft Formula for Platform Power: Do Significant Network Effects Inevitably Generate Winner-Takes-All Dynamics?	**Moran Ofir & Joshua Mitts** From Iran to Taylor Swift: Informed Trading in Prediction Markets
16:00-16:15	**Coffee Break**		
FOURTH SESSION	**Consumer and Patient Protection** *Chair: Daniel Gottlieb*	**Public Law** *Chair: Elisha Paul Banda*	**Corporate Governance** *Chair: Rimona Palas*
16:15-16:45	**Daniel Levy, Arthur Sandler, Avichai Snir, Doron Sayag & Haipeng (Allan) Chen** 9-Ending Is Not Alone: 90 as a Popular and Deceptive Price Ending	**Artyom Jelnov** Militant Democracy	**Leeor Ofer** Overextended and Overlooked
16:45-17:15	**Bernard S. Black, Andrew Owen, Sadia Farzana, Justin Blackburn & Ronald Ackermann** The Impact of Health Insurance on Healthcare Utilization and Health: Evidence from Medicaid Expansion in Indiana	**Abraham L. Wickelgren, Shmuel Leshem & Frances Xu Lee** The Alarmist's Dilemma	**Katherine Litvak** Do Disclosure-Only Diversity Laws Change Boards and Affect Financial Markets? Evidence from Illinois
17:15– 17:45	**David A. Hyman, Anton Chorniy, William M. Sage & Bernard S. Black** Regulation by Disclosure: Do Nursing Home Star Ratings Affect Occupancy?	**Maayan Weisman** How Corporate Governance Shapes Political Influence on Firms	**Kobi Kastiel & Yaron Nili** The Activism Gap
17:30 – 18:30	**Closing Reception**		