The Social Psychology program at Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology invites you to a Special Seminar with

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On:

"The Right and Left of Emotion in Intergroup Conflict"

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Room PE204, Ivcher-Tiomkin building

While group-based emotions and ideology are both important factors guiding policy support and action tendencies in intergroup conflict, the nature of their complex interrelations remains unclear. Ideology may shape the emotional process and its outcomes in many important ways, from its influence on the emotions experienced, through its influence on emotion regulation processes, to its impact on the degree to which people respond behaviorally to the experience of emotion. My research examines how ideology shapes all of these processes in the context of intractable conflict, looking at right-left differences in emotional reactions and emotion regulation choice, and focusing on ideology’s moderating role in shaping the impact of emotions on policy support and action tendencies in this context. This focus leads to a somewhat counter-intuitive extension of existing knowledge on right-left differences in rigidity: the prediction that leftists would be more susceptible to influence by the emotions they experience than rightists. This is examined using both real-time reactions to conflict-related events among Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel and in the lab, in a series of studies. The studies cover a range of discrete emotions, both positive and negative, and their influence on support for both constructive and aggressive policies, as well as action tendencies.

You are invited!