



2nd Annual Symposium & Workshop

Modeling Reality:
The use of mathematical models
to describe and predict social dynamics

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Organized by the graduate students of the Institute for Dryland Environmental Research (IDER)

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Guest of Honor:

● **Prof. Peter Turchin**, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,
University of Connecticut, USA

Invited Speakers:

● **Dr. Aharon Hauptman**, Interdisciplinary Center for Technology Analysis and Forecasting,
Tel-Aviv University

● **Dr. Erez Gilad**, KAMAG, Nuclear Research Center - Negev

● **Dr. Marius Cohen**, Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

● **Prof. Sorin Solomon**, Racah Institute of Physics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

● **Dr. Yaakov Garb**, Social Studies Unit, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research,
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Main Topics:

● **Cliodynamics**

● **Reality perception and modeling**

● **Foreseeing the unpredictable?**

● **Multilevel selection theories**

● **Modeling socio-environmental dynamics**

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