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[Reimagining Nationalism: Yael Tamir In Conversation with Daniel Sargent](#)

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Yael Tamir (*President, Beit-Berl College, adjunct professor, Blavatnik School of Government Oxford*) and **Daniel Sargent** (*UC Berkeley, History*)

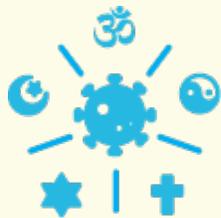
Nationalism has returned to the world stage in its most dangerous and disruptive manner. Its effects have divided nations into us versus them and it has reared its ugly head in especially the form of religious nationalism that can appeal to more emotive and destructive actions. In this discussion we would like to bring forth the more enlightened and cohesive understandings of nationalism to imagine a different future for those countries beleaguered by nefarious movements of exclusion.

This fall, a conversation between Yael Tamir and Daniel Sargent (UC Berkeley, History) will address the following questions: Can Nationalism be reimagined in a way that promotes social solidarity and a peaceful, cross-class society that acts for the greater good? Is it possible to marry liberalism and nationalism to form a more constructive ideology operating in a global setting? Daniel Sargent (History) will serve as the interlocutor offering a unique historical perspective to the conversation.

Yael (Yuli) Tamir is the President of Beit-Berl College and an adjunct professor at the Blavatnik School of Government Oxford. She was a deputy speaker of the Israeli Parliament (the Knesset) and served as Israel's Minister of Immigration (1999-2001) and Minister of Education (2006-2009) representing the Labor party.

Tamir is the author of *Liberal-Nationalism* (Princeton University Press) and *Who is Afraid of Equality? Society and Education in Israel* (in Hebrew), as well as numerous articles in the fields of moral and political philosophy, philosophy of education, feminism and human rights. She is the editor of *Democratic Education in a Multicultural State* (Blackwell) and, *Moral and Political Education* together with Professor Seteve Macedo (New York University Press). Her most recent book *Why Nationalism* was published with Princeton University Press (Jan 2019)... ([more](#))

Daniel Sargent is Associate Professor of History at UC Berkeley. His research interests include international relations, political economy, human rights, and US foreign relations. He is the author of *A Superpower Transformed: The Remaking of American Foreign Relations in the 1970's* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015). A faculty member of the Goldman School of Public Policy, Sargent is an advocate for understanding political and societal challenges through the large lens of historical dynamics rather than using conventional paradigms, allowing broader understanding of issues and movement towards constructive solutions.



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