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**An International Conference for the 40 Anniversary  
of the Spanish Transition**

# **Rethinking the Cultural Challenges to Democracy: Lessons from the Spanish Case**

Sunday, March 18, 2018, 09.30 - 19.00,  
Abba Eban Hall, Truman Institute.  
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### **10:15-10:45 // Opening:**

**HE Manuel Gómez-Acebo**, Ambassador of Spain in Israel.

**Emmo. y Revmo. Esteban Escudero**, Vice-Chancellor of the Catholic University of Valencia “San Vicente Mártir”.

**Prof. Menahem Blondheim**, Director of the Truman Institute.

**Dra. Claudia Kedar**, Iberian and Latin American Studies, Hebrew University.

**Dra. Carmen Álvarez**, Directora del Instituto Cervantes de Tel Aviv.

**Dr. Gisela Dachs**, The European Forum, Hebrew University

**Prof. Ruth Fine**, President of the Israeli Association of Hispanists.

Chair, **Dr. Mauricio Dimant**, Truman Institute.

### **10:45-11:30 // First Panel // *Democracy in Spain: From Dictatorship to Regional Autonomy***

**Prof. Antonio Bar**, Valencia University, Spain.

Chair and Comments: **Prof. Alfred Tovias**, Hebrew University.

### **11:30-11:45 // Coffee Break**

### **11:45-12:30 // Second Panel: *A Democratic Spain Returns to the Global Arena***

**Prof. José Ignacio Torreblanca**, National Distance Education University (UNED), and Director of the Opinion Section in El País, Spain.

Chair and Comments: **Prof. Arie Kacowicz**, Hebrew University.

### **12:30-12:45 // Coffee Break**



**12:45-13:30 // Third Panel: *Democracy, Pluralism and Religion: the Debate in Education***

**Dr. Bosco Corales**, Catholic University of Valencia “San Vicente Mártir”, Spain.

Chair and Comments: **Dr. Maya Kahanoff**, Truman Institute, Hebrew University.

**13:30-15:00 –Lunch Break**

**15:00-15:45 // Fourth Panel: *Democracy, Cultural Minorities and Immigration: The Recognition of Cultural Identities in Education***

**Dr. Tamar Shuali**, Catholic University of Valencia “San Vicente Mártir”, Spain.

Chair comments, **Dr. Zvi Bekerman**, School of Education Hebrew University.

**15:45-16:00 // Coffee Break**

**16:00-17:00 // Round Table: *Democracy and the Challenges of Cultural Diversity in Spain and Israel***

**Dr. Marcela Jabbaz**, Valencia University, Spain.

**Dr. Tamar Shuali**, Catholic University of Valencia “San Vicente Mártir”, Spain.

**Dr. Maya Kahanoff**, Truman Institute, Hebrew University.

**Dr. Silvina Gesser**, Truman Institute, Hebrew University.

Chair: **Dr. Mauricio Dimant**, Truman Institute, Hebrew University.

**17:00-17:15 // Coffee Break**

**17:15-18:00 // Closing Panel: *Democracy and Educational Policy***

**Prof. Gonzalo Jover**, Dean School of Education Complutense, Spain.

Chair and Comments: **Prof. Moshe Tatar**, Dean of School of Education Hebrew University.