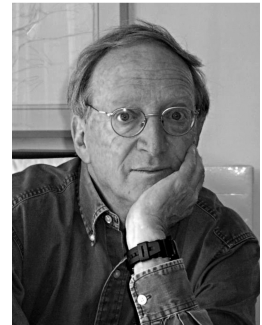


## Press Release

March, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Avishai Margalit receives Philosophical Book Award 2012 by FIPH

Avishai Margalit's book „On Compromise and Rotten Compromises“ (Princeton University Press 2009) receives the Philosophical Book Award 2012 by “The Hannover Institute of Philosophical Research” (FIPH). Margalit is professor emeritus at Hebrew University/Jerusalem and teaches currently at Princeton University/USA.



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The topic of this year's book award is: “Violence: Genesis – Reactions – Overcoming“. Nominated were books by publishing houses with a catalogue of philosophical books.

In his book „On Compromise and Rotten Compromises“ Margalit, well known by a full range of scholarly publications in the field of political philosophy, develops a peace-orientated politics of compromise. His extraordinary book highlights how urgent it is to confront political philosophy with problems that stem from political praxis. Margalit does not speak from a detached point of view. He weaves und interrupts his critical analysis with narratives, with history and stories. Thus, he shows impressively and convincingly that it is unavoidable to make compromise for the sake of peace. Margalit, thereby, disenchants ideal theories of justice. Yet, he knows, that he who praises compromise has to say something as well on rotten compromises which cannot be morally legitimised or simply not accepted. Margalit does not conceal the price that justice has to pay for a peace-oriented politics of compromise. His book advocates compromise enthusiastically as an essential part of politics. Facing present constellations of violence this plea for a politics of compromise is of highest importance and cannot be overestimated.

The Hannover Institute for Philosophical Research (FIPH) awards this price for the best new book of the last three years referring to a controversial problem in practical philosophy. The Philosophical Book Award is designed to shed some light on urgent philosophical questions and to improve efforts to answer them.

The award will be handed over on September, 28th, 2012, at Dombibliothek Hildesheim by the chairman of the Executive Board of the Foundation “The Hannover Institute of Philosophical Research”, Prof. Dr. Dr. Ulrich Hemel, in a public ceremony.

More detailed information will be released by early summer.

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