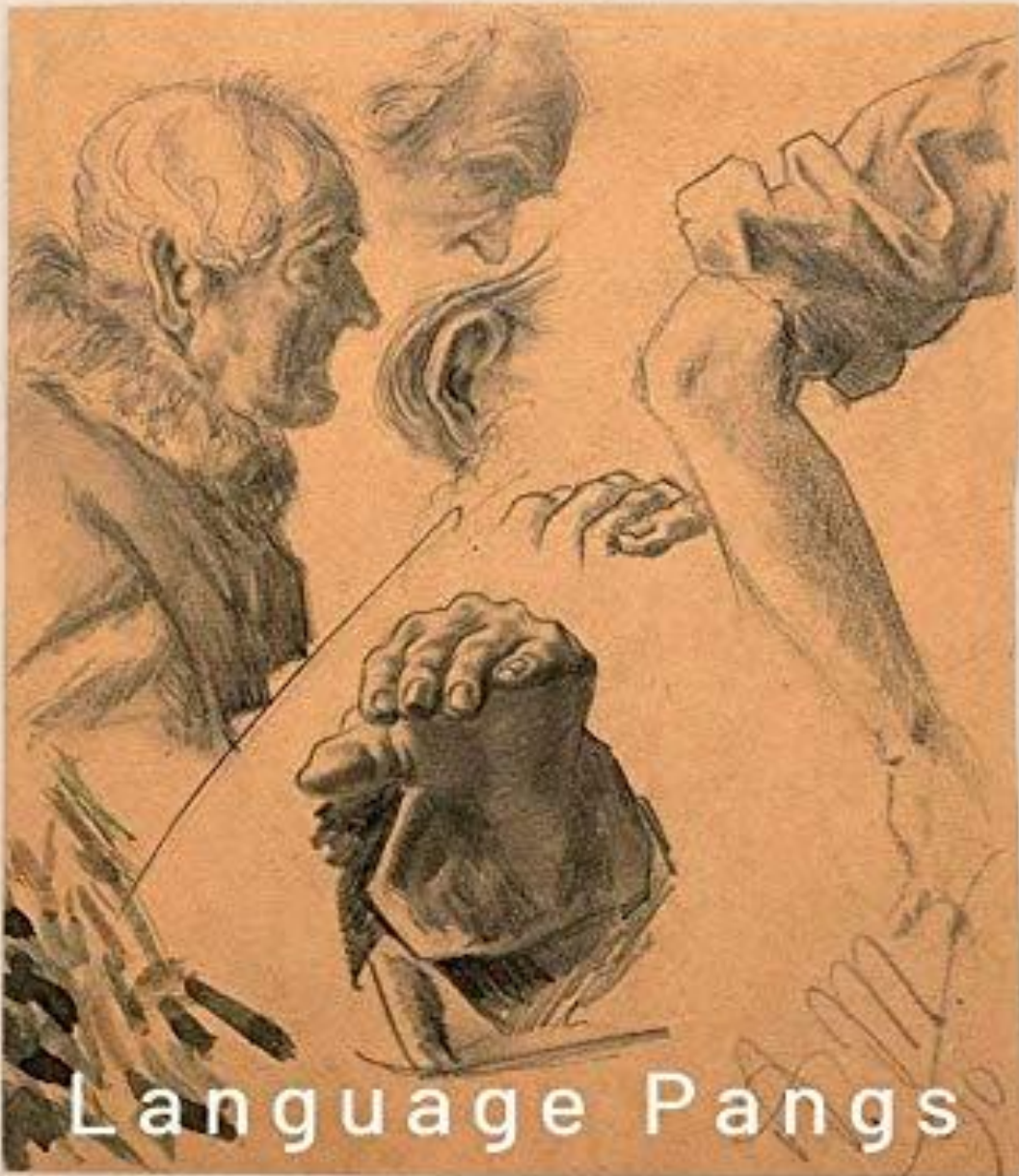


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Please join us for this colloquium session, which Prof. Ferber will lead on the basis of her latest book, with a focus upon the attached reading selections.

Ilit Ferber is Professor of Philosophy at Tel-Aviv University. Her research focuses on the philosophy of emotions, especially melancholy, suffering and pain, from the perspective of language. Ilit has published articles on Leibniz, Herder, Freud, Benjamin, Heidegger, Scholem and Améry. She has also co-edited a book on the role of moods in philosophy, and two books, in English and Hebrew, on lament in Gershom Scholem's thought. Her book, *Philosophy and Melancholy: Benjamin's Early Reflections on Theater and Language*, explores the role of melancholy in Benjamin's early writings and discusses the relationship between Benjamin, Freud and Leibniz. Her new book, *Language Pangs: On Pain and the Origin of Language*, explores the role of pain in Herder's theory of the origin of language, Heidegger's seminar about Herder, and Sophocles' *Philoctetes*. Ilit is currently working on two parallel projects, concerning (1) Jean Améry's philosophy of temporality and (2) the role of acoustics in Walter Benjamin's work.