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Talk

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**»Singlehood and
Temporal Normativity:
A Sociological Study«**

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»If we look at mainstream films, television series, advertisements and global popular media in general, the figure of the single woman still represents a discursive unease (Taylor 2012), and serves as an easy target for social scrutiny, fear and mockery. In my study, I argue that the groundwork for understanding these degrading assumptions lies in the ways we perceive and enact time. In fact, our understanding of singlehood is dominated by unquestioned temporal models, premises, and concepts. This is one reason why understanding how over-determined frameworks of temporal categories are constituted is crucial. Since many of the convictions about singlehood are articulated through the language of time, i.e. a language presenting normative self-evident positions and regimes of truth, singlehood is hard to criticize. By proposing this new analytical direction, my study seeks to rework some of our common conceptions of singlehood, and presents a new theoretical arsenal with which the temporal paradigms that devalue and marginalize women's lives can be reinterpreted.«

Kinneret Lahad is senior lecturer at the Women and Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University. Her current projects include independent and collaborative studies on aunthood, friendships, solo marriages, discourses on egg freezing and rental families in Japan. 2019 she is a member of the Young Scholars Forum at the Israel Academy of the Humanities and Social Sciences, and Erasmus+ visiting scholar at the chair of Sociology/Gender Studies (Prof. Villa Braslavsky) and the Faculty of Law at LMU Munich.