

EXPLORING DESERT LANDSCAPES IN CHINA AND ISRAEL

The Department of Geography and Human Environment at Tel Aviv University is Honored to Welcome our Guests from

**The Shapotou Desert Research & Experimental Station,
Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS):**

Dr. Ronglian Jia,
Dr. Huijuan Tan,
Dr. Jin Wang
Dr. Peng Zhang

The Workshop will be held in the Department of Geography, 10 Zelig St., Room 115 on Wednesday, December 12, between 09:45 to 12:30.

Workshop Itinerary

09:45	Light Refreshmen
10:00-1010	Opening Remarks G.J. Kidron, Tel-Aviv University
10:10-10:20	Greetings I. Benenson, Tel-Aviv University, Head of Department
10:20-10:40	Biological Soil Crusts Studies in Shapotou Desert Research & Experiment Station, CAS: Project Introduction R.L. Jia, Shapotou Desert Research & Experiment Station
10:40-11:00	Rainfall Variations over the Arid and Semi-arid Regions of Israel - Is it Climate Change? H. Saaroni, Tel-Aviv University
11:00-11:20	Soil Degradation as Monitored by Spectral Sensing E. Ben-Dor, Tel-Aviv University
11:20-11:40	Spatially Explicit Modeling of the Land Use/Land Cover Dynamics I. Benenson, Tel-Aviv University
11:40-12:00	Biocrusts as Ecosystem Biomarkers: Their Use for Understanding Hydrological Processes G.J. Kidron, Tel-Aviv University
12:00-12:20	Microfungal Communities of Biological Soil Crusts in the Negev Desert, Israel, and the Tenegger Desert, China: Differences on Regional and Local Scale I. Grishkan, University of Haifa
12:20-12:30	Concluding Remarks: G.J. Kidron

