Traditionally, people with disabilities have been absent from imaginable futures. A fantasy about a “better” future commonly means the disappearance of disability altogether. But as history shows, this cultural longing for a total eradication of disability could be dangerous. Thus, following Alison Kafer’s (2013) call for “accessible futures,” our international and interdisciplinary disability studies conference is dedicated to the topic of futurity and the question of how to make futures accessible to people with disabilities. We will re-imagine futures in which people with disabilities are no more a “problem” or a “mistake” that needs to be “fixed,” but rather they are valued and understood as an integral part of society. Under this framework, we will discuss key issues like technology, disability politics, digital media, and policy.

The conference will be held on Zoom and broadcasted live on our Facebook page.

Times specified are Israel time.

Lectures will be held in English and accompanied by real-time Hebrew transcription. The Panel will be conducted in Hebrew.

The conference is open to the general public. Participation is free, but pre-registration is required at the following link.

Participants will receive an email with the link to Zoom towards the conference date.

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