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EDUCATION

The New School, the New School for Social Research, New York

Ph.D. in Political Science, January 2010.

Area of specialization: Political Theory.

Dissertation: "Total Domination: Between Conception and Experience – Rethinking the Arendtian Account through Holocaust Testimonies."

Committee: James Miller (chair), Agnes Heller (second reader), Richard J. Bernstein, and Andreas Kalyvas.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

M.A. in Political Science, June 2004 (*Magna Cum Laude*).

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

B.A. in International Relations, June 2000.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award, Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, the Open University of Israel, Raanana, July 2011-November 2013.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award, the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, Jerusalem, October 2010-January 2011.

Rosenzweig Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January-September 2010.

Dissertation Fellowship, the New School for Social Research, New York, 2008-2009.

The Corrie ten Boom Research Award, Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California, Los-Angeles, May-June 2008.

Lerman Center for the Study of Jewish Resistance Fellowship, the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, August 2007-April 2008.

University Fellowship, the New School for Social Research, New York, 2005-2006.

Research Assistance Stipend, the New School for Social Research, New York, Fall 2005.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS – CONT.

Tuition Scholarship, the New School for Social Research, New York, 2003-2004.

Research Scholarship, the Political Science Department, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Fall 2001.

Award for Academic Excellence in M.A. studies, The Political Science Department, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Spring 2001.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Haifa, Haifa, January 2015 – present

Deputy Editor, *Dapim Journal: Studies on the Holocaust*, The Strochlitz Institute of Holocaust Studies.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Spring 2017 – present

Teaching Fellow, Ginsburg-Ingberman Overseas Student Program, teaching the course: “The Memory of the Holocaust and Israeli Society” (in English).

The Open University of Israel, Spring 2017

Adjunct, Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, teaching the course: “The Roots of European Fascism: 1789-1945.”

Beit Berl College, Israel, Fall 2014 – present

Adjunct, Program for Holocaust Teaching in Israeli Society, delivering guest lectures in Hebrew and English in the course: “Holocaust Studies in Historical Perspective.”

Beit Berl College, Israel, Fall 2014

Adjunct, Department of History, teaching the course: “Europe in the 19th Century: Imperialism and Nationalism.”

University of Haifa, Haifa, Spring 2011

Adjunct, MA program for democracy studies, School of Political Sciences, teaching the course: “The Memory of the Holocaust and Israeli Democracy.”

The New School, New York, Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, Parsons the New School for Design and Eugene Lang College the New School for Liberal Arts. TA in the course: “Evil in the 20th Century.” Instructors: Professors Richard J. Bernstein and Clive Dilnot.

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, Fall 2006

Adjunct, The Political Science Department, teaching the course: “International Relations.”

The Inter Disciplinary Center Herzliya, Herzliya, 2003

Research Assistant, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, researching, selecting and editing material for Dr. Idith Zertal’s book: Idith Zertal and Akiva Eldar, *The Lords of the Land – the Settlers and the State of Israel 1967-2004* (Or Yehuda: Kinneret, 2004). [Hebrew]

ACADEMIC POSITIONS– CONT.

The Inter Disciplinary Center, Herzliya, Herzliya, 2002-2003

Teaching Assistant, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy and the Radzyner School of Law. TA in the course: “From Plato to Lenin – Perceptions of Government and Politics.” Instructor: Prof. Ela Belfer.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, 2001-2002

Teaching Assistant, the Political Science Department. TA in the courses: “Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics.” Instructor: Prof. Shlomo Aronson; “Globalization and the National State.” Instructor: Dr. Guy Ben-Porat; “The Economic Person, the Social Person.” Instructor: Dr. Guy Ben-Porat.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Spring 2001

Teaching Assistant, the Political Science Department. TA in the courses: “The Zionist Thought and the Building of Jewish National Identity.” Instructor: Prof. Shlomo Avineri; “Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics.” Instructor: Prof. Shlomo Aronson.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Fall 2000

Research Assistant, the Political Science Department, constructing the Index of Dr. Reuven Y. Hazan’s book: *Parties, Elections, and Cleavages: Israel in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective*, Ed. by R. Hazan and M. Maor (London: F. Cass, 2000).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of political philosophy
 Holocaust studies and historiography
 The politics of memory
 Politics and literature
 Israeli Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Hannah Arendt and the Limits of Total Domination: The Holocaust, Plurality and Resistance (New York: Routledge, 2015, paperback 2017).

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

“Nihilism and Antisemitism: The Reception of Céline’s *Journey to the End of the Night* in Israel,” *Rethinking History: The Journal of Theory and Practice* (2015) 19 (1): 111-132.

“Hannah Arendt and the Idea of Total Domination,” *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (2010) 24 (2): 193-224.

PUBLICATIONS– CONT.

Book Chapters

“Über das Lager - die Vernichtung des Menschen als Menschen in der totalen Herrschaft,” in: Julia Schulze Wessel, Christian Volk, und Samuel Salzborn (Hrsg.), *Ambivalenzen der Ordnung - Der Staat im Denken Hannah Arendts*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2013.

[“On the Camp: The Extermination of Man as Man under Total Domination,” in: Samuel Salzborn, Julia Schulze Wessel and Christian Volk (Eds.), *Ambivalences of Order – the State in Hannah Arendt’s Thought*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2013.]

Edited Issues in Professional Journals

“Holocaust Commemoration: New Trends in Museums and Memorials,” with Gavriel Rosenfeld and James Young (Guest Editor), *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*, Special Issue, vol. 30, no. 3 (December 2016).

“Fascism, Extremism, and Extermination,” with Ishay Landa (Guest Editor), *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*, Special Issue, vol. 32, no. 3 (forthcoming, November 2018).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“On Radical Evil and the Banality of Evil: Hannah Arendt and Franz Kafka,” article in progress.

“Fredy Hirsch: an Unknown Hero,” article in progress.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Resisting Dehumanization – The Case of the *Sonderkommando*,” Presented at Telling, Describing, Representing Extermination: The Auschwitz Sonderkommando, their Testimony and their Legacy, a conference at the Centre Marc Bloch and at the Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung in Berlin, April 2018.

“Reflections on Hannah Arendt, Radical Evil and Holocaust Survivors’ Testimonies,” Presented at What Is Memory? Seventy Years Later - Meetings, Discussions, Exhibition, a conference at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, April 2015.

“Dwelling on Horrors: Hannah Arendt’s Attitude towards Holocaust Survivors’ Testimonies,” Presented at the International Oral History Conference: Looking at then, now, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, June 2014.

“Dwelling on Horrors: Hannah Arendt’s Attitude towards Holocaust Survivors’ Testimonies,” Presented at the Future of Holocaust Testimonies III: An International Conference and Workshop, Western Galilee College, Akko, March 2014.

“Nihilism and Antisemitism: The Reception of Céline’s *Journey to the End of the Night* in Israel,” Presented at the Concept of Nihilism and the Limits of Political Critique, International Workshop at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, June 2012.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS– CONT.

“We Refugees: Hannah Arendt, First Person,” Presented at a Symposium in Honor of the Publication of the Hebrew Translation of Hannah Arendt’s Collected Papers *Jewish Writings*, Tel Aviv University, June 2012.

“Total Domination: Between Conception and Experience – Rethinking the Arendtian Account through Holocaust Testimonies,” Presented at the Future of Holocaust Testimonies: An International Conference and Workshop, Western Galilee College, Akko, January 2010.

“Hannah Arendt’s Conception of “Total Domination”: A Theoretical and Historiographical Account,” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association 2007 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2007.

“Why Was Auschwitz Never Bombed by the U.S.? A Reexamination of American Inaction,” Presented at the 27th Annual Conference on the Holocaust at Millersville University, Pennsylvania, March 2007.

“On Radical Evil and the Banality of Evil: Hannah Arendt and Franz Kafka,” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association 2006 Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2006.

“The Construction of Israeli Collective Memory of the Holocaust in the Formative Years of Israel,” Presented at the “History Matters: Spaces of Violence, Spaces of Memory,” the 7th Annual Sociology and Historical Studies Conference, the New School for Social Research, April 2004.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew: Native language; English: Fluent

RESEARCH GROUP AFFILIATIONS

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Nihilism, political criticism, politics, Group leader:
Dr. Nitzan Lebovic, 2009-2010.

The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Memory Transmission and Fiction, Group leader:
Prof. Michal Govrin, 2012-2015.

REFERENCES

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