Enhancing Knowledge and Study of Modern Israel
Our mission

The Israel Institute is dedicated to strengthening the field of Israel Studies in order to promote knowledge and enhance understanding of modern Israel. The Israel Institute works in partnership with universities and think tanks to increase opportunities for the study of Israel and catalyze deeper engagement with the country in the academic, cultural, and policy sectors.

In the United States and around the world, the Institute provides scholars, policy experts, and artists with the resources to study and discuss Israel in a comprehensive and rigorous manner. Through its various programs, the Institute advances exemplary scholarship that provides in-depth coverage of Israel for students and policy makers while also serving as an access point for new learners to become familiar with the country.

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Our founding president, AMBASSADOR ITAMAR RABINOVICH, with the generous help of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, launched the Israel Institute in 2012 as an independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing knowledge and enriching public discourse about Israel. We aspire to enhance the field of Israel Studies, expanding opportunities for students – old and new – to explore the diversity of contemporary Israel. The Institute does not participate in advocacy efforts but, rather, aspires to promote the flourishing and expansive field of Israel Studies by sponsoring a wide range of programs in academia, the policy sector, and the arts.

Dear friends,

The Israel Institute is committed to supporting the expansion of knowledge about Israel and making sure that, both on campus and beyond, there are opportunities for people to learn more about the country from expert teachers. Pursuing our mission has resulted in an ever-growing network of Institute-affiliated experts on Israel. Through our programs, we support academics, researchers, and artists across the United States, Israel, and Europe, who are able to provide in-depth and interdisciplinary coverage of contemporary Israel to students, and who serve as an important resource to the greater community. This directory showcases the scope of talent of our affiliates and can help you find the right expert to share their expertise for your next speaker series, panel discussion, or other campus or community event.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ariel Roth
Executive Director
AFFILIATED PROFESSORS

PROF. LIHI BEN SHITRIT
Research Grant Recipient at: UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Specialties: Gender, Religion, and Politics

Publications include:
- “Authenticating Representation: Women’s Quotas and Islamist Parties” (*Politics and Gender*, 2016)

PROF. YUVAL BENZIMAN (FALL 2016 ONLY)
Visiting Israeli Faculty at: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Discipline: ISRAEL STUDIES
- Home Affiliation: IDC Herzliya and Tel Aviv University
- Specialties: Arab-Israeli Conflict, Israeli Culture

Publications include:
- "Ingredients of a Successful Track Two Negotiation" (*Negotiation Journal*, 2016)
- "Fictional Reality or Real Fictionality? The Relationship Between Fictional Texts and Psychological Perceptions of Societies in Conflict" (*Peace and Conflict Studies*, 2014)
- "Mom, I’m Home” – Israeli Lebanon-War Films as Inadvertent Preservers of the National Narrative“ (*Israel Studies*, 2013)

PROF. YAELE BERDA
Research Grant Recipient at: HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
Discipline: SOCIOLOGY
- Specialties: Human Rights, Administrative and Military Law

Publications and highlights include:
- Former human rights lawyer in Israel, focusing on administrative and constitutional law, specifically cases of freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom of movement

PROF. LEORA BILSKY
Visiting Israeli Faculty at: BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Discipline: LAW
- Home Affiliation: Tel Aviv University
- Specialties: International Criminal Law, Transitional Justice

Publications and highlights include:
- Director of the Minerva Center for Human Rights at Tel Aviv University
AFFILIATED PROFESSORS

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
UC IRVINE
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
• Home Affiliation: Open University
• Specialties: Politics and Religion

PROF. DENIS CHARBIT
Publications include:
• Israel and Its Paradoxes (Le Cavalier Bleu Editions, 2015 – in French)
• The French Intellectuals and Israel (Bibliothèque des fondations, 2009 – in French)

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
• Home Affiliation: IDC Herzliya
• Specialties: Security Studies

PROF. ODED BROSH
Publications and highlights include:
• Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS) at IDC Herzliya
• “IAEA 26 February 2016 Iran Inspection Report Summary” (IPS Publications, 2016)
• “Iran in 2025: Four Scenarios” (IPS Publications, 2015)

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
Discipline: LAW
• Home Affiliation: University of Haifa
• Specialties: Law and Technology

PROF. NIVA ELKIN-KOREN
Publications and highlights include:
• Founding Director of the Haifa Center for Law & Technology
• Co-founder of the Alliance of Israeli Institutions of Higher Education for Promoting Access to Scientific Materials

(SPRING 2017 ONLY)

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
Discipline: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
• Specialties: Human Rights, Christian-Jewish Relations

PROF. ZION EVRONY
Publications and highlights include:
• Former Israeli Ambassador to the Vatican and Ireland
• “What’s Next for Jewish Catholic Ties” (The Times of Israel, 2015)
• Human Rights in International Relations (Open University Press, 2011)
PROF. JACKIE FELDMAN  
(SPRING 2017 ONLY)

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:  
UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM

Discipline: ANTHROPOLOGY

• Home Affiliation: Ben-Gurion University
• Specialties: Religion and Tourism, Collective Memory

Publications include:
• “Performing the Hyphen: Engaging German-Jewishness at the Jewish Museum Berlin” (Anthropological Journal of European Cultures, 2014)
• Above the Death Pits, Beneath the Flag: Youth Voyages to Poland and the Performance of Israeli National Identity (Berghahn, 2008)

PROF. YOAV GELBER

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:  
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Discipline: HISTORY

• Home Affiliation: IDC Herzliya and University of Haifa (Professor Emeritus)
• Specialties: Jewish History, History of the IDF

Publications include:
• “The Collapse of the Israeli Intelligence’s Conception: Apologetics, Memory, and History of the Israeli Response to Egypt’s Alleged Intention to Open War in May 1973” (Intelligence and National Security, 2013)
• “Shaping Israel’s Policy Toward Its Arab Minority, 1947-1950” (Israeli Affairs, 2013)
• Nation and History: Israeli Historiography, Memory, and Identity Between Zionism and Post-Zionism (Valentine & Mitchell, 2011)
DR. VASSILIS KAPPIS
Research Grant Recipient at:
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY
Discipline: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
• Specialties: Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitics

Publications include:
• “The Bear Learns to Swim: Russia’s Re-emergence in the Mediterranean” (Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review, 2016)
• “Evaluating the Prospects of Greek-Israeli Military Cooperation” (Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, 2016)

PROF. NED LAZARUS
Teaching Fellow at:
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Discipline: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
• Specialties: Conflict Resolution, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Publications include:
• “Twenty Years of Israeli-Palestinian Peace Education: A Research Retrospective” (Palestine-Israel Journal of Politics, Economics, and Culture, 2015)
• “Intractable Peacebuilding: Case Studies of Innovation and Perseverance from the Israeli-Palestinian Context” (School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2015)

PROF. JULIA LERNER
Research Grant Recipient at:
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY
Discipline: SOCIOLOGY and ANTHROPOLOGY
• Specialties: Migration, Post-Soviet Culture

Publications include:
• “‘Russians’ in the Jewish State: Blood, Identity and National Bureaucracy” (Ethnologie Francaise, 2015)
• “Russians” in Israel as a Post-Soviet Subject: Implementing the Civilizational Repertoire” (Israel Affairs, 2011)
• “The Changing Meanings of Russian Love: Emotional Socialism and Therapeutic Culture on the Post-Soviet Screen” (Sexuality & Culture, Special Issue on Post-Soviet Intimacies, 2015)

PROF. GERSHON LEWENTAL
Teaching Fellow at:
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Discipline: HISTORY
• Specialties: Islamic History, Middle Eastern History

Publications and highlights include:
• Currently preparing two book manuscripts, one on the interplay of religion, nationalism, and memory in the modern Middle East and the other on the role of narrative in early Islamic historiography.
• “‘Saddam’s Qadisiyyah’: Religion and History in the Service of State Ideology in Ba’thi Iraq” (Middle Eastern Studies, 2014)
AFFILIATED PROFESSORS

PROF. LIOR LIBMAN

Supported Professor at: SUNY BINGHAMTON
Discipline: MODERN HEBREW LITERATURE
• Ph.D. from: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
• Specialties: Kibbutz Literature, Cultural History

Publications and highlights include:
• Recipient of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies Faculty Fellowship at the University of Michigan (Spring 2017)
• “HaKibbutz HaMeuchad’s ‘State of Shock’ 1948-1954: Textual Expressions” (Studies in Zionism, the Yishuv and the State of Israel, 2012 – in Hebrew)

PROF. NISSIM MIZRACHI

Visiting Israeli Faculty at: UC BERKELEY
Discipline: SOCIOLOGY and ANTHROPOLOGY
• Home Affiliation: Tel Aviv University
• Specialties: Cultural and Ethnic Studies

Publications and highlights include:
• Getting Respect: Dealing with Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil, and Israel (Princeton University Press, 2016 – with Michèle Lamont, Graziella Moraes Silva, et al.)
• “Sociology in the Garden: Beyond the Liberal Grammar of Contemporary Sociology” (Israel Studies Review, 2016)
• 2008 Winner of the Geertz Prize for Best Article in Cultural Sociology, awarded by the American Sociological Association

PROF. KOBI MICHAEL

Visiting Israeli Faculty at: PEKING UNIVERSITY
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
• Specialties: Conflict Management, Security Studies

Publications and highlights include:
• The Arab World on the Road to State Failure (INSS, 2016 – with Yoel Guzansky – in Hebrew)
• Served as the Deputy Director General and Head of the Palestinian Desk at the Israeli Ministry for Strategic Affairs

PROF. BEN MOR

Visiting Israeli Faculty at: TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
• Home Affiliation: University of Haifa
• Specialties: Conflict Studies, Public Diplomacy

Publications include:
• “Defining the Ambiguous Situation: Context and Action in the 2006 Lebanon War” (Foreign Policy Analysis, 2016)
• “The Structure of Rhetorical Defense in Public Diplomacy: Israel’s Social Account of the 2010 Turkish Flotilla Incident” (Media, War & Conflict, 2014)
**PROF. BENNY MORRIS**

Visiting Israeli Faculty at: **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

Discipline: **HISTORY** and **MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES**

- Home Affiliation: Ben-Gurion University
- Specialties: Middle East, Arab-Israeli Conflict

Publications include:
- *One State, Two States: Resolving the Israel/Palestine Conflict* (Yale University Press, 2009)
- *Making Israel* (University of Michigan Press, 2007)

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**PROF. PNINA PERI**

Visiting Israeli Faculty at: **SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY**

Discipline: **ENGLISH** and **JEWISH STUDIES**

- Home Affiliation: University of Maryland
- Specialties: Cross-Culture Communication, Gender

Publications include:
- *Education in Multi-Cultured Society: Pluralism and Congruence Among Cultural Divisions* (Kotar, 2007 – Editor – in Hebrew)

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**PROF. SHAY RABINEAU**

Supported Professor at: **SUNY BINGHAMTON**

Discipline: **ISRAEL STUDIES**

- Specialties: Geography, Hiking Trails

Publications and highlights include:
- “Competing Concepts of Land in Eretz Israel” (*Israel Studies*, 2014 – with Ilan Troen)
- Affiliated with the Abraham Path Initiative, which works to cultivate a long-distance hiking trail that extends across the Middle East
### AFFILIATED PROFESSORS

**PROF. ZVI REICH** *(SPRING 2017 ONLY)*  
Visiting Israeli Faculty at:  
**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
Discipline: **COMMUNICATION**  
- Specialties: Journalism, News Practices  

Publications and highlights include:  
- Former Senior News Editor at Yedioth Ahronoth and member of the Presidium of the Israel Press Council  
- “Journalism as Bipolar Interactional Expertise” *(Communication Theory, 2012)*

**PROF. AVIAD RUBIN** *(WINTER 2016 & SPRING 2017 ONLY)*  
Visiting Israeli Faculty at:  
**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
Discipline: **POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
- Home Affiliation: University of Haifa  
- Specialties: Nationalism and Identity Politics  

Publications and highlights include:  
- Academic Director of the Haifa Research Center for Maritime Strategy  
- “Political-Elite Formation and Transition to Democracy in Pre-State Conditions: Comparing Israel and the Palestinian Authority” *(Government and Opposition, 2009)*

**PROF. MICHAEL SHALEV** *(SPRING 2017 ONLY)*  
Visiting Israeli Faculty at:  
**UC BERKELEY**  
Discipline: **SOCIOLOGY** and **POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
- Home Affiliation: Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
- Specialties: Political Economics  

Publications include:  

**PROF. MICHAL SHAMIR**  
Research Grant Recipient at:  
**TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY**  
Discipline: **POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
- Specialties: Israeli Politics and Public Opinion  

Publications and highlights include:  
- Co-editor of *The Elections in Israel* series *(Transaction Publishing)*
PROF. SHAUL SHENHAV
Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE
- Home Affiliation: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Specialties: Political Narratives and Discourse, Israeli Politics

Publications include:
- Analyzing Social Narratives (Routledge, 2015)
- “Story Coalitions: Applying Narrative Theory to the Study of Coalition Formation” (Political Psychology, 2014 – with Odelia Oshri, Dganit Ofek, and Tamir Sheafer)

PROF. YAEL SHENKER
Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Discipline: HEBREW LITERATURE
- Home Affiliation: Sapir Academic College
- Specialties: Hebrew Film and Literature

Publications include:
- “Disengagement: Representations of Territory and Space” (Theory and Criticism, forthcoming – in Hebrew)
- “My Glorious Brothers: Bereavement and Nationality in Haredi Literature” (Religion, Gender, State: Mediterranean Perspectives, 2014 – in Hebrew)
- “Reading ‘The Time of Trimming’ under the Desk of Religious Zionism: Haim Be’er and National-Religious Identity” (Zutot: Perspectives on Jewish Culture, 2014)
PROF. SAMMY SMOOHA

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Discipline: SOCIOLOGY

• Home Affiliation: University of Haifa
• Specialties: Israeli Democracy and Society, National Minorities

Publications include:
• Still Playing by the Rules: The Index of Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel 2013 (The Israel Democracy Institute, 2015)
• “Is Israel Western?” (Comparing Modernities, 2005)
• “The Model of Ethnic Democracy: Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State” (Nations and Nationalism, 2002)

PROF. AVI SHILON

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE

• Specialties: Modern Jewish and Israeli History

Publications and highlights include:
• Currently a columnist for Haaretz
• “What Ashkenazi Jews Still Don’t Get About the Mizrahim” (Haaretz, 2016)
• Menachem Begin: A Life (Yale University Press, 2012)

PROF. UD I SOMMER

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE

• Home Affiliation: Tel Aviv University
• Specialties: Comparative Politics, Political and Legal Institutions

Publications include:
• “Translating Justice: The International Organization of Constitutional Courts” (Law & Policy, 2016)
• A Supreme Agenda: Strategic Case Selection on the U.S. Supreme Court (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014)

PROF. RIVKA WEILL

Visiting Israeli Faculty at:
CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Discipline: LAW

• Home Affiliation: IDC Herzliya
• Specialties: Constitutional and Administrative Law

Publications include:
• Resurrecting Legislation (International Journal of Constitutional Law, 2016)
• Exodus: Structuring Redemption of Captives (Cardozo Law Review, 2014)
Visiting Israeli Faculty in Europe

The Israel Institute is actively working to meet the desire for knowledge about Israel worldwide by expanding the field of Israel Studies to new countries and audiences. Throughout the 2016-2017 academic year, in addition to supporting Visiting Israeli Faculty in the United States, the Israel Institute will be sending Israeli professors to teach four short courses in Europe on a number of topics related to modern Israel.

FRANCE
- “State Cohesion in the Middle East After the Arab Spring”
  Sciences Po Menton | Fall 2016

GERMANY
- “E.U.-Israel Relations: Economic, Political, and Cultural Dimensions”
  Bundeswehr University Munich | Spring 2017
- “Israeli Collective Memory: Sites and Rites”
  Tubingen University | Summer 2017

SWITZERLAND
- “Economic Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East”
  University of Geneva | Spring 2017

Our Israel experts are open to giving lectures, participating in panels, and partaking in other Israel-related academic events while in Europe. For more information or to connect with an expert, please contact Dr. Erika Falk, Program Director, at efalk@israelinstitute.org.
ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

ELLAR BEN-AHARON
Visiting Artist at:
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
• Over the past 15 years, her choreography has been performed in the United States, Israel, Europe, and Brazil
• She is especially interested in neuro-cognitive processes in performance and is designing a conference with a research scientist for the science museum in Jerusalem

On August 19th, 2016, Ella was interviewed by Lois Reitzes, of Atlanta’s NPR affiliate WABE, about her residency at KSU. From left: Ivan Pulinkala (Chair of Kennesaw State University’s Dance Department), Lois Reitzes, Ella Ben-Aharon.

KIKI KEREN-HUSS
Visiting Artist at:
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Discipline: MUSIC

Career Highlights:
• A composer who sometimes works with non-musicians to compose music that incorporates everyday sounds, texts, and voices in her compositions
• Her four chamber operas have been performed in Israel and around the world

YA’ARA MOSES
Visiting Artist at:
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
• Former dancer with the renowned Batsheva Dance Company and co-founder of both the Maria Kong Dance Company and the Maslool Professional Dance School in Tel Aviv, one of the hotbeds of Israeli contemporary dance today
• Teaches Gaga, Ohad Naharin’s movement language for dancers and non-dancers alike around the world
ELLAROTHSCHILD

Visiting Artist at: HOWARD UNIVERSITY
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
- Former dancer with two of Israel’s leading companies, the Batsheva Dance Company and the Inbal Pinto Theater Dance Company
- Presenting her latest work, *12 Postdated Checks*, using Howard University students, at venues in the Northeast

TOM WEINBERGER

Visiting Artist at: SUNY PURCHASE
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
- Former dancer with the Batsheva Dance Company, Batsheva Ensemble, and currently dancing with Emanuel Gat in France
- Teaches Gaga for dancers and non-dancers around the world and is also active as a choreographer

GADI DAGON

12 Postdated Checks
ROEE BEN SIRA
Visiting Artist at: FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Discipline: MUSIC

Career Highlights:
• An expert in choro music, Ben Sira, his 2015 album with some of Brazil’s leading musicians, was hailed as one of the 10 best albums of the year by one of Israel’s leading newspapers
• As a jazz musician, he has performed in Israeli jazz festivals and in Europe with Bustan Abraham, Andre Fernandez, and Eli Degibri

SHAHAR BINIAMINI
Visiting Artist at: UCLA
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
• Choreographer and former dancer with the Batsheva Dance Company who teaches Gaga and Batsheva repertoire around the world
• Directs a program for dancers and scientists at the Weizmann Institute in Israel
• Recipient of the 2013 Israeli Ministry of Culture Award for Best Performing Artist

IRIS EREZ
Visiting Artist at: REED COLLEGE
Discipline: DANCE

Career Highlights:
• As a dancer, she toured around the world in Yasmeen Godder’s chamber ensemble
• Creates and performs her own choreography in Israel and abroad, most recently at the Venice Biennale in 2014

NITZAN GILADY
Visiting Artist at: EMORY UNIVERSITY
Discipline: FILM

Career Highlights:
• His first feature, Wedding Doll, won two Israel Film Academy awards in 2015
• His documentaries have earned him 13 international awards and have been screened at more than 120 international film festivals
ERAN HADAS
Visiting Artist at: CALTECH
Discipline: LITERATURE and NEW MEDIA

Career Highlights:
• An algorithmic poet working in new media, in a 24-hour period in a busy shopping center, he created Center, a book of poetry on a shared document involving 2000 viewers and commentators
• Created Maybe Attending, an audience-driven, web-based opera performed as a live show with music composed in real time and a mashup of text, images, and videos drawn from virtual environments

DANA IVGY
Visiting Artist at: SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Discipline: THEATER and FILM

Career Highlights:
• Two-time recipient of the Israel Film Academy’s Best Actress Award, most recently for her role in Zero Motivation, which won Best Narrative Feature at the Tribeca Film Festival
• Artistic Director of the Israeli stage comedy troupe Tziporela, which performs internationally
DANIEL LANDAU

Visiting Artist at: UCLA
Discipline: COMPOSITION and NEW MEDIA

Career Highlights:
• Multidisciplinary artist engaging in performance, video, and installation work
• His work has been presented in major museums, festivals, and other venues in Tel Aviv, New York, Berlin, Mexico City, and elsewhere

LILACH NETHANEL

Visiting Artist at: LUDWIG MAXIMILIANS UNIVERSITY, MUNICH
Discipline: LITERATURE

Career Highlights:
• Her most recent novel, The Old Homeland, was awarded the prestigious Bernstein Prize and was nominated for the preeminent Israeli Sapir Prize for the best novel of 2016
• In the course of her dissertation research, made literary history by discovering an unpublished novel by David Vogel, an important figure in the development of Hebrew secular literature

NEW BARBIZON

Visiting Artists at: UT AUSTIN
Discipline: ART

Career Highlights:
• A collective of five painters – Zoya Cherkassky, Olga Kundina, Anna Lukashevsky, Asya Lukin, and Natalia Zourabova – all of whom were born and trained in the former USSR and have been working together in Israel since 2011
• Inspired by 19th century French landscape painters of the Barbizon School, these artists set up their easels in urban settings

ILAN VOLKOV

Visiting Artist at: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Discipline: MUSIC

Career Highlights:
• A frequent guest with leading orchestras worldwide, he conducted the New York Philharmonic in June 2016
• Active in the new music scene, he is the curator of Tectonics, an annual contemporary music festival, and a guiding force behind Levontin 7, a leading, informal performance hub in Tel Aviv
NEW BARBIZON (continued)

Open Studio at the New Central Bus Station, Tel Aviv | March - April 2014

Hura Bedouin Village | May 2014

Selections from “Centrifuge” Group Exhibition, New York | October 2013 - April 2014

Zoya Cherkassky
Olga Kundina
Anna Lukashevsky
Asya Lukin
Natalia Zourabova
DR. SAFA ABU-RABIA

University affiliation: HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Discipline: ANTHROPOLOGY
- Ph.D. from: Ben-Gurion University
- Specialties: Gender in the Middle East

Publications include:

DR. SETH ANZISKA

University affiliation: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Discipline: HISTORY
- Ph.D. from: Columbia University
- Specialties: U.S.-Middle East History, Arab-Israeli Conflict

Publications include:
DR. NANA ARIEL

University affiliation: **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Discipline: **LITERATURE and RHETORIC**

- Ph.D. from: Tel Aviv University
- Specialties: Hebrew and Comparative Literature

Publications include:

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DR. TAL ELMALIACH

University affiliation: **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**

Discipline: **HISTORY**

- Ph.D. from: University of Haifa
- Specialties: Israeli History, Kibbutz Movement

Publications include:

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DR. MORAD ELSANA

University affiliation: **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Discipline: **LAW**

- Ph.D. from: American University
- Specialties: International and Comparative Law, Human Rights

Publications and highlights include:
- Served as Staff Attorney and Director at the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Adalah, Israel (Negev Office) (2001-2009)

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DR. TOBY GREENE

University affiliation: **HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM**

Discipline: **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- Ph.D. from: University College London
- Specialties: Israel Studies, British Foreign Policy

Publications include:
- “Israel’s Two States Debate” (*International Affairs, 2015*)
POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

DR. YOEL GUZANSKY

University affiliation: STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Discipline: POLITICAL SCIENCE and INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- Ph.D. from: University of Haifa
- Specialties: Security Studies, Gulf States and Iran

Publications and highlights include:
- “Lines Drawn in the Sand: Territorial Disputes and GCC Unity” (Middle East Journal, 2016)
- Former Director for Strategic Affairs, National Security Council, Israeli Prime Minister’s Office

DR. LIOR LEHRS

University affiliation: NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
Discipline: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- Ph.D. from: Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Specialties: Conflict Resolution

Publications include:
- “Private Peace Entrepreneurs in Conflict Resolution Processes” (International Negotiation, forthcoming)

DR. EINAT LAVEE

University affiliation: UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA
Discipline: SOCIOLOGY and SOCIAL WORK
- Ph.D. from: Bar-Ilan University
- Specialties: Poverty Studies, Family and Motherhood

Publications include:
- “Exchanging Sex for Material Resources: Reinforcement of Gender and Oppressive Survival Strategy” (Women’s Studies International Forum, 2016)

DR. LUBA LEVIN-BANCHIK

University affiliation: UC DAVIS
Discipline: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- Ph.D. from: Bar-Ilan University
- Specialties: Arab-Israeli Conflict, Terrorism and International Crises

Publications include:
**DR. ANAT MOOREVILLE**

**University affiliation:**
**UC DAVIS**

**Discipline:** HISTOR Y

- Ph.D. from: UCLA
- Specialties: Israeli History, History of Medicine and Science

**Publications and highlights include:**
- Recipient of the Hazel D. Cole Fellowship in Jewish Studies at the University of Washington’s Stroum Center for Jewish Studies (2015-2016)

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**DR. ELAD POPOVICH**

**University affiliation:**
**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

**Discipline:** POLITICAL SCIENCE and LAW

- Ph.D. from: University of Haifa
- Specialties: Asymmetric Conflict

**Publications include:**
- "From Warfare to Imagefare: How States Manage Asymmetric Conflicts with Extensive Media Coverage" (Terrorism and Political Violence, 2014 – with Ami Ayalon and Moran Yarchi)
**DR. LIRON SHANI**

University affiliation: **BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY**  
Discipline: **ANTHROPOLOGY**  
- Ph.D. from: Tel Aviv University  
- Specialties: Agriculture and Environment, Israeli Society

**Publications include:**  

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**DR. ASSAF SHAPIRA**

University affiliation: **SCIENCE PO PARIS**  
Discipline: **POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
- Ph.D. from: Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
- Specialties: Israeli Politics, Political Representation of Minorities and Women

**Publications include:**  

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**DR. DANIEL SOBELMAN**

University affiliation: **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
Discipline: **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**  
- Ph.D. from: Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
- Specialties: Security Studies

**Publications include:**  
- "Learning to Deter: Deterrence Failure and Success in the Israel-Hezbollah Conflict" *(International Security, forthcoming)*

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**ADi SHANY**

University affiliation: **UC SAN DIEGO**  
Discipline: **ECONOMICS**  
- Ph.D. from: Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
- Specialties: Economics of Education and Human Resources

**Publications include:**  

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**Publications include:**  
- "The Representation of Women in Israeli Politics: A Comparative Perspective* (Israel Democracy Institute Publications, 2013 – with Ofer Kenig, Chen Friedberg, and Reut Itzkovitch Malka)
**DR. ROMAN VATER**

University affiliation: **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

Discipline: **HEBREW** and **JEWISH STUDIES**

- Ph.D. from: University of Manchester
- Specialties: Hebrew Nationalism, Israeli Society

Publications include:

**DR. TANYA ZION-WALDOKS**

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