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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### The Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

- 2008- Teaching Assistant of Spanish and Latin American Political and Ethnic History, Department of Romance & Latin American Studies.
- 2014/15- Coordinator of the Latin American Unit  
The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace.

## EDUCATION

### Post-doctorate (2014-2017)

ERC Project at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.  
Research: Western Sephardic Diaspora: Ethnic and Religious Identity *vis a vis* Political and Economic Changes in the Early Modern Period.  
Host: Prof. Yosef Kaplan.

### Ph.D. – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2014)

Dissertation: Ethnicity and Federalism in Latin America - The Legitimacy of Minorities in Subnational Politics in Argentina during the Cold War (1955-1976).

### M.A. – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (*cum laude*) (2009).

Thesis: Immigration, ethnic minorities and the consolidation of nation-state in the border zones of Latin America: the case of Middle Easterners in Patagonia (1880-1930).

### Licenciatura (BA+MA) - The Buenos Aires State University (UBA).

Department of Communication, Faculty of Social Sciences.

## CURRENT RESEARCH

- Political and economic practices of the Sephardic Diaspora during the Early Modern Period.
- Religion and Political conflicts in Spain and Latin-America during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Political Violence and Ethnicity in Latin America during the 20th Century.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

"Ethnicity and Federalism in Latin America: Rethinking the National Experience of Jews and Middle Eastern Descendants in Argentina." in Raanan Rein (ed.) *The New Ethnic Studies in Latin America*, Brill, 2017.

"Diasporas", Edited volume in *Horizontes Antropológicos*, Num. 43 Dir. with Denise Jardim (UFRGS) and João Leal (Universidade Nova de Lisboa), Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil, June 2015.

"Indians who ate Arabs: The Complex encounter between immigrants from the Middle East and the indigenous population in Patagonia in the Early Twentieth Century" (in Hebrew), *Zmanim*, Number 130, 2015.

"La configuración de la identidad nacional en zonas periféricas de Sudamérica: entre la inclusión económica y la exclusión política. El caso de la Patagonia argentina 1880-1930", en Plot Martin (Compilador), *Destino Sudamericano*, Universidad de Belgrano Editorial, Buenos Aires, 2010.

"Immigrants from the Middle East and political leadership in Latin America: the case of the border zone in Southern Argentina in the Early Twentieth Century" (in Hebrew), *Ruaj Mizrahit* (Eastern Wind), Number 11, 2010.

"Participación política e identidad: árabes cristianos, árabes judíos y judíos de países árabes en la Patagonia (1930-1942)", en Rein Raanan (ed.), *Árabes y judíos en Iberoamérica*, Tres Culturas, España, 2008.

"Antisemitismo y cultura popular en Argentina:1995-2004. Una aproximación", *Revista Índice*, Año 37, N°24, Buenos Aires, 2007.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript: *Ethnicity, Democracy and Federalism: The Negotiation of National Identity by Governors of Jewish and Arab Origin during the Argentinean, Brazilian and Mexican Democratization*. (Under consideration at the University of New Mexico Press, US).

"The election of the "Turquito del Sur" During the Return of Perón from Exile: Rethinking the Identity of Ethnic-Migrant Minorities in Argentina", Submitted to *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (in review).

"The Neighborly Relations between Middle Eastern Migrants and Indigenous People in Patagonia: Rethinking the Local Experiences in the Study of Ethnic-Migrant Minorities", submitted to the *Asian Journal of Latin American Studies* (in review).

"Religion and Law in the Western Sephardi Community: Some Remarks from the Case of Livorno During the Early Modern Period", *Vergentis Journal of Religion and Law*, (in review).

"Federalism and Diaspora: The feeling of belonging and the Diaspora identity in the subnational level of the country". in Alfonso de Toro (ed.) *The World in Movement. Identity and New Diasporas* (in press).

"Livorno: The Sephardic Diaspora and the Setting of Territorial Borders in Tuscany", *Giornali Di Storia*, Italy (forthcoming).

"Violence in Latin America: Migration, Security, and Otherness in the Shadow of the "Parsley Massacre" in the Dominican Republic" with Assaf Ashkenazi, (in Hebrew, forthcoming).

#### **LAST YEAR VISITING LECTURES (2015-2016)**

- University of Barcelona, Department of History of America and Africa, Faculty of Geography and History (July, 2016).
- Complutense University of Madrid, Department of Contemporary History (April, 2016).
- University of Ottawa, Program of Medieval and Renaissance Studies (March 2016).
- University of Leipzig, IAFSL - Zentrum für transdisziplinäre Studien Spaniens, Portugals, Lateinamerikas, (September 2015).

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY**

- Political, Ethnic and National Violence in Spain and Latin America (29341)
- Religion and Minorities in Latin American Politics (29562)
- Latin American Jewish Culture and Identity in the USA (29931)
- Democratization, Human Rights and Exile: Spain & South America (29212)
- The Political Game & Territorial Conflicts in Latin America (29559)
- Immigration and Politics: Middle East – Latin America (29318 with Dr. Warl Abu Uksa)
- Bibliographic Tutorial in Latin American Studies (29114)
- Latin American Popular Culture: Telenovelas (29503)

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Visiting Research Fellow at the Ibero-American Research Centre of the University of Leipzig (Germany), 2010 and 2012: research: "Diaspora and political changes in Ibero-America".

The Rabin Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Peace and Tolerance.  
Research: *The "Return to Israel" of Israeli Palestinians from Latin America: Tensions, Changes and Continuities in the Palestinian Identity of the Returning Families*, (awarded by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Academic), 2012-2013.

Doctoral Scholarship at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2010-2012).

The Mirelman Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievements in Latin American Studies at the Hebrew University, 2008-2010.

Wolf Foundation Excellence Prize for the Doctoral Research Project, 2009.

The Kirtchuck Excellence Prize for Research in Latin American Studies, M.A. thesis, 2009.

## RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Coordinator of the Research Project: "Rethinking Subnational Experience in Latin America" – with Dra. Cielo Zaidenweg (Universidad de Barcelona – CONICET), Dra. Martha Ruffini (Universidad de Quilmes – CONICET) and Dra. Laura Cucci (Universidad de Buenos Aires – CONICET) 2015-2016.

Researcher in the Research Project: "Migration and Diaspora: the construction and representation of collective identity" – (Coordination: University of Leipzig) – 2013-2014.

Member of the Research Group "Collective Identities", Coordinating by Prof. Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt (z"l) at the Van Leer Institute (2008-2010).

Member of the Research Group: "Narratives of Otherness and Latin America's Indigenous People", coordinated by Prof. Jan Szaminsky and Prof. Manuela Consoni at the Hebrew University (2009-2011).

Member of the Forum for Research in Latin American Jewish Studies, at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, coordinated by Prof. Haim Avni and Dr. Leonardo Senkman (2007-2010).

## ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

- 2015-2017     Coordinator of the "Forum on Jewish and Diasporas in Latin America" at the Truman Institute, Hebrew University.
- 2010-         Convener and Academic Coordinator of the Graduate Program: "Iberian and Latin American Studies & the Middle East" at the Rothberg International School.
- 2015-         Faculty Mentor and Coordinator of the *Latin American Forum in Israel* with the Grulac - the 15 Embassies of Latin American countries in Israel, at the Truman Institute.
- 2010-         Faculty Mentor and Academic Advisor for the Internship Undergraduate Program in Latin American Studies, Department of Romance and Latin American Studies, Faculty of Humanities.
- 2009 -         Coordinator of the Ibero-America Study Abroad Program of the Department of Romance and Latin American Studies, Faculty of Humanities.
- 2009-         Academic Advisor for Latin American Studies, Department of Romance and Latin American Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Hebrew University.
- 2008-         Convener and Member and of the Editorial Board, *IBEROAMERICA GLOBAL*, e-journal in Iberian and Latin American Studies, Hebrew University.

## SELECTED INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES: ORGANIZER OR CO-ORGANIZER (2015-2017):

2017- *The Forum of Gender Constructs in Iberian and Latin-American Cultures* – Latin American Unit at the Truman Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

2016- The International Conference: *Refugees in Crisis : State Policies and Personal Experiences*, November 16th-17th, 2016, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2016- The International Symposium: *Rethinking the Local and Regional Experience in Latin America*, June 22 and 23, 2016, Universitat de Barcelona.

2016– Series of academic discussions on Area/Regional Studies and Gender: "Gender, Politics and Ethnicity in Latin America" (series of lectures – Latin American Unit at the Truman Institute and the Lafer Center for Women and Gender Studies at the Hebrew University).

2016- International Conference: "Brazil and Israel: Contemporary Social and Cultural Challenges" (January 6, the Latin American Unit at the Truman Institute and the Department of Romance and Latin American Studies).

2015- The International Conference: "Gender, Human Rights, Art and Memory in Argentina" (December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Latin American Unit and the Embassy of Argentina in Israel).

2015- The International Conference: "Quo Vadis Latin America? A Roundtable Discussion about the Future of Latin America" (December 14<sup>th</sup> Latin American Unit at the Truman Institute and the Department of International Relations)

2015- Conference: "New research in history, literature and culture in Iberian and Latin American Studies" (November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Truman institute, with the Department of Romance and Latin American Studies).

2015- The Forum: "Latin American Culture and Identity in the USA" (series of lectures, with Dr. Aldina Quintana, at the Department of Romance and Latin American Studies).

2015 – The International Congress: "Rethinking Central America and the Caribbean in Israel: Challenging Debates, Challenging perspectives" (June 3-4, Latin American Unit at the Truman Institute).

#### **SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

Member of the Latin American Studies Association, Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples Section (ERIP).

Member of the European Association of Historians in Latin America (AHILA).

Member of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel.

Member of "Kidmata", young research forum at Ben Zvi Institute, Jerusalem.

Member of and Assistant at the Asociación Hispanistas de Israel (AHI).

Member of the Editorial Board, *Revista Inclusiones*, journal of the Faculties of Humanities and Social Science, Universidad de los Lagos, Chile.

Member of the Academic Committee of the Pontifical Foundation *Scholae Occurrentes* (The Vatican)

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Religion and Law in the life of the Western Sephardi Community: The challenges in the case of Livorno during the Early Modern Period", International Conference: *Justice, Mercy and Law* (Catholic University of Murcia, Spain, 13-16 December 2016).

"The Sephardic Community and the Social Practices in the Circuit of Money: Escamot and Letras de Cambio in Livorno during the 17th Century", International Conference: *Religious Changes and Cultural Transformations in the Early Modern Western Sephardi Communities* (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 14-16 November 2016)

"The political experience in Patagonia of Jews and Arabs descendants during the exile of Peron", The International Symposium: *Rethinking the Local and Regional Experience in Latin America* (Universitat de Barcelona, June 22 and 23, 2016)

"Ethnicity and Federalism in Latin America: The Legitimacy of Minorities in Subnational Politics in Argentina" Tel Aviv University and Freie Universität Berlin Joint Research Workshops on "*The New Ethnic Studies: problems and methods*" (Tel Aviv University, 18-19 February, 2015)

"From a Palestinian village in Israel to Latin America and back: the transnational experience and the narratives of identity in the context of the conflict" at the 31st AIS Annual Conference at Sde-Boqer, (June 15th, 2014)

"The Diasporic Situation of "Israeli Palestinians" born in Latin America: Negotiations between Generations as a Case for Understanding the Dynamic of Diaspora Identity", International Workshop about "New Diaspora" (Hebrew University and University of Leipzig), 21-24 June 2012, Jerusalem (with Wael Abu Uksa) supported by the Federal Ministry of Sciences and Research of Germany (BMBF).

"¿Turco o judío? Los árabes-israelíes en América Latina (1970-2000)", XXX International Congress, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), May 14 2012, San Francisco U.S.

"Algunas reflexiones sobre la emigración Árabe-Israelí a América Latina. El caso de Venezuela", Israeli National Congress of Hispanistas, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 2 2011, Jerusalem (with Wael Abu Uksa).

"Los inmigrantes de Medio Oriente en las zonas de frontera en conflicto en América Latina. El caso de la Patagonia, Argentina-Chile, 1900-1945", XXIX International Congress, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), October 7 2010, Toronto Canada.

"Identidad nacional, disputa territorial y periferia fronteriza: Norpatagonia, 1880-1900", IV Jornadas de Historia de la Patagonia, September 21, 2010, Santa Rosa La Pampa, Argentina.

"The Middle Eastern Immigrants and the Territorial Conflicts in Latin America: Collective Identity in the Border Zone, 1880-1930", the National Congress of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel, May 27 2010, Ben Gurion University.

"Jewish Immigrants from the Middle East and the National State Construction in Latin America: 1900-1930", International Conference "Jews from the East in the West" at Ben Zvi Institute, June 15 2010.

"The Political Participation of the Arab Immigrants in the Border Zone of South Argentina: The Oral History", Conference of Oral History in Latin American Studies, Hebrew University, March 17 2010.

"Colonia Rusa y su identidad colectiva en Internet", The Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Latin American Jewry (AMILAT), (6 August 2009), Hebrew University.

"Inmigrantes judíos de Medio Oriente e indígenas en la Patagonia, 1900-1930", Latin American Jewish Studies Association, Tel Aviv University, July 27 2009.

"El árabe, los medios y la esfera pública: el ejemplo de la Argentina a principios del Siglo XX", Research Seminar at the Iberian and Latin American Section, Hebrew University, 21 January, 2009.

"La identidad étnica en la esfera pública. Inmigrantes árabes en la Patagonia (1900-1930)" XXX Congreso Internacional de Americanística, Centro Studi Americanistici Circolo Amerindiano, Italia, 2008.

"Local Identity of Jewish and Arab immigrants: Patagonia 1900-1930", at The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 11 November 2007.

"Árabes cristianos, árabes judíos y árabes musulmanes: los "turcos" en la esfera pública patagónica durante la Decada Infame en Argentina, 1930-1942", at the S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2007.

"Política Subnacional e integración de minorías étnicas", at the Israeli Congress "New Research in Ibero-American History and Culture", Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy in Israel and the Cervantes Institute, 2005.

"Anti-Semitism and Popular Culture in Argentina", Forum of Researchers in Latin American Studies at the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2003.