

**Elisheva Machlis**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**MAJOR FIELD:**

**Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies**

Research interests: **modern Shi'a thought, modern Islamic trends, state and society in Iraq and Iran**

**HIGHER EDUCATION:**

**1992:**                   **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**  
B.A. Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science

- Dean's list, 1990

**1998:**                   **Tel Aviv University**  
M.A. Contemporary Middle Eastern History

- Masters thesis on the implementation of Islamism in contemporary Iran and Sudan
- Grade point average – 91; awarded Aran scholarship for outstanding history students (1996)

**2010:**                   **PhD, University of Cambridge**

- Thesis: Imami Sectarianism and the Challenge of Modernisation: Renewal and Reform of Shi'i Thought in Iraq and Lebanon (1918-1958)
- Supervisor: Dr. Amira Bennison
- Awarded two-year scholarship for international students in the UK — Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme (ORS)

**2011- 2012:**           **Tel Aviv University, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies**  
Post-doctoral Fellowship, Prof. Meir Litvak

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

**2013-2014:** Tel Aviv University, Teaching fellow (עמית הוראה)

**ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS:**

**2013-2014:** Hebrew University, The Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies,

## **Visiting Fellow**

- Heading Research Group on Sufism in Modern Times

**2013-2014: Tel Aviv University, The Allilance Center for Iranian Studies,  
Researcher**

### **OTHER ACTIVITY:**

**1992 – 1994: Dror Amit High School (Jerusalem)  
Arabic teacher**

**1993 – 1997: Tel Aviv University,  
Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern Studies  
Research assistant**

- Assisted Dr Meir Litvak in research on Palestinian politics

**1998 – 1999: Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern  
Middle East (Jerusalem)**

- Research assistant - reviewed primary and secondary Arabic sources for Dr Michael Oren's bestselling book on the 1967 Arab-Israeli War (2002). Conducted interviews of key Israeli officials from the period

**1997: Second Authority for Television and Radio (Jerusalem)  
Supervisor of Arabic language broadcasts**

- Responsible for public regulation of Israel's first private commercial Arab radio station; Monitored broadcasts to ensure adherence to license

**1999 – 2002: Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Jerusalem)  
Middle East researcher in policy research department**

- Specialised in the Persian Gulf countries. Produced surveys of the Gulf Arabic-language press and policy reports on regional developments for the ministry

**2003 - current: Middle East Consultant (UK)**

- Worked as freelance consultant and researcher with London-based risk groups including the Risk Advisory Group, Deloitte and PwC on due diligence projects related to investments in the Middle East

**2009 – 2010: University of Cambridge  
Teaching assistant**

### **RESEARCH GRANTS:**

**2007-2009: University of Cambridge, Overseas Research Oward Scheme (ORS)**

**ACADEMIC TEACHING:**

**2011-2012: Tel Aviv University, International MA in Middle Eastern Studies (MAMES), Seminar: Iraq in the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Tel Aviv University, Middle East department, BA, elective course: Iraq in the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**2012-2013: MAMES, Seminar: Iraq in the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**MAMES, Seminar: Islam and Globalization**

**Middle East department, BA, elective course: Text in Arabic (intermediate)**

**2013-2014: MAMES, Seminar: Iraq in the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**MAMES, Seminar: Islam and Globalization**

**Middle East department: The Revival of Sectarianism in the Contemporary Middle East**

**2014: MAMES, Master's degree student**

**Tania Ildefonso Ocampos, in progress**

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

**English:** mother tongue

**Hebrew:** mother tongue

**Arabic:** fluent reading skills; spoken Arabic courses at International Language Institute, Cairo, summer school; Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem (1993)

**Persian:** Reading ability

**French:** basic knowledge