

# Y A E L B E R D A

## Curriculum Vitae

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, HEBREW  
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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2015 - **Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Sociology & Anthropology & Director of Honors Graduate Program in Sociology
- 2014 – 2015 **Harvard University:** Harvard Academy Scholar, Academy Scholars Program for International & Area Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (also in 2016-2017)

### EDUCATION

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#### Princeton University, Department of Sociology

##### Ph.D., May 2014

**Dissertation Title:** *Colonial Legacies and Administrative Memory: The Legal Construction of Citizenship in Former British Colonies After Independence – Israel, India & Cyprus*

Committee: Paul DiMaggio (Chair), Kim Lane Scheppele, Miguel Centeno & Bhavani Raman

##### M.A., *Distinction*, 2010

**Awards:** Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies (2013-2014), University Center for Human Values Prize Fellowship (2012-2013), Center for Study of Arts & Cultural Policy Fellowship (2008-2009)

#### Tel Aviv University, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

##### M.A *Summa Cum Laude*, 2011

#### Hebrew University, Faculty of Law

##### LLB, 2001

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **Books**

Berda, Yael. (Under Review). *Managing Dangerous Populations: The Permit Regime in the West Bank*. Stanford University Press.

Berda, Yael .2012. *The Bureaucracy of the Occupation: The Permit Regime in the West Bank*. Van Leer Institute and Hakibutz Hameuhad Publishers, Tel Aviv. <http://www.vanleer.org.il/en/node/1565>

#### **Articles & Book Chapters**

Berda, Yael. 2015. Managing Dangerous Populations: From Colonial Emergency Laws to Anti Terror Laws in Israel and India. *Theory and Criticism* Vol. 43 (Hebrew)

Berda, Yael. 2015. On the Objective Enemy and The Political Void. *Hamishpat' Online: Human Rights Law*, Vol. 3. Published by the Emile Zola Chair for Human Rights, College of Management. Pp. 65-77. (Hebrew)

Berda, Yael .2013. Managing Dangerous Populations: Colonial Legacies of Security and Surveillance. *Sociological Forum*. Vol. 28. No. 3. Blackwell Publishing Ltd.  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2297906](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2297906)

Berda, Yael & Gilad Barnea .2011. Constitutional Theory, Strategy and Public Interest Lawyering: in the Case Annulling Prison Privatization - HJC 2605/05, *Tel Aviv University Journal of Law and Social Change* Vol.3 Pp. 145 – 161 Tel Aviv University. [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2297258](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2297258)

Berda, Yael. 2011. The Security Risk as a Security Risk: Notes on the Classification Practices of the Israeli Security Services. In. Anat Matar & Abeer Baker (Eds.) *Threat: The Palestinian Prisoners in Israeli Jails* Pluto Press, London.

Shenhav, Yehouda and Yael Berda. 2009. “The Colonial Foundations of the State of Exception: Juxtaposing the Israeli Occupation with Colonial Bureaucratic History” in Givoni, Hanafi & Ophir (Eds.) *The Power of Exclusive Inclusion: Anatomy of Israeli Rule. Zone Books, MIT Press, Boston, Mass.* [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2296861](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2296861)

Berda, Yael. 2012. "Population Control Policies." *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*. Ed. Helmut K. Anheier, Mark Juergensmeyer, and Victor Faessel. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Pp. 1350-53. Sage Reference Online. <http://knowledge.sagepub.com/view/globalstudies/n423.xml>

### ***Under Review***

Berda, Yael. **The Peculiar Persistence of Colonial Legacies: Why New Nations Reproduce State Practices against which their Founders Struggled. The Emergency Defense Regulations in Israel and India** (revise and resubmit).

Berda, Yael & Yehouda Shenhav. **Race and Domination in Imperial Bureaucracy.** (revise and resubmit)

### MAJOR AWARDS

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Reinhard Bendix Award, ASA Comparative-Historical Sociology Section for Best Graduate Student Paper entitled “The Peculiar Persistence of Colonial Legacies: Why New Nations Reproduce State Practices against which their Founders Struggled. The Emergency Defense Regulations in Israel and India”	2013
National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Law and Social Sciences Award # 1061227 (Co P.I With Prof. Kim Lane Scheppele) (Peer-reviewed competitive grant awarded for dissertation research costs.)	2011
Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Award (Peer-reviewed award)	2009
Public Law Association in Israel Gurney Award for contribution to Constitutional Law (Awarded to the legal team for securing Israeli Supreme Court decision to annul prison privatization)	2010

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- "The Other Security threat: The Use of Emergency Laws to regulate economic crisis" Israeli Law and society association meeting, Jerusalem, April 2016
- "The Economic Emergency and the Creation of the "Security Threat" in India, Israel and Ghana" in The Promise and Pathos of British Colonial Legalities" Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington May 2015
- "Classification of Security Threats: How Bureaucratic Practices Shape the Cognitive Boundaries of Suspicion" in "Boundaries of Political Identities" Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, February 2015
- "Governing through Emergency: The Proliferation of Population Classification and Surveillance Practices in the British Empire (Israel, India & Cyprus)" in *Professionals, State infrastructure and Legal Innovation in the British Empire*, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida (November 2013)
- "From Subjects to Citizens and Suspects: Restrictions on Population Movement and the Making of Citizenship in India, Israel and Cyprus" in *Law, Geopolitics and Population panel*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (June 2013)
- "The Citizen, The Suspect and the Civil Servant: British Colonial Legacies in Cyprus", Seeger Center For Hellenic Studies Workshop, Princeton University (April 2013)
- "Subjects to Suspects: Colonial Legacies and Emergency Laws in Israel and India During the First Decade of Independence" in *Politics & Politicking in an Age of Suspicion Panel*, Annual Conference, Association for the Study of Law, Culture & The Humanities, University of London, Birkbeck College (March 2013)
- "Military Courts and Police in the West Bank: Emergency Law and Daily Life", Columbia University Law School and Heyman Center for the Humanities *Panel on Military Courts in Israel* (December 2012)
- "Administrative Memory and Colonial Legacy: Emergency Defense Regulations in Israel and India" Comparative Historical Section, American Sociological Association Meeting, Denver, Colorado (August 2012)
- "Max Weber and the State of Emergency – Towards a Model of Colonial Bureaucracy" Center for Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (January 2012)
- "Administrative Doctrine in British Colonies and How It Shaped Population Management Policies in Mandate Palestine, India and Cyprus" Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for Law & History (October 2011)
- "Administrative Memory: Mechanisms of Continuity Following Regime Change –The Inheritance of Colonial Emergency Practices in Israel and India," Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (June 2011)
- "Beyond the Exception: Studying Law and Society in the Mediterranean Post Colonial States - Lessons from India," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (May 2010)
- "Colonial Legacies in State Bureaucracies: Israel and Cyprus" International Israeli Law and Society Meeting, Tel Aviv University (December 2009)

## INVITED TALKS

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- "The File & The Checkpoint: Colonial bureaucratic legacies in Israel & India" Science & Technology Studies Circle, March 2016, Harvard University.
- "Race and Bureaucracy – How the category of Race changes practices in State Bureaucracies" Bar Ilan University Department of Sociology Colloquium , December 2015
- "Legacies of suspicion: how colonial practices of emergency made citizenship in independent India and Israel" Harvard University, Middle East Beyond Borders Seminar, April 2015

“Phantom Sovereignty: Holy Sites and Bureaucracy in the West Bank and Jerusalem” Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Crossroads of Religion and Politics Lecture Series, February 2015.

“Bureaucratic Weapons of War: The Permit Regime in the West Bank” Harvard University, Middle East Seminar, Cambridge, Massachusetts (November 2014)

“An Exercise in Political Imagination: How Population Management in the EU Inspire Solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict” Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (November 2014)

“Paperwork of Emergency: The Diffusion of Population Classification and Surveillance Technologies in the British Empire” Tel Aviv Law School, Tel Aviv, Israel (December 2013) – A similar talk was given at Haifa University Law School (January 2014)

“Paperwork of Emergency: The Diffusion of Population Classification and Surveillance Technologies in the British Empire” Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia (November 2013)

“Phantom Sovereign: The Bureaucracy of the Occupation in the West Bank” George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies, Washington D.C (November 2013)

“Citizen and Suspect: How Colonial Technologies of Rule Shaped Political Membership in Israel, India & Cyprus”, New York University Department of Sociology, New York, NY (November 2013)

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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Levi Eshkol Institute seed Grant (\$3500)	2016
Hebrew University New Faculty   Research Grant (\$10,000)	2015-2016
Harvard Academy Scholars Program for International & Area Studies (\$65,000)	2014-2015
Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies Dissertation Grant (\$24,000)	2013-2014
Princeton University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship (\$32,000)	2012 - 2013
ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Award (Declined)	2012
Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies Research Grants (\$4,500)	2011, 2012
Visiting Scholar, Center for Law & Governance, J. Nehru University, New Delhi	2011
Stanley Seeger Fellowship for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University (\$2,300)	2010, 2011
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation research affiliate in Cultural Policy Project Award, Center for the Arts and Cultural Policy Study, Princeton University (\$5,000)	2008 -2009
Research Grants, Center for Judaic Studies, Princeton University (\$5,300)	2008-2012
Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University	2007-2012

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Yael Berda Law Offices, Jerusalem**

#### **Lawyer 2004-2007**

Litigation in Israeli High Court, Criminal, Administrative and Military Courts. Major focus on cases of impediments to freedoms of movement, association and free speech; criminal cases in the military courts; also represented in cases related to political membership and status: citizenship, residency, family unification, asylum.

#### **Admitted to the Israeli Bar June 2003**

### **Avigdor Feldman Law Offices**

#### **Law Clerk 2002-2004**

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Constitutional, International and Criminal law.

**Mahapach-Taghir Movement**

**Founder and Director 1998-2002**

Founded a student-led social movement initially based at Hebrew University, to promote social rights and political participation in disempowered neighborhoods and villages, through community organizing and educational accompaniment. By 2001, the organization had grown nationally and received financial support from 6 universities and colleges. Currently the board is run jointly by students and residents of the communities.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

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**Law and Society Association**

British Colonial Legalities Collaborative Research Network & South Asia Collaborative Network

**American Sociological Association**

Section Member: Comparative Historical Sociology; Sociology of Law; Global & Transnational Sociology; Reinhardt Bendix Award Committee 2014

**American Society for Legal History**

**Reviewer:** American Journal of Sociology, Law and Social Inquiry, Feminist Legal Studies, Gender & Society, Israeli Sociology, Cyprus Review (on administrative law, political membership; freedom of movement; colonial administration)

Van Leer Institute: Research Group on Partitions (2012-2014); Research Group on Military Government (2014) Research Group on Collaborative Governance (2016)

LANGUAGES & INTERNATIONAL WORK

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Native English and Hebrew; Fluent in spoken French and proficient in reading French; Proficient in reading Arabic, Intermediate spoken Arabic; Intermediate Spoken Hindi.

Conducted research in Israel; India (New Delhi & Tamil Nadu); Cyprus; Sri Lanka; Egypt; United Kingdom