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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Law (Senior Lecturer)
Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law

EDUCATION

PhD **University of California, Berkeley**
History, Legal & Middle Eastern
Primary fields: Legal history and Middle Eastern history; Outside field: Islamic jurisprudence

MA **University of California, Berkeley**
History, Legal & Middle Eastern

JD **Harvard Law School**

BA **University of California, Berkeley**
Comparative Literature and Near Eastern Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Beginnings of Islamic Law: Late Antique Islamicate Legal Traditions. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. (interview: New Books Network Podcast)

Articles

"Taxing citizens: socio-legal constructions of late antique Muslim identity." *Islamic Law and Society* 23:4 (2016): 333-67. (peer-reviewed; link)

"Tunisia's 'revolutionary' lawyers: political mobilization and professional autonomy." with Eric Gobe, *Law & Social Inquiry* 41, no. 2 (2016): 311-345. (peer-reviewed; link)

"'Comparing' Jewish and Islamic legal traditions: between disciplinarity and critical historical jurisprudence." *Critical Analysis of Law, New Historical Jurisprudence*, 2, no. 1 (2015): 153-172. (invited; link)

"Every law tells a story: orthodox divorce in Jewish and Islamic legal histories." *UC Irvine Law Review* 4, no. 1 (2014): 19-63. (invited; link)

"Early Islamic legal-historical precedents: prisoners of war." *Law and History Review* 26, no. 3 (2008): 521-544. (peer reviewed; link)

Book chapters (invited)

"Temporalities of marriage: medieval Jewish and Islamic legal debates." with Zvi Septimus, in *Talmudic transgressions: engaging the work of Daniel Boyarin*, edited by Charlotte Fonrobert, Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Aharon Shemesh and Moulie Vidas, 201-39. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

"Juvenile justice in Muslim-majority states." Chap. 6 in *Juvenile justice in global perspective*, edited by Franklin E. Zimring, Maximo Langer and David S. Tanenhaus, 249-87. New York: NYU Press, 2015.

"Women in the Middle East: 19th-21st centuries." with Ira M. Lapidus in *A history of Islamic societies*, 652-666. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

"Ottoman law." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 441-442. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 342-343. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

"Scripturalism: Quran, hadith, and law." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 154-167. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 124-133. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

"Women and family in the Ottoman era." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 462-467. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 358-362. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

"Women and family." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 181-190. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 144-149. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

"Women and family: ideology versus reality." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 264-271. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 208-212. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

"Women, family, and society." with Ira M. Lapidus in *Islamic societies to the nineteenth century: a global history*, 19-23. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012. (republished in *A history of Islamic societies*, 16-20. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.)

Encyclopedia entries (invited)

"Islamic law" in the *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2015.

"Middle Eastern and North African legal systems" in the *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2015.

"Geonic law" in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law*, Oxford University Press, 2014.

"Courts." in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and women*, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 581-583. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. (link)

Reviews (invited)

"Between scholarship and polemic in Judeo-Islamic studies." *Islam and Christian–Muslim Relations* 24, no. 3 (2013): 407-418. (peer reviewed; link)

Review of Amy Singer, *Charity in Islamic Societies* (New York, Cambridge University Press, 2008) *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 40, no. 4 (2010): 640-642. (link)

Essays and short pieces

"A genealogy of Islamic law: a critical approach to late antique Islamic legal history." *Mizan* (March 23, 2017) (link)

"A book about the beginnings of Islamic law has its own story of beginning." *Cambridge Core blog* (December 12, 2016) (link)

"Donald Trump's 'sharia law' boogeyman is more Islamophobia." *Informed Comment* (September 8, 2016). (link)

"Propaganda, politics, and profiteering: Islamic law in the contemporary U.S." *Jadaliyya* (September 29, 2014). (link)

"On *taqiyyah* (dissimulation)," *Islawmix*, October 14, 2013. (link)

"Babylonian Talmud, Yoma 18b and Yevamot 37b: is this temporary marriage?" with Zvi Septimus, *The Talmud Blog*, July 31, 2012. (link)

"Thoughts on near eastern legal culture." *The Talmud Blog*, September 19, 2011. (link)

"Normative demands of Islamic studies scholarship." *The Immanent Frame*, August 18, 2011. (link)

"The politics of inaccuracy and a case for 'Islamic law.'" *The Immanent Frame*, July 7, 2011. (link)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (CURRENT)

Collegium member, Zukunftsphilologie, Freie Universität Berlin (2013-) (link)
Editorial board, *Philological Encounters*, Freie Universität Berlin (2013-) (link)
Editorial board, *Law & History Review*, Cambridge University Press (2017-2020)

REVIEWER

Law and History Review (Cambridge University Press)
Politics, Religion & Ideology (Routledge)
Jewish Law Annual (Routledge)
Law & Social Inquiry (American Bar Foundation)
Journal of Near Eastern Studies (University of Chicago)
European Research Council
Israel Science Foundation

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Goldziher as the 'good Orientalist,'" *Inventing Europe in the Modern History of Philosophy*, Freiburg University (October 27, 2017)

"Jewish and Islamic circumcision in tandem," Torah and Qurʾān research group, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem (July 13, 2017)

"Secularizing war: between international and Islamic laws," *Regionalism and Borders*, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, Vienna (June 23, 2017)

"Imperialist feminism and Islamic law," *Rethinking Islam at the Turn of the 21st Century: Liberal Trends, Agents of Change and Reassessments of Islamic Traditions*, The Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University (June 7, 2017)

"German Orientalism and identity politics: the case of Goldziher," Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Association of Israel, Tel Aviv (May 26, 2017)

"Post-secular feminist critique," Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem (May 21, 2017)

"Ḥawl intiqād al-maṣadir al-tarīkhiyah al-islāmiyah wa-mafhūm al-tarīkh ʿind al-mustashriqīn," Arabic studies seminar, Tel Aviv University (April 26, 2017)

"Muslim citizens in late antiquity," Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University (April 25, 2017)

"Should we compare Jewish and Islamic legal traditions?" Tantur Ecumenical Institute and the Jerusalem Global Gateway of the University of Notre Dame, Jerusalem (March 21, 2017)

"Taxer les citoyens: des constructions politiques et économiques de l'identité musulmane," *L'islam et le nouvel esprit du capitalisme: idées, pratiques, processus*, Séminaire de recherche de l'IISMM/EHESS (January 5, 2017)

"Comparing Jewish and Islamic legal traditions," *Minorities in the Islamic world*, Stockholm University (December 20, 2016)

"Comparing Jewish and Islamic legal traditions," Sapir College (December 13, 2016)

"Comparing Jewish and Islamic legal reasoning," *Comparative History of Legal Reasoning*, Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London (December 7, 2016)

"Law from the Bible to the Qurʾān," *The Qurʾān between Judaism and Christianity*, University of Nottingham (December 4, 2016)

"Antisemitism, islamophobia, and secularism," with Shai Lavi, *Key Concepts in Antisemitism*, Toronto (October 5, 2016)

"Islamic historiography as a source of legal dispute," *Law and History: Bridging Methodological and Disciplinary Divides*, Cardozo Law School (September 25, 2016)

"Comparing circumcision: Jewish and Islamic historical traditions in modern law," with Shai Lavi, *Law and History: Bridging Methodological and Disciplinary Divides*, Cardozo Law School (September 25, 2016)

"History in the present: Islamic legal institutions," *Power and Institutions in Medieval Islam and Christendom*, London (June 24, 2016)

"Circumcising member(ship): Jewish and Islamic rituals in tandem," *Limmud*, Cambridge (June 19, 2016)

"Circumcising membership: Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions," Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies, Hebrew University (June 14, 2016)

"The Greeks, the Arabs and Us," *Night of Philosophy*, French Institute, Tel Aviv (May 26, 2016)

"Taxing citizens: socio-legal constructions of late antique Muslim identity," Self and Other, University of Haifa (May 23, 2016)

"Fiqh is applied law," Middle East Studies Departmental Seminar, Ben Gurion University (March 29, 2016)

"Muslim Citizens in Late Antiquity," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley (February 18, 2016)

"Islam in the U.S. public sphere," panel on Religion and secularity in the public sphere, Jewish and Democratic Law: Redrawing Borders, Bar Ilan University (December 29, 2015)

"Rethinking the comparison of Jewish and Islamic legal systems," Comparative Legal Methodology, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg (November 19, 2015)

"Secularizing war: between international and Islamic laws," Order and Contestation: The Role of Actors and Authorities in Islamic International Law and International Relations, University of Helsinki (November 18, 2015)

"Taxing citizens: socio-legal constructions of late antique Muslim identity," Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto (October 5, 2015)

"Constituting religion: the German constitutional case of Jewish and Muslim circumcision," with Shai Lavi, Constitutional Cultures: Identities, Texts, Institutions, Queens University (October 2, 2015)

"Substituting Script: Arabic, Judaeo-Arabic, and Romanization," World Scripts: Concepts and Practices of Writing from a Comparative Perspective, summer academy organized by Zukunftsphilologie, Forum Transregionale Studien, Max Weber Stiftung - Geisteswissenschaftliche Institute im Ausland, University of Cape Town, French Institute, South Africa (September 6, 2015)

"Tunisia's 'revolutionary' lawyers," Democratic Understandings, Harvard Seminar on "Topographies of Citizenship, Cambridge University (July 2, 2015)

"Antisemitism and Islamophobia," Basic Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism, Toronto-Tel Aviv University (June 25, 2015)

"Sacred parts: circumcising secular membership," with Shai Lavi, Religion, Secularism, and Political Belonging, CHCI/Mellon Initiative, Minerva Humanities Center, Tel Aviv University (June 24, 2015)

"Islamic historiography as a source of legal dispute," Interpretation and Legal Change: A Comparative Perspective, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (June 15, 2015)

"Rethinking the comparison of Jewish and Islamic legal systems," Early Career Workshop on Interreligious Dynamics, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, King's College, Cambridge (May 26, 2015)

"Temporalities of marriage," Interpretation as a generator of religious law: a comparative perspective research group, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (April 30, 2015)

"Temporalities of marriage," Unexpected Sources of Law, Tel Aviv University (April 20, 2015)

"Taxing citizens: socio-legal constructions of late antique Muslim identity," Legal and Moral Challenges of Religious Resurgence, Van Leer, Jerusalem (March 23, 2015)

"Circumcising member(ship): Jewish and Islamic rituals in tandem," Religious Boundaries and their Maintenance in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Late Antique-Medieval Studies, Pomona (Feb. 21, 2015)

"Comparison and critical historical jurisprudence," Living together: exploring modes of political membership and Globalization and the conflict of the Humanities: a Middle Eastern perspective, Minerva Humanities Center (January 20, 2015)

"Comparison and critical historical jurisprudence," Tel Aviv Law Faculty Workshop (November 26, 2014)