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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2010 - 2016 Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Doctorate
Title of Dissertation: "Between Individual and Community Justice: Assessing Transnational Tort Human Rights Litigation"
Supervisors: Prof. Leora Bilsky and Prof. Avihay Dorfman
- 1998 - 1999 London School of Economics and Political Science, LLM, with merit
- 1993 - 1997 King's College London and Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne
LLB and Maîtrise, English and French Law, with honors

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-present Vice-Dean for Teaching, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- 2024 (Spring) Visiting Professor, Georgetown Law Center
- 2022-present Senior Lecturer (equivalent to Associate Professor), with tenure, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- 2017-2022 Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor), Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
- 2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Minerva Center for Human Rights (Human Rights under Pressure program).
- 2015-2016 Research Fellow, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, University of Texas, Austin School of Law.
- 2006-2009 Attorney, Bank Leumi, Tel Aviv Headquarters, Legal Division.
- 2005-2006 Attorney, Goldfarb, Levy, Eran & Co, Tel Aviv, Corporate Department.
- 1999-2001 Trainee Attorney, Goldfarb, Levy, Eran & Co, Tel Aviv, Corporate Department.
- 2002-2004 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

LANGUAGES

English and French: native languages

Hebrew: fluent

Italian and Spanish: advanced

COURSES TAUGHT

2017-2025 International Human Rights Law
 Empirical Approaches to International Human Rights Law
 Security Exports and Human Rights
 The Arms Trade and International Law
 Constitutional Law
 International Law Workshop

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2025 Criminal Law, Social and Political Change: Between National and International Law, University of Cologne: *The New Atrocity in International Law*

2025 Conference on International Cyber Security, Hague Program on International Cyber Security: *Big Tech as Spyware Regulator*

2025 Departmental Seminar, Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law: *Big Tech as Spyware Regulator*

2025 Departmental Seminar, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law: *Big Tech as Spyware Regulator*

2025 Oxford Handbook on Global Corporations and International Law authors' online workshop: *Arms Trade* chapter

2024 Annual Minerva Conference on International Humanitarian Law - 'The Gaza War and International Law: Norms and Institutions: *The Gaza War and International Arms Trade Law*

2024 IVR, 31st World Congress of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy: *Countering Populists' Legal Theory* (co-authored with Ofra Bloch)

2024 Sciences Po-TAU Liberal/Democracy Workshop, Sciences Po Paris: *Countering Populists' Legal Theory* (co-authored with Ofra Bloch)

2024 Sciences Po Paris, Intensive Doctoral Week : *International Law, the Arms Trade and the War in Gaza*

2024 Georgetown Law Center on National Security Workshop: *The New Atrocity in International Law*

2024 Tel Aviv University Privacy Conference: *Big Tech as Spyware Regulator*

2024 Forum "The Implications of the Russian War in Ukraine for Global Information, Communication, and Cybersecurity", Oxford Internet Institute: *Big Tech as Spyware Regulator*

2023 12th Annual Cambridge International Law Conference, Cambridge University: *From Atrocity to Everyday Violence in International Law*

2022 The Value(s) of the European Convention on Human Rights, Research Workshop, University of Birmingham Law School: *The Value of the European Convention on Human Rights for Israeli Courts* (co-authored with Tamar Hostovsky Brandes)

2022 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon: *From Atrocity to Everyday Violence in International Law*

- 2022 Nova School of Law (online): *book event on American Transitional Justice: Writing Cold War History in Human Rights Litigation* with comments by Veronica Corcodel and Jeremy Sarkin
- 2022 Haifa University, Faculty of Law, Departmental Seminar: *The Judicial Review of Legality* (co-authored with Leora Bilsky)
- 2022 Reichman University, Faculty of Law, Departmental Seminar: *Israeli Courts and International Human Rights Law* (co-authored with Tamar Hostovsky Brandes)
- 2021 University of Texas, Austin School of Law, Departmental Seminar: *The Judicial Review of Legality* (with Leora Bilsky)
- 2021 Bar-Ilan University, Faculty of Law, Departmental Seminar: *The Judicial Review of Legality* (with Leora Bilsky)
- 2020 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Transitional Justice and the Crisis of Democracy Conference: *The Invisibility of Nationalism in Transitional Justice* (with Limor Yehuda)
- 2020 Israeli Association of Law and History, online Annual Conference, Panel on new books: *American Transitional Justice*
- 2019 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Workshop on Genocide, Restitution and Reparations: Expanding the Category: *When International Human Rights Law Goes Material*
- 2019 University of Edinburgh Faculty of Law, Edinburgh-Glasgow International Law Workshop: *Human Rights Realism*
- 2018 Cornell University, Cornell International Law Journal Symposium “Transnational Legal Feminisms: Challenges and Opportunities: *The Feminist Expansion of Torture: Towards a Post-Liberal International Human Rights Law?*
- 2018 Medical Faculty of Aix-Marseille University, International Network of Genocide Scholars Global Conference: *The Changing Definition of Torture: A Socio-Legal Inquiry*
- 2018 University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv-Toronto Private Law Junior Scholars: *A Legal Realist Approach to Accountability for Gross Human Rights Abuses*
- 2017 University of Sussex Centre for Human Rights Research, Challenging Human Rights Disenchantment conference: *The Empirical Turn in Human Rights as a Challenge to Disenchantment*
- 2017 Bar Ilan University Law School, Transnational Legal and Political Theory Conference: *Rethinking Transnational Remedies for Gross Human Rights Abuses: Lessons from the Lost Battle for Universal Civil Jurisdiction.*
- 2016 University of Texas, Austin School of Law, Faculty Drawing Board session: *Human Rights and Remedies*
- 2016 University of Texas, Austin School of Law, Inequality and Human Rights conference: *Alien Tort Statute Litigation and Transitional Justice: Bringing the Marcos Case Back to the Philippines*
- 2016 University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Law As.... Minor Jurisprudence in

Historical Key symposium: *Toward a Self-Reflective Law?*

- 2015 Stanford University Law School, Program in Law and Society Conference: *Alien Tort Statute Litigation and Transitional Justice: Bringing the Marcos Case Back to the Philippines*
- 2015 Sciences Po Paris, Intensive Doctoral Week, Teaching International Human Rights Law workshop: *Human Rights in the Social Sciences: an Introduction for Lawyers*
- 2015 Sciences Po Paris, Intensive Doctoral Week: *Judging the Western Bloc in U.S. Courts: Alien Tort Statute Litigation and American Memories of the Cold War*
- 2014 Oxford University, Transitional Justice Research, Borders and Boundaries in Transitional Justice conference: *Alien Tort Statute Litigation as Transitional Justice: An Ambiguous Way to Address the Neo-Colonial Past*
- 2013 University of Texas, Austin School of Law, Impunity, Justice and the Human Rights Agenda conference: *Representations of Political Violence in the Shadow of Alien Tort Statute Litigation: The Filártiga Case*
- 2013 Universidad Columbia, Asunción, Paraguay, *La Competencia Universal Civil*
- 2013 Israeli Law and History Association conference: *Representations of Political Violence in the Shadow of Alien Tort Statute Litigation: The Filártiga Case*
- 2012 Harvard Law School, Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop: *Between Individual and Community Justice: Assessing Transnational Tort Human Rights Litigation*
- 2012 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, European Society for Comparative Legal History conference: *The Swiss and German Holocaust Litigation: Two Processual Models for Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations* (co-authored with Leora Bilsky)

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2025 Cornell University Law School and Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Law and the Challenges to Democracy Symposium (co-organizer)
- 2023 Sciences Po Paris, Intensive Doctoral Week, plenary panel (co-organizer)
- 2023 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Annual meeting of ICON-S Israel branch (head of organization committee)
- 2022-23 Online workshop on the Arms Trade and the Law (co-organizer with Tamar Megiddo and Yahli Shereshevsky)
- 2021-22 Tel Aviv University-University of Ottawa online workshop in public law (co-organizer with Terry Skolnik)
- 2020 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Transitional Justice and the Crisis of Democracy Conference (co-organizer with faculty at the Minerva Centers for Human Rights, TAU and HUJI)
- 2019 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv-Toronto Private Law Junior Scholars
- 2019 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Roundtable Should we Revise our Syllabi? Torture in Israeli

Case-Law after the Tbeish Decision Workshop

- 2018 Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, International and Human Rights Law from the Margins
(co-organizer with Prof. Leora Bilsky and Dr. Doreen Lustig)
- 2014 Tel Aviv University Law School, Conference on The Istanbul Protocol for the Evaluation of
Torture: Uses in Israel, Legal and Ethical Dilemmas

OTHER

- 2018-present Referee of articles for:
- Business and Human Rights Journal
 - European Journal of International Law
 - Hamishpat
 - International Journal of Constitutional Law
 - International Journal of Transitional Justice
 - Journal of Contemporary Asia
 - Law and Social Inquiry
 - Leiden Journal of International Law
 - Tel Aviv University Law Review
 - University of New South Wales Law Journal
 - VRUe/Law and Politics in Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- Referee of grant proposals to Israel Science Foundation.
- 2019-present Directs the team of Israel reporters for the Oxford Reports on International Law in
Domestic Courts.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- 2023-2026 Israel Science Foundation Grant. No. 1217/23 The Roles of Law in Israeli Security
Exports (total 450,000 NIS)
- 2019-2023 Israel Science Foundation Grant no. 1938/19 How Domestic Violence Became
Torture in International Human Rights Law (total 420,000 NIS)
- 2014, 2016 Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, University of Haifa,
research grants

INTERNAL GRANTS & ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Chief Justice Meir Shamgar Center for Digital Law and Innovation Faculty Grant (2023-24, 2025-26)
- Minerva Stiftung Grant, jointly with Prof. Leora Bilsky, Engaging Victims of Human Rights Abuses in
International Law (2018)

Cegla Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law, Tel Aviv University Law School research grants (2017, 2018)

Paulina Goldberg Foundation for International Law research grants (2017, 2018)

David Berg Foundation for Law and History research grants, Tel Aviv University Law School (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018)

Minerva Center for Human Rights Tel Aviv University Law School, Human Rights, Globalization and the Family research grant (2016)

Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies Tel Aviv University Law School Fellowship (2010-2014)

Doctoral Fellowship, Tel Aviv University Law School, Global Trust E.R.C (2014-15)

Minerva Center for Human Rights Tel Aviv University Law School, Human Rights: Critical and Historical Approaches research grant (2014)

Minerva Center for Human Rights Tel Aviv University Law School, Law, Globalization and the Transnational Sphere research grants (2012, 2013)

Raul Wallenberg Prize in Human Rights and Holocaust Studies, Tel Aviv University (2013)

Barlow, Lyde & Gilbert award for second best final examination in Tort Law at King's College London (1995)

TEACHING AWARDS

2021, 2022, 2025 Tel Aviv University Teaching Excellence List of 100 (list of top 100 faculty members in the university, based on student reviews)

2023 Tel Aviv University Teaching Innovation Award (awarded to 10 faculty members in the university), for pedagogical innovation in course "Security Exports and Human Rights".

2021 Tel Aviv University Teaching Excellence Award (awarded to one faculty member in each school, based on student reviews)

DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED

2024-present Dmitry Sukhanov, "Federalism and Electoral Manipulations in Russia".

2023-present Miri Sharon, "The Right to Legal Aid in International Human Rights Law" (co-supervised with Prof. Yoav Sapir).

2023-present Gal Rosilio, "The Effects of Judicial Review on the Legislative Process in Israel".

2022-present Raz Saker, "Constitution-making, Territory and External Borders" (co-supervised with Prof. Hannah Lerner and Prof. Uriel Abulof).

MASTER STUDENTS SUPERVISED

2020-2024 Mais Abdallah, "Translating Gender into the Legal Framework of Counterterrorism."

2021-2022 Jade Kosche, "Worker-Driven Social Responsibility: Ensuring Ethical Labor Practices in

Global Value Chains” (co-supervision with Prof. Hila Shamir)
2021-2022 Julia Mechecka, “Cyber-attacks under International Law”

PUBLICATIONS

Books

American Transitional Justice: Writing Cold War History in Human Rights Litigation (Cambridge University Press, Human Rights in History Series, 2020).

Articles

“Big Tech as Transnational Spyware Regulator” Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal (forthcoming)

“Government Lawyers, Populism and Positivism: A Response to W. Bradley Wendel” Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy (forthcoming)

“International Human Rights Law in Israeli Courts: Socialization without Internalization” TAU Law Review (forthcoming) (with Tamar Hostovsky Brandes, Matar Ben Ishai, and Gilad Mor) (in Hebrew)

“Countering Populists’ Legal Theory” Theoretical Inquiries in Law (forthcoming) (with Ofra Bloch)

“The New Atrocity in International Law” 58 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1 (2025)

“The European Convention on Human Rights in Israeli Courts” 20 European Constitutional Law Review 4, 2023 (with Tamar Hostovsky Brandes).

“Israeli Courts and the Paradox of International Human Rights Law” 33 European Journal of International Law 1243, 2022 (with Tamar Hostovsky Brandes).

“The Judicial Review of Legality” 72 University of Toronto Law Journal 403, 2022 (with Leora Bilsky)

“Everyday Lawmaking in International Human Rights Law: Insights from the Inclusion of Domestic Violence in the Prohibition of Torture” 47 Law and Social Inquiry 205, 2021

“Legal Ethics in Authoritarian Legality: A Response to David Luban” 34 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 665, 2021 (with Leora Bilsky)

“The Regularization Law and the Rule of Law” Tel Aviv University Law Review Forum, 2021 (with Leora Bilsky) (in Hebrew) <https://www.taulawreview.sites.tau.ac.il/bilskydavidson>

“Human Rights Realism” 54 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 31, 2021

“The Feminist Expansion of the Prohibition of Torture: Toward a Post-Liberal International Human Rights Law?” 52 Cornell International Law Journal 109, 2019

“Alien Tort Statute Litigation and Transitional Justice: Bringing the Marcos Case back to the Philippines” 11 International Journal of Transitional Justice 257, 2017

“Toward a Self-Reflexive Law? Narrating Torture’s Legality in Human Rights Litigation” 21 Law, Culture, Text 100, 2017

“Shifting the Lenses on Alien Tort Statute Litigation: Narrating U.S. Hegemony in Filártiga and Marcos” 28 European Journal of International Law 20, 2017

“A Process-Oriented Approach to Corporate Liability for Human Rights Violations” 4 Transnational Legal Theory 1, 2013 (with Leora Bilsky)

“From Kiobel back to Structural Reform: The Hidden Legacy of Holocaust Restitution Litigation” 2 Stanford Journal of Complex Litigation 138, 2014 (with Leora Bilsky and Rodger Citron)

Chapters in Books

"Process-Tracing the Meaning of International Human Rights Law" in Rossana Deplano and Nicholas Tsagourias eds., Handbook on Research Methods in International Law 229 (Elgar, 2021).

“From Political Repression to Torturer Impunity: The Narrowing of Filártiga v. Peña-Irala” Karen Engle, Zinaida Miller and D.M. Davis (Eds.), Anti-Impunity and the Human Rights Agenda, 255 (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

Chapters in Books Accepted for Publication

“Arms Trade” in Andreas Kulick, Doreen Lustig, and Andrew Sanger (eds.), Oxford Handbook on Global Corporations and International Law (forthcoming).

“This is Not Who we Are: On the Representation of Israeli Society in the Judgments of Eliezer Rivlin”

in Itzhak Amit, Aharon Barak, Sharon Zenzifer Helfman, Ariel Porat, and Guy Shani eds., The Eliezer Rivlin Book (forthcoming).

Other

Eyal Benvenisti, Orna Ben-Naftali, Natalie R. Davidson and David Kretzmer, Legal Opinion submitted on July 21, 2021 to Israeli Supreme Court by experts in international human rights law on the right to housing and the right to property, in support of legal claims of residents of Silwan neighborhood in East Jerusalem against their eviction.