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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**

- 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**

2017-2023 International Human Rights Law  
Empirical Approaches to International Human Rights Law  
Security Exports and Human Rights  
Constitutional Law  
International Law Workshop

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

2023 (planned) 12<sup>th</sup> 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*
- 2013 Tel Aviv University Law School, Judging Human Rights Violations 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**

- 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
  - International Journal of Constitutional Law
  - Hamishpat
  - 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
  - International Journal of Transitional Justice.

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**

2019-2022 Israel Science Foundation Grant no. 1938/19 (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**

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**

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)

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books**

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

### **Articles**

“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**

“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.