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CURRENT POSITION

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University
Affiliated Faculty, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

PhD, Political Science, 2017

Dissertation: "Probability, Distributive Justice, and the Promise of Social Insurance"

Committee: Professors Harvey C. Mansfield, Michael Sandel, and Richard Tuck

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

JD, 2011

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

BA, Social Studies (*summa cum laude*), 2003

Thesis: "Spinoza and the Challenge of Liberal Virtue"

Advisor: Professor Harvey C. Mansfield

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Lecturer, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University (2018–2019, 2019–2020)

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University (2017–2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Probable Justice: Risk, Insurance, and the Welfare State (University of Chicago Press, 2020)

Reviewed in: *Political Theory*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Economic Record*, *Choice* ("Outstanding Academic Title" 2021)

Articles:

- "Aristotle's Case for Political Mixing: The Best Regimes and the Incommensurable Goods of Political Life," *Ancient Philosophy* (forthcoming)
- "Solidarities in Times of Fracture: The Curious Case of Israel's 'Savings for Every Child' Program" (with Ayelet Carmeli), *Theoretical Inquiries in Law* (forthcoming)
- "Aristotle on Reciprocity, Equivalent Value, and the Embeddedness of Markets," *Law and Contemporary Problems* (April 2024)
- "Probabilistic Justice against Status Defense" (with Torben Iversen), *Theory and Society* (April 2024)
- "Understanding Social Insurance: Risk and Value Pluralism in the Early British Welfare State," *Political Research Quarterly* (May 2022)
- "The Institution of the *Gemach* in Israel and its Regulation," *Law, Society, and Culture* (with Yoram Margalioth) (April 2022)
- "Friendship as a Non-Relative Virtue," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (July 2021)

Comment (Peer Reviewed):

- "Myths and Fitness Interdependence: Beyond Coalitional Longevity," *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (January 2024)

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

“Richard Price on the Politics of Probability,” in *Recovering Price*, ed. Huw Williams and Nicole Whalen (University of Whales Press, forthcoming)

Works in Progress or Under Review:

“Complex Reciprocity: An Aristotelian Framework for Social Cooperation”

“Solidarity as a Political Value”

“Reflections on the Revolution that Wasn’t: The Challenge of Due Process for Social Insurance Benefits”

“Welfare Erosion and Democratic Backsliding: The Case of Israel” (with Eyal Benvenisti)

AFFILIATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research Grant, Israel Science Foundation	2024–27
Zeltner Prize for Excellence in the Law, Junior Scholar	2024
Program Grant, MIT-Israel Zuckerman STEM Fund (with Andrea Campbell)	2023–25
Program Grant, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University	2023–25
Research Grant, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University	2021
Research Grant, Cegla Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law, Tel Aviv University	2020
Research Grant, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University	2020
Postdoctoral Fellow, Fulbright Program	2017–19
Postdoctoral Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University	2017–19
Visiting Fellow, David Berg Institute for Law and History, Tel Aviv University	2016–17
Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2016–17
Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (for “Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy”), Harvard University	2009
GSAS Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (declined)	2007
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Term-Time Fellowship, Harvard University	2006–08
Alexis de Tocqueville Prize for best senior thesis in Social Studies (shared), Harvard University	2003
Thomas Hoopes Prize for excellence in undergraduate research, Harvard University	2003
Phi Beta Kappa	2002

INVITED TALKS (Selected)

“Aristotle on the Reciprocity of the Market”

- Program on Constitutional Government, Harvard University, May 2026 (scheduled)
- Gala Conference, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University, June 2023
- TAU-Max Planck Conference on Methodological Tensions in Understanding Markets, Tel Aviv University, December 2022

“Risk, Insurance, and the Welfare State”

- New Ideas in Insurance Series, University of Connecticut Law School, September 2024

“Complex Reciprocity: An Aristotelian Framework for Social Cooperation”

- American Political Science Association, September 2024
- International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, July 2024

“Theory and Practice in *Reclaiming the Public*”

- Symposium on Avihay Dorman and Alon Harel’s *Reclaiming the Public*, Tel Aviv University, July 2024

“Probabilistic Justice against Status Defense” (with Torben Iversen)

- State and Capitalism Seminar, Harvard University, March 2024
- International Conference on Vulnerabilities in Old Age, Bar Ilan University, May 2022

“Politics, the Public-Private Distinction, and the Limits of Liberalism”

- Conference on Hanoch Dagan and Avihay Dorfman’s, *Relational Justice: A Theory of Private Law*, Tel Aviv University, December 2023

“Richard Price on the Politics of Probability”

- Recovering Richard Price: Tercentenary Symposium, Cardiff University, July 2023

“Social Insurance and the New Property: Reassessing the Revolution that Wasn’t”

- University of Ottawa-Tel Aviv University Public Law Workshop, May 2022

“Between Realism and Utopia (Or, What Aristotle Can Teach Us about the Welfare State)”

- Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University, December 2021
- Israeli Inter-University Political Theory Conference, October 2021

“*Probable Justice* and the State of Risk Scholarship in Political Science”

- Author-Meets-Critics Panel on *Probable Justice*, American Political Science Association, September 2021

“Probabilistic Justice and the Beginning of Social Insurance”

- Faculty Seminar, Tel Aviv University Law Faculty, October 2019
- The Jerusalem Lecture Series in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2019

“The Collectivization of Risk and the Early Welfare States”

- Law and Philosophy Workshop, Hebrew University Law Faculty, May 2017
- Center for European Studies Dissertation Workshop, Harvard University, October 2016
- Legal History Junior Scholars Workshop, Tel Aviv University, April 2016

“The Egalitarian Welfare State and the Ambiguities of Insurance”

- Law and History Workshop, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, November 2016

TEACHING

Welfare Law (Hebrew)

Politics vs. Markets? The Development of Welfare States (Hebrew)

Introduction to Law and Humanities (Hebrew)

Value Pluralism in Public Law (Graduate Course) (English)

Social Rights: Advanced Seminar (Graduate Course) (Hebrew)

Solidarity and Democracy: The Case of the Welfare State (Postdoctoral Seminar) (English)

Judgment: Theory and Legal Practice (English)

Law and History Workshop (Hebrew)

Transnational Legal History Workshop (English)

Labor and Welfare Workshop (Hebrew)

SERVICE (Selected)

Director, Research Lab on the Welfare State and the Crisis of Democracy in Israel, Center for Applied Research on Risks to Democracy, Tel Aviv University (2025–27)

Co-Chair, MIT-TAU Workshop on Solidarity in Times of Fracture (2024 and 2025) (with Andrea Campbell)

Convener, Safra Center Reading Group on Solidarity in Times of Fracture (2023–24)

Organizing Committee, Liberalism Revisited Academic Excellence Center, Tel Aviv University (2022–24)

Organizing Committee, Israeli Legal History Association Conference (2021)

Referee for *Political Research Quarterly*; *Polis*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Iyunei Mishpat*; *Maasei Mishpat*

Mentor, Undergraduate Arab Student-Faculty Mentorship Program (2021–present)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (Selected)

Summer Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Summer 2010

Special Advisor, United States Department of State, Summer 2006

LANGUAGES

Modern Hebrew (fluent)

French (advanced reading)

Attic Greek (basic reading)