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### **CURRENT POSITION**

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)

#### Articles:

“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 Y. Margalioth) (April 2022)

“Friendship as a Non-Relative Virtue,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (July 2021)

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

History of political philosophy

History of economic thought

Theories of distributive justice

Aristotelian ethics and politics

Political theory of the welfare state

Israeli welfare law

Comparative welfare law and policy

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Welfare Law (Hebrew)  
The Welfare State: Philosophy, Politics, and Law (English)  
Judgment: Theory and Legal Practice (English)  
Politics vs. Markets? The Development of Welfare States (Hebrew)  
Introduction to Law and Humanities (Hebrew)  
Value Pluralism in Public Law (Graduate Course) (English)  
Law and History Workshop (Hebrew)  
Labor and Welfare Workshop (Hebrew)

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Research Grant, Tel Aviv University	2021
Cegla Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Law Research Grant, Tel Aviv University	2020
Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Research Grant, Tel Aviv University	2020
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship	2017–19
Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Postdoctoral Fellowship, 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
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**

“Aristotle on Reciprocity, Equivalent Value, and the Embeddedness of Markets,” Conference on Methodological Tensions in Understanding Markets, Tel Aviv University, December 2022

“Status Anxiety and the Future of Social Security” (paper co-authored with Torben Iversen), International Conference on Vulnerabilities in Old Age, Bar Ilan University, May 2022

“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),” 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 Conference, September 2021

“Probabilistic Justice and the Beginnings of Social Insurance,” 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

“The Egalitarian Welfare State and the Ambiguities of Insurance,” Law and History Workshop, Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, November 2016

“The Collectivization of Risk and the Early Welfare States,” Legal History Junior Scholars Workshop, Tel Aviv University, April 2016.

**SELECTED ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

“Both—and Neither?: Aristotle’s Mixed Regime and the Welfare State,” Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University, December 2021

“Social Insurance and the Judiciary,” Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University, April 2021

“The Origins of Social Insurance,” Law and Humanities Workshop, Tel Aviv University, March 2020

“The Collectivization of Risk and the Early Welfare States,” Center for European Studies Dissertation Workshop, Harvard University, October 2016.

**SELECTED LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**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)