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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:**

“Probabilistic Justice against Status Defense” (with Torben Iversen), *Theory and Society* (forthcoming)

“Aristotle on Reciprocity, Equivalent Value, and the Embeddedness of Markets,” *Law and Contemporary Problems* (forthcoming)

“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)

#### **Works in Progress or Under Review:**

“Aristotle’s *Politics* as Empirically Grounded Political Theory: A Reconstruction and Defense”

“An Aristotelian Framework for Social Cooperation”

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

“Richard Price on the Politics of Probability”

“Solidarity and Fractures in Social Policy: Israel’s ‘Savings for Every Child’ Program” (with Ayelet Carmeli)

## **TEACHING**

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)  
Law and History Workshop (Hebrew)  
Transnational Legal History Workshop (English)  
Labor and Welfare Workshop (Hebrew)  
Value Pluralism in Public Law (Graduate Course) (English)  
Social Rights: Seminar (Graduate Course) (Hebrew)

## **SELECTED AFFILIATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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**

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

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

“Risk, Insurance, and the Welfare State”

- New Ideas in Insurance Series, University of Connecticut Law School, October 2023 (postponed due to war)

“Richard Price on the Politics of Probability”

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

“Aristotle on Reciprocity, Equivalent Value, and the Embeddedness of Markets”

- 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

“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

### **SELECTED SERVICE**

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

Co-Chair, MIT-TAU Workshop on Solidarity in Times of Fracture: Theory, Empirics, and Law (scheduled)

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)

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

### **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)