

Jessica Montell

Jessica Montell has been a leading figure in the Israeli human rights community for two decades. She is a frequent lecturer and commentator on human rights, international humanitarian law and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Ms. Montell has consulted for local and international institutions on organizational development, impact assessment and various issues related to the Israeli occupation.

Experience	2017-present	Jerusalem, Israel
	Executive Director, HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual	
	2016-2017	Jerusalem, Israel
	Founding Director, SISO: Save Israel, Stop the Occupation	
	2014-2017	Jerusalem, Israel
	Organizational Consultant	
	Conducted assessments, evaluations and strategic planning processes for Israeli and international NGOs and UN agencies.	
	2014-2015	Jerusalem, Israel
	Research Fellow, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem	
	Conducted research on the impact of the Israeli-Palestinian human rights community, funded by SIDA. Findings published in <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i> and presented to policymakers, diplomats, think-tanks and NGOs in Jerusalem, Brussels, Stockholm and Washington DC.	
	2001-2014	Jerusalem, Israel
	Executive Director, B'Tselem: the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories	
	1995–2001	Jerusalem, Israel
	Development Director, B'Tselem	
Professional Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturer, Thematic Workshops on Occupation Law, PHAP and HPCR, 2011 and 2012. Implementation and Enforcement of International Humanitarian Law• Council member, International Council on Human Rights Policy, 2004-2010.• Founding board member and chair of the finance committee, Hand in Hand: the Center for Bilingual Education in Israel, 1998-2005.• Consultant, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. Authored chapter on Israeli-Occupied Territories and Palestinian Authority for Critique: Review of the U.S. Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, 1996 and 1997.	

Education	<p>Master of International Affairs, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, 1995. Concentration in Human Rights and International Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic, 1994-1995 • Dean's Fellowship, 1993-1994 <p>Bachelor of Arts, Women's Studies and Near Eastern Studies, Oberlin College, 1986 – 1990.</p>
Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected by Action on Armed Violence as one of "the 100 Most Influential People in Armed Violence Reduction," 2013. • Selected by <i>Ha'aretz</i> newspaper as one of "Israel's 10 most influential Anglo immigrants," 2011. • Selected by <i>TheMarker</i> as one of "the 50 most influential women in Israel for 2007."
Lectures and Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular speaking engagements in universities, synagogues and churches in the United States; briefings for diplomats and policymakers; presentations in UN fora and other international conferences. • Sessions at Limmud-UK and Limmud South Africa on topics relating to human rights and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, 2017 and 2019. • GlobalNet21 Webinar: Human rights and Israeli settlements in the West Bank, 7 April, 2016. • Lecturer, Thematic Workshops on Occupation Law, PHAP and HPCR, 2011 and 2012. Presentations: "Implementation and Enforcement of International Humanitarian Law".
Publications	<p><i>Prisoners of Peace: Administrative Detention in the Oslo Process</i>, B'Tselem: 1997.</p>
Monograph	
Chapters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Are Human Rights an Effective Weapon in the Struggle for Justice in Palestine?" <i>Moment of Truth: Tackling the Hard Questions in Israel Palestine</i>, Jamie Stern-Weiner, editor, OR Books: 2018. • "The Drinking Fountain at the Checkpoint," <i>Defending Hope: Dispatches from the Front Lines in Palestine and Israel</i>, Eoin Murray and James Mehigan, editors, Veritas, 2018. • "Israeli-Occupied Territories" in <i>Playing the "Communal Card: Communal Violence and Human Rights</i>, Human Rights Watch, 1995, reprinted as <i>Slaughter Among Neighbors: The Political Origins of Communal Violence</i>, Yale University Press: 1995.
Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Learning From What Works: Strategic Analysis of the Achievements of the Israel-Palestine Human Rights Community," <i>Human Rights Quarterly</i>, vol. 38 no. 4, 2016, pp. 928-968. • Blogger, OpenGlobalRights, 2013-present. • Frequent contributor of opinion pieces in local and international media, including <i>Jerusalem Post</i>, <i>Foreign Policy</i>, <i>Washington Post</i>, <i>ynet</i>, <i>The Forward</i>, and the <i>Los Angeles Times</i>.
Languages	<p>Native English speaker, fluent Hebrew, conversational Arabic (Modern Standard and Palestinian dialect), basic comprehension in French</p>