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Areas of Interest

Iranian Nationalism

Religion and Nationalism in the Middle East

Education

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin, (2013-2014).

PhD – Tel Aviv University, Department of Middle East and African History, the Center for Iranian Studies, (2006-2012). Research topic: "**Historical Awareness in Iran during the Reign of Muhammad Reza Shah, 1941-1979**".

(Supervisors: Prof. David Menashri and Prof. Meir Litvak)

Awards and scholarships: a matching scholarship sponsored by the TAU Rector and the Center for Iranian Studies. ISEF scholarship.

M.A. – Hebrew University, Department of International Relations, the Contemporary Middle East Program. Master's degree in the research track. Thesis subject: Anton Sa'ada and Pan-Syrianism; Supervisor: Prof. Avraham Sela (2001-2003).

Awards and scholarships: Davis Institute Excellence Scholarship.

B.A. - Open University, Department of Political Science and International Relations, BA magna cum laude (1996–2000).

Awards and scholarships: Neuderfer Excellence Scholarship.

Academic Positions

Post-Doctoral Fellow, **Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace**, Hebrew University, 2014-2015

Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellow, **Department for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas**, Austin, 2013-2014

Post-Doctoral Fellow, **Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Hebrew University**, 2012-2013

Doctoral Research Fellow, **Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University**, 2007-2012

Awards and scholarships: Fulbright Postdoc Fellowship for the academic year 2013-2014.

Publications

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

"**Historical Awareness in Iran during the Reign of Muhammad Reza Shah, 1941-1979**", PhD thesis, Tel Aviv University, 2012

ARTICLES:

"Arab Socialism and Ecumenical Tendencies in Egypt (1962-1970)" (British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Taylor and Francis, DOI 10.1080/13530194.2015.1124753)

"Religious Appropriation of National Symbols in Iran: Searching for Cyrus the Great", Iranian Studies, Taylor and Francis, vol. 48, issue: 6, 2015, 933-948

"Realms of Iranian Memory: Persepolis as a Test Case" (in Hebrew), Hamizrach Hachadash, vol. 49, 2010

CHAPTERS IN COLLECTIONS:

"The Islamic Republic and pre-Islamic heritage in Iran" (in Hebrew), Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 2016 (approved)

"True Muslims Must Always Be Tidy and Clean" - Exoticism of the Countryside in Late Pahlavi Iran, Tel Aviv University, 2016 (approved)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Antun Sa'ada and Pan-Syrian Nationalism (in Hebrew), M.A. thesis, Hebrew University, 2004

Teaching Experience

- **Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem** (2012-2015). Lecturer
"Religion and Nationalism in the Middle East"
"The Arab-Israeli Conflict"
- **University of Texas, Austin** (2013-2014)
"The Arab –Israeli Conflict", Graduate Course.
"Nationalisms in the Middle East", Graduate Course.
- **Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.** (2012-2013) Lecturer, "The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict"
- **Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv** (2009)
Course coordinator and teaching assistant in the Department of History of the Middle East and Africa, "Senior Civil Servants Program". Academic counseling and assistance in writing papers for senior civil servants in graduate studies in Middle Eastern history.
The Open University, Jerusalem (2007). Lecturer at the course "Introduction to Contemporary Middle Eastern History".

- **The Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (2006)**
Research Assistant to senior researchers from Israel and abroad on the topic "State and Religion in Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism".

Recent Conferences and Presentations

- "From Pahlavi Rule to Iranian Diaspora – Shojaeddin Shafa' and his polemics of Iranian identity", **Middle East Studies Association**, Denver, November 2015
- "The National Appropriation of Religious Symbols in Iran - Quranic Exegesis in the Service of Iranian Identity", **Middle East Studies Association**, Washington DC, November 2014
- "Pre-Islamic Legacy in the Islamic Republic of Iran", Guest Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Studies, **University of California, Berkeley**, November 2013.

Languages

Hebrew, English, Arabic, Persian, German
Basic: **French**