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1. Personal Details

Date of Birth: August 22, 1946
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2. Higher Education

1. 1975, Degree of "Bachelor of Art" ("Cum Laude") in the Department of Philosophy – Single Major, University of Haifa, Israel.
2. 1978, Degree of "Master of Arts" ("Cum Laude") in the Department of Philosophy – Single Major, University of Haifa, Israel.
3. 1983, Degree of Ph. D., Department of Philosophy, University of Tel Aviv, Israel.

3. Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

1. 1975 - 1977, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Teaching Assistant
2. 1977 - 1981, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Assistant
3. 1981 - 1984, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Instructor
4. 1981 - 1984, University of Tel-Aviv, Department of Philosophy, Research Student
5. 1984 - 1990, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Lecturer
6. 1984 –present, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, department of Humanistic Studies and School of Medicine, External Lecturer
7. 1990 - 1996, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Senior Lecturer with tenure
8. 1996-2011, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Associate Professor

9. 2003 - 2004, University of Florida, Department of Philosophy and Department of Jewish Studies, Visiting Professor
10. 2010, September, Universidad Complutense, Department of Philosophy of Law, Madrid, Spain, Visiting Professor
11. 2011-current, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Full Professor, now Emeritus
12. 2014, March-September, Universidad Ort, Montevideo, Uruguay, Dto. De Estudios Internacionales, Visiting Professor

4. Offices in University Academic Administration

1. 1981-1982, Member of the Faculty of Humanities Board, University of Haifa, as elected representative of the staff of Assistants.
2. 1987-1991, Member of the Faculty of Humanities Board, University of Haifa, as elected representative of the staff of Lecturers.
3. 1991-1992, Member of the Appeal's Committee for Grants and Residences, University of Haifa.
4. 1993-1998, Chairperson of the Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa.
5. 1995-2007, Member of the Committee for the Physical Development of the University of Haifa.
6. 1996-2001, Member of the Committee of Research of the Faculty of Humanities.
7. 1998-2001, Member of the Committee of Study-programs of the Faculty of Humanities.
8. 1998-2001, Member of the Senate's Committee of Legal Affairs of the University of Haifa.
9. 1998-2003, Elected by Associate Professors to the Senate of the University of Haifa.
10. 1999-2000, Elected by the Senate of the University for the Boards of Directors of the University of Haifa.
11. 1999-2004, Board of Research Authority, University of Haifa.
12. 2000-2003, Chair person of the department of Honor Students, University of Haifa.
13. 2000-2008, Head of the Latin America Studies Chair, University of Haifa.
14. 2007-2008, Coordinator of the departmental philosophy colloquium, University of Haifa.

5. A. Scholarly Positions and Activities Outside the University

1. 1997-1999, Member of the Piloting Committee of the Center for the Advance of Philosophical Studies, Ef'al, Tel-Aviv.
2. 1998-2001, Elected as a member of the directory of the New Philosophical Association of Israel.
3. 2002-2012, Member of the International Association for the Study of Controversies.

B. Referee Reader for:

1. Ancient Philosophy
2. 2026. Athens Journal of Philosophy
3. 2020, Philosophia
4. Daimon
5. Energy Policy

6. Tamara

7. Yiunn (Hebrew).

C. Journal Editor:

Associate Editor, *Daimon-International Journal of Philosophy*. Journal published by the University of Murcia, Spain (until 2018)

D. Academic Supervisor of Translations:

1. Academic Supervisor for the translation from Greek to Hebrew of Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, translated by Menachem Luz, Tel-Aviv: Resling Publisher, 2012, forthcoming.
2. Academic Supervisor for the translation from German to Hebrew of the new edition of Karl Marx's *Early Writings*, translated by Roi Bar and Uri Zilbersheid, Tel Aviv: Resling Publisher: 2012, forthcoming.

6. Scholarly Conferences

1. 1985, May, 11th Congress of Philosophy (Philosophical Association of Israel), Hebrew University, Jerusalem, "Politics and Ideology."
2. 1986, May, 12th Congress of Philosophy (Philosophical Association of Israel), Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva, "About the Limits of Moral Obligation."
3. 1986, November 7, Conference in Memory of David Ben-Gurion, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, "Technology and Policy-making."
4. 1987, August 23-29, Extraordinary International Congress of Philosophy, University of Cordoba, Argentina, "The Exoteric-Esoteric Character of Politics."
5. 1988, September 26-October 1, First Congress of The World Institute for Advanced Phenomenology Research and Learning, in the Memory of Edmund Husserl, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, "The Phenomenological Approach to Unconsciousness."
6. 1989, July 16-30, XII Inter American Congress of Philosophy, sponsored by the Inter American Society of Philosophy, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, "The Concept of Ideology and its Relation with Political Practice".
7. 1989, September 4-8, Ethics for the Contemporary Situation, Symposium, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, "A Defense of the Political Theory"
8. 1993, February, J. Kogan Memorial Conference, ICAI, Argentina-Israel Cultural Institute, Buenos Aires, Argentina, "The Tiredness of Philosophy."
9. 1993, December 13, Dr. Yitzhak Klein Memorial Conference, University of Haifa, "The Belief on Reality and the Reality of Belief."
10. February, 14-15, 1995, Institut für Wissenschaft und Ethik, Zweiten Deutsch-Israelischen Symposium, "Ethische Urteilsbildung in der Pränataldiagnostik – Zur Ärztlichen Anwendung der Humangenetik.", Bonn, Germany, "The Disharmony Between man and Nature and its relevance to the paternalism-autonomism debate"
11. 1995, October 23-25, Israeli Psychological Association, 25th Scientific Congress, Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, "Dream's Thought."
12. 1997, January 28-31, Ethics, Law and Communication in an Era of Political Violence and Extremism, in Memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, University of Haifa, "Causes and Results in Political Assassination."
13. 1998, April 1, International Conference on Explanation, University of Haifa, "Explanation in Politics."
14. 1999, May 4, Conference on the "White Lie", International Center for Health Law and Ethics, University of Haifa, "The Meaning of the 'White Lie'."

15. 1999, August 26-28, V National Symposium on Ethics & III Interdisciplinary National Congress of Applied Ethics: Problems of Contemporary Urban Life, Argentinean Association of Ethical Investigations, Tte. Gral. J. Perón 2395, Buenos Aires, Argentina,, The operative consequences of the peace proposals for a peace agreement between Arabs and Jews regarding the city of Jerusalem
16. 2000, March 26-31, IX Internationaler Kant-Kongress, Humboldt-Universität, Unter den Linden 6, Berlin, Germany,, The Limits of Universal Morality
17. 2001, August 12, XIII International Congress on Latin-American Jews, Hebrew University, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, open lecture: "Review of the Latest Research on Latin-American Jews," *Judaica Latinoamericana*.
18. 2006, September 4-6, Third Congress of Latin-American Political Sciences, Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brasil, Factions in the Americas, Kennedysm and Chavism. Regional Security and Globalization
19. 2008, May 16, Rules of Evidence in Law, Institute of Advanced Judicial Studies, University of Haifa, panel on general causation and causation in law.
20. 2008, November 11-12, World Energy and Energy Supply security, CEARE, Center for the studies of the regulation of energy, Faculty of Law, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, The announced end of the Oil-era and the future of oil production and consumption
21. May 6-8, 2009, I International Hermeneutics Conference 'Hermeneutics – an exhausted paradigm? Text, language, world' honoring Prof. G. Vattimo, National Library, Buenos Aires, The distinction between understanding and interpretation — the limits of hermeneutic intellectualism
22. 2009, May 12-13, 19th Work Congress, Rabbinic Seminar, Buenos Aires, The New Antisemitism
23. 2009, August 6-8, I Congreso Internacional de Investigación y Práctica Profesional en Psicología – XVI Jornadas de Investigación – Quinto Encuentro de Investigadores del MERCOSUR, Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, department of Psychology, Democracy and the limits of tolerance
24. May 5-7, 2010, The Philosophical Meetings, University of Navarra, University of Navarra, Spain, Dept. of Philosophy, The Humanistic Meaning of Hegel's Ontological Proof of the Existence of God
25. 2010, September 13-14, Global Media and the War on Terror-An International Conference, University of Westminster, Northwick Park, Harrow, UK, "The Political Use of the Media and the "War on Terror" — A Philosophical Perspective"
26. 2010, September 24-26, Savage Thoughts-Interdisciplinarity and the Challenge of Claude Lévi-Strauss-A Conference, Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas, McGill University, Montréal, Canada,, "The Contradictions of Value Judgment and Knowledge in Levi-Strauss's Structural Anthropology"
27. April, 6-8, 2011, XLVIII Meeting, Biology and Subjectivity, Department of Philosophy, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, The Ego Illusion-Illusion of the Neurosciences
28. 2011, July 19-26, CFP: 14th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Nancy University, Nancy, France, Cartography Revisited: A Key to Understanding Scientific Knowledge
29. 2014, May 19-21, I. Deutsch-lateinamerikanischer Hegelkongreß, Pontifica Universidad Catolica Argentina, Judgment, Objectivation and the History of the Forms of Thought in Hegel's Science of Logic
30. 2016, October 26-28, Science and Democracy–Controversies and Conflicts, Università di Pisa, Pisa, Italy, Science and the Source of Authority in Democracy
31. 2023, July 14, The Crisis of Democracy in Israel, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, "Democracy, Division of Powers and Human Rights."
32. 2026, July 12, 29th Annual Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association, Tel-Hai, Kiryat Shmona University in the Galilee, Israel, "What Was Left Unfinished in Kant" (lecture); chair of the "Kant" session.

7. Organization of Conferences or Sessions

1. 2002, January 14-16, International Conference on the violation of human rights in South America and the universalization of human rights—moral and legal aspects, University of Haifa, Israel, Organization, together with Dr. Amos Megged. Opening address: “The Limits of Tolerance”.

8. Invited Lectures

1. 1993, November, Oranim, Symposium on the Maccabee’s Rebellion, Politics and Ideology in Ancient Times.
2. 1994, November 16, Colloquium, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Tel Aviv, University of Tel Aviv, “Goal-directed Activity and Political Action”
3. 1997, December 17, Philosophisches Seminar, Mainz Universität, Mainz, Germany, Research Students in Ancient Philosophy, “The Plato-Protagoras Controversy”
4. 1998, March 23, Seminar, Dept. of Political Sciences, University of Tel Aviv, University of Tel-Aviv, “Error and Causality as categories of explanation of Political Decisions”
5. 1998, June 16, Foundation Convention: The New Philosophical Association of Israel, University of Tel-Aviv, Philosophical Pluralism (Panel)
6. 1999, May 5, The Technion Faculty Association, Churchill Hall, Technion Institute of Technology, Haifa, Media and Political Decisions
7. 1999, August 8, Catholic University of Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay, Department of Philosophy, “Jüngern Habermas’s Theory of Legitimacy” (in Spanish)
8. 1999, August 9, University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay, Faculty of Law, “The Presuppositions of the Relationships between Economy and Peace in the Middle East” (in Spanish)
9. 1999, August 10, University of Montevideo, Uruguay, Academic staff, “The Peace Process in the Middle East”
10. 1999, August 11, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montevideo, Uruguay, Artigas Institute of Diplomacy, “Negotiations for Peace in the Middle East” (in Spanish)
11. 1999, August 16, National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies, Santiago de Chile, Seminar in the National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies, Ministry of Defense (ANEPA), “The Military and Strategic Meaning of the Peace Process in the Middle East” (in Spanish)
12. 1999, August 16, University of Chile, Santiago de Chile, Institute of International Studies, “A possible Palestinian State, its Political Meaning” (in Spanish)
13. 1999, August 17, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lima, Peru, Peruvian Academy of Diplomacy, Diplomatic Staff, “The role of Diplomacy in the negotiations for Peace” (in Spanish)
14. 1999, August 17, University of Valparaiso, Chile, Department of Philosophy, Politics and Ideology (in Spanish)
15. 1999, August 17, University of Playa Ancha, Valparaíso, Chile, Staff and advanced students, Department of Educational Sciences, Valparaiso, Chile, “The role of the universities in political planning and its relationship with the State” (in Spanish)
16. 1999, August 18, Pacific University, Lima, Peru, Department of Political Sciences, “The political assumptions of the peace process in the Middle East” (in Spanish)
17. 1999, August 18, University of Santiago, Chile, Isaac Caro Institute of Advanced Studies, “Cooperation and Separation, two kinds of Peace: a Comparative Approach with the Latin-American Situation” (in Spanish)
18. 1999, August 19, Central University, Lima, Peru, Political Sciences Research Students, “Integration and Isolation: Two kinds of Peace in the Middle East” (in Spanish)

19. 1999, August 19, University of Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile, Department of Political Sciences and Students' Organization, "The Peace Process in the Middle East – A Philosophical Perspective (in Spanish)"
20. 1999, August 19, Catholic University, Santiago, Chile, Institute of Political Sciences, "The Peace Process in the Middle East – A Philosophical Perspective" (in Spanish)
21. 1999, August 25, National University of Misiones, Posadas, Argentina, Department of Political Sciences, "Political Decisions and Mass Communication" (in Spanish)
22. 1999, September 1, Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina, Department of Architecture, "Israel and the Arab World" (in Spanish)
23. 1999, September 3, University of Rosario, Argentina, Dept. of International Cooperation, "Political Decisions and Mass Communication" (in Spanish)
24. 1999, September 3, Litoral National University, Santa Fe, Argentina, School of Law, "Political Decisions and Mass Communication" (in Spanish)
25. 1999, September 8, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Department of Political Sciences and Gino Germani Institute, "Pluralism, relativism and democracy" (in Spanish).
26. 1999, September 9, University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Institute for Advances Students in International Studies, "The Peace Process in the Middle East" (in Spanish)
27. 1999, November 30, Department of Scientific Teaching, Technion, Staff seminar and advanced students, Dept. of Scientific Teaching, Technion, Science and Values
28. 2002, June, University of Haifa, School of Business Administration, Encounter of ex- Students of School of Business Administration, Decision-making and communications
29. 2002, November 6, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa, "Kogan Prize" lecture, Political Consequences of Theories of Causality
30. 2003, June 26, School of Law, University of La Plata, Argentina, Panel with Judge Dr. H. Cañon and Judge L. Schiffrin, "Human Rights' in Latin America" (in Spanish)
31. 2003, June 29, Invited address - University of La Plata, La Plata, Argentina, Center for Jewish Studies, "Globalization and the Peace Process in the Middle East" (in Spanish)
32. 2003, July 3, University of Buenos Aires UBA, Argentina, Faculty of Law, "Democracy and the Limits of Tolerance" (in Spanish)
33. 2003, July 24, School of Law, University of Haifa, Students of the school, Democracy and Tolerance
34. 2003, November 19, Lecture, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Florida, The Alternatives of the Peace Process in the Middle East (in Spanish)
35. 2004, June, Colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Beer-Sheva, "Pleasure, Utility and Duty in Plato's Protagoras"
36. 2004, September 22, Hebrew University, Mexico, DF, Department of Political Sciences, The Middle East Peace Process from a philosophical perspective (in Spanish)
37. 2004, September 24, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico DF, Postgraduate Program of Social and Political Sciences, "Ideology and Politics in the Middle East" (in Spanish)
38. 2005, May 10, Colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Beer-Sheva, Hegel's theory of concept and judgment and the history of the form of thought
39. 2006, September 2, Colloquium of the Department of Humanities, UADE – Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Political Consequences of the Second Lebanon War (in Spanish)
40. 2007, June 6, Colloquium of the Department of Philosophy, University of Tel Aviv, The problem of the subject in the Philosophy of Hegel
41. 2007, October 4-8, Modern Jewish Thought, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico DF, Mexico, The idea of self-consciousness in the philosophy of Baruch Spinoza (in Spanish)
42. 2008, May 27, Malis Treister Prize Lecture, Institute of Latin American History and Culture, University of Tel Aviv, Nature vs. History and the problem of scarcity of Oil-Globalization and Energy Crisis

43. 2009, August 12, Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Advanced Students of International Relations, “The Middle East Conflict and the Peace Process” (in Spanish)
44. 2009, November 5, Department of International Studies., ORT, Montevideo, Uruguay, Decisions Theory—Its limits and Foundational Problems
45. 2010, April 25, Minerva Center for Human Sciences and the Department of Philosophy, University of Tel-Aviv, Negotiations in Islam and the Israeli-Arab Conflict, Accepted though not delivered
46. June 6, 2010, Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, Center for Philosophical and Phenomenological Studies, Buenos Aires, Argentina, The Hermeneutics of Policy-Making (in Spanish)
47. 2010, June 9, Department of International Studies, ORT University, Montevideo, Uruguay, Science and values (in Spanish)
48. June, 10, 23, July 27 2010, Department of International Studies Cycle of three conferences, ORT University, Montevideo, Uruguay, The Peace-Process in the Middle East (in Spanish)
49. 2010, June 24, Department of Political Sciences, ORT University, Montevideo, Uruguay, Plato’s Gorgias and Democracy (in Spanish)
50. July 17, 2010, Lecture, Tomas Abraham’s “Seminario de los jueves”, Plato’s Protagoras (in Spanish)
51. 2010, July 24, lecture, Tomas Abraham’s “Seminario de los jueves”, The Presuppositions about the Middle East Conflict (in Spanish)
52. 2010, July 28, Department of Political Sciences, ORT University, Montevideo, Uruguay, Science and common-sense-two forms of thought (in Spanish)
53. 2010, September 13, lecture, Department of Philosophy of Law, Universidad Complutense, Madrid, Spain, A Philosophical Approach to the Israeli-Arab Conflict (in Spanish)
54. 2010, September 13, Lecture, Tomas Abraham’s “Seminario de los jueves”, Aristotle’s theory of Praxis (in Spanish)
55. 2018, May 10, ZOA, Zionist Organization of America, Tel-Aviv, Israel, Conference: The Future of the Academy, The Fragility of Academic Freedom of Speech
56. 2018, May 17, University of Haifa, Department of Philosophy, Library’s Auditorium, Conference: Michael Strauss 1931-2018 - Memorial Lectures, Philosophy as the Field of Disagreement
57. May 23 & 24, 2018, University of Haifa, HCGES, DAAD, Rabin Building and Student Building, The Bicentennial of Marx’s Birth—fb on His Theory and Practice and on Modern Economics and Politics, Marx’s Criticism of Kant’s Refutation of the Ontological Proof of the Existence of God
58. 2019, September 14, Department of Philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, Hegel’s refutation of the Kantian refutation of the Ontological argument
59. 2019, September 15, Department of Philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, The Unity of Plato’s Protagoras

9. Research Grants

Grant Awarded

2006-2009: Four Years \$ 120,000 Research Grant, *Israel Science Foundation* (PI), with Prof. Alexander Tsatskin (as second investigator): “Philosophical Inquiry into Intended and Unintended Consequences of Oil Production and Consumption.”

10. Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

1. 1981, : A scholarship granted by the Federal Republic of Germany (DAAD).

2. 1993, : Winner of the first prize, The Straniak Philosophy Prize 1990 of the Hermann and Mariane Straniak Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland: March 1993, for a work on the possibility of a Synthesis between the Western and Eastern Concepts of Freedom (together with Dr. Annan Erev).
3. 1995-1999, : Excellence in teaching award, Honor Students Dept., University of Haifa, granted by the Student's Union.
4. 1995-2003, : Excellence in teaching award, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, granted by the Student's Union.
5. 1999, : Title "Honoris Causa," University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru.

11. Teaching

A. Selected Courses Taught

1. Theory of Knowledge, 2004-2007, Obligatory, B.A.
2. Philosophy of Law, 2004, Course, B.A., M.A.
3. Democracy and Tolerance, 2004, Course, B.A., M.A.
4. Introduction to the Philosophy of Kant, 2004, Course, B.A.
5. Rationalism and Empiricism, 2005, Obligatory, B.A.
6. Plato and the Sophistic Movement, 2005, Seminar, M.A.
7. Selected Issues, The Philosophy of Hegel, 2006, Course, B.A., M.A.
8. The Philosophy of Karl Marx, 2006, Course, B.A., M.A.
9. Political Hermeneutics, 2007, Course, B.A., M.A.
10. Philosophy of Law, 2007, Course, B.A., M.A.
11. Philosophy of Science, School of Medicine, Technion, 2010, Obligatory, Medicine
12. Spinoza's Theory of Knowledge, 2011, Seminar, M.A.
13. Kant's Theory of Knowledge, 2011, Course B.A.
14. The Development of the Ontological Proof since Descartes until Today, 2012, Seminar M.A.
15. Politics and the Critique of Ideology, 2012, Course B.A.
16. Plato's Protagoras and the Problem of Values, 2012, Course level 3 & 4

B. Supervision of Graduate Students

1. Niva Arev, The Concept of Intuition, M. A., 1998
2. Ehud Albek, The Unconscious as an infinite set, M. A., 1998
3. Mor Arazi-Gilboa, Adorno's Negative Dialectics, M. A., 2002
4. Saeed Zuabi, Ingarden's criticism to Husserl's phenomenology, M. A., 2004
5. Niva Arev, Freedom of Passion—Phenomenology of knowledge in Derrida's Early Writings, Ph. D., 2004
6. Lior Nitzan, Reality and Existence in Kant—The Role of the Will and of Pragmatic Elements in Supplementing the Cognitive Process, M. A., 2006
7. Ithamar Theodor, Personhood and Aesthetics in the Bhagavata Purana, Ph. D., 2006
8. Yossi Triest, The Development of the Notion of Subject in Psychoanalytic Reflection, Ph. D., 2006
9. Gai Pinko, The Concept of the Self, Ph. D., 2006
10. David Peled, Political decisions, Ph. D., 2006
11. Galit Berenstok, The Conflict Between Happiness and Wealth—On the limits of Efficiency, Ph. D., 2007

12. Itzhak Findling, Nazism and Existentialism in the Early Heidegger, Ph. D., 2007
13. Michal Barak, Legal Activism in the Relations between the Court and the Legislator, M. A., 2009
14. Mor Arazi-Gilboa, The Realization of Freedom in the Thought of Theodor W. Adorno, Ph. D., 2009
15. Chaym Assa, The concept of Subject in Marx and Nietzsche, Ph. D., 2009
16. Itzhak Zamir, Hegel and The French Revolution, M. A., 2010
17. Matan Sagi, Individualism, a Critical Approach, M. A., 2012
18. Noga Litver, The Problem of Useful Lies in Plato's Philosophy, M. A., 2012
19. Michal Zibman-Davidovits, The Question of Nomos in the post-II WW Era According to Alexander Kojève and Carl Schmitt, M. A., 2012
20. Lior Nitzan, The Relation Between Appearances and the Thing-in-Itself in J. S. Beck's Standpunctlehre in Relation to Kant, Ph. D., 2012
21. Alon Segev, The Philosophy of Heidegger, Ph. D., 2004Co-supervised with Dr. Ephraim Navon
22. Rebecca Toueg, The Development of Collingwood's philosophy, Ph. D., 2006Co-supervised with Prof. Ezra Talmor
23. Doron Porat, Kant and Freud's criticism of Metaphysics, Ph. D., Second stage
24. Saeed Zuabi, Freedom and Justice in John Rawls, Ph. D., Second Stage
25. Liora Posner, The victimize Discourse and Hanna Arendt, Ph. D., First Stage
26. Michal Zibman-Davidovits, The Philosophy of Karl Schmitt, M.A., First stage

II. Publications

Note: For joint publications, the authors have contributed equally unless otherwise specified.

a. Ph.D. Dissertation

The Relations Between Individual and General in the Theory of Judgment and Syllogism in Hegel's Logic, (Hebrew) Under the supervision of Professor Eugene Fleischmann, Tel-Aviv University, 220 pp., 1982.

b. Scientific Books (Refereed)

Authored Books

1. *Subject and Consciousness — A Philosophical Inquiry into Self-Consciousness*. Rowman & Littlefield, Maryland, U.S.A., 1990, 282 pp. (B105.C477B35 1990).
2. *Politics & Ideology — A Philosophical Approach*. Avebury (Ashgate Publishing Group), Hampshire, England: 1995, 310 pp. (ISBN 185972020X).
3. Oded Balaban & Anan Erev, *The Bounds of Freedom — About the Eastern and Western Approaches to Freedom*, Winner of the first prize, The Straniak Philosophy Prize 1990 of the Hermann and Mariane Straniak Foundation, Zürich, Switzerland: March 1993, Peter Lang Publishers, NY., 1995, 188 pp. (ISBN 0820425141).
4. *Plato and Protagoras — Truth and Relativism in Ancient Greek Philosophy*, Lanham, ML: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999, 360 pp. (ISBN 0739100750).
5. *Interpreting Conflict — The Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations at Camp David II and Beyond*, New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2005, 370 pp. (ISBN 0820474509).

Edited Books

1. Oded Balaban & Megged, Amos, (Spanish) *Impunity and Human Rights in Latin-America*, La Plata: ed. Al Margen, April 2003, 200 pp. (ISBN 9871125119).
2. Oded Balaban, Aline Alterman & Henri Cohen-Solal, editors, (French) *Les Configurations de la désespérance*, Paris : Editions Mimesis, 2023.

c. Articles in Refereed Journals

1. "Aristotle's Theory of Praxis," *Hermes*, Vol. 114, 1986, pp. 163–172.
2. "Quality, Genus and Law as Forms of Thinking", *Auslegung*, Vol. 13, No. 1, 1986, pp. 71–85.
3. Oded Balaban & Michael Maidan, "The Problem of the Soul and the Nature of Lies in Plato's Philosophy", *Diotima*, Vol. 15, 1987, pp. 182–192.
4. "The Myth of Protagoras and Plato's Theory of Measurement," *The History of Philosophy Quarterly*, Vol. 4, No. 4, October 1987, pp. 371–384.
5. "Relation and Object in Plato's Approach to Knowledge," *Theoria*, Vol. LIII, No. 2/3, 1987, pp. 141–158., <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1755-2567.1987.tb00707.x>
6. "The Phenomenology of Unconsciousness" (Spanish), *Aporia*, IX, 1987, pp. 89–110.
7. "The Positivistic Nature of the Critical Theory," *Science & Society*, Vol. 53, No. 4, winter 1989, pp. 442–458., <https://doi.org/10.1177/003682378905300403>

8. "L'Herméneutique du Jeune Karl Marx, d'après ses écrits sur la philosophie de Démocrite et d'Épicure, où l'on voit l'ébauche de sa méthode critique," (French) *Diogène*, (Conseil international de la philosophie et des sciences humaines: UNESCO), Gallimard, October-Décembre 1989, No. 148, pp. 28–40.
- 8a. English translation: "The hermeneutics of the young Marx. According to Marx's approach to the philosophy of Democritus and Epicurus," *Diogenes*, No. 148, Winter 1989, pp. 28–41.
- 8b. Chinese translation: "The hermeneutics of the young Marx. According to Marx's approach to the philosophy of Democritus and Epicurus," *Diogenes* (Chinoise), Beijing: June 1991, pp. 23–33.
9. "Praxis and Poesis in Aristotle's Practical Philosophy," *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 24, vol. 3, 1990, pp. 185–198., <https://doi.org/10.1007/bf00149432>
10. "Self-Consciousness and Fetishism: On the origins of the category of Society in Karl Marx," *Exploration in Knowledge: An International Journal in the Philosophy of Science*, Vol. VII, Number 1, 1990, pp. 1–11.
11. Oded Balaban & Avshalom, Asnat: "The Ontological Argument Reconsidered," *Philosophy Research Archives*, Philosophy Documentation Center, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, Vol. XV, 1989–90, pp. 279–310., https://doi.org/10.5840/jpr_1990_20
12. "On Justice and Legitimacy: A Critique of Jürgen Habermas' Concept of 'Historical Reconstructivism'," *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung*, Vol. 44, Number 2, 1990, pp. 273–277.
13. "Circularity of Thought in Hegel's Logic," *Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. XLIV, No. 1, Issue No. 173, September 1990, pp. 95–109.
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j. Other Works and Activities Connected with My Scholarly Field

a. Interviews in Newspapers and TV programmes

1. 1990, December 7, Interview, Haaretz, Newspaper, Weekend supplement, About my interpretation of politics
2. 1992, January 5, Interview, Kolbo, Local weekly, About my approach to political decisions
3. 1993, May 31, Interview, Educational TV, Ethics and Politics
4. 1994, December 23, Interview, IDF Radio Station, Jaffo, Israel, On Judicial Activism, with the participation of Dr. Yehuda Melzer and Prof. Baruch Bracha
5. 1996, September 2, Interview, Cable TV, Channel 8, Doron Neshet's series on the idea of God: The God of the Belief and the Belief on God.

b. Public Conferences

1. 1992, September, Seminar "Bamot" on the Essence of Humankind, Haifa National Theater, Monitor
2. 1993, September, IDF, Plugat Shaked – colloquium, Life on Two-ways route-Arabs and Jews co-existence

3. 1994, February, A Panel on the Peace Process, Kiryat Ata, Monitor (with the participation of Brig. Gral. (ret.) Yair Nafshi and Gral. (ret.) Ori Or.
4. 1994, March, Seminar "Bamot" on the Psycho-physics Problem, Shephayim Guest House, "The Body-Soul Problem from a Philosophical Perspective"
5. 1994, July, Colloquium on the Golan Heights, Akko, Monitor (with the participation of Dr. Meir Pa'il and the Spokesman of the Golan's Settlers
6. Jerusalem, 6-8 July, 1994, Ministry of Education, Seminar for Advanced Teachers, Bait Vagan, "The Media and the Manipulation of Consciousness"
7. 1994, August, "Shorashim" seminar on Armed Forces and Politics, Ramat-Aviv Hotel, Tel-Aviv, Israel, Armed Forces and Politics in South America
8. 1994, October 6, Israeli Academic Women Association, Herzlyia, Israel, Politics and the Media
9. 1994, October 15, A Panel on the problem of Strategic Depth, Ein Hachores, "The Golan, Security and Peace" (with the participation also of Gral. (ret.) Ori Or and Dr. Yoram Nimrod
10. 1995, October 19, Lecture, in a Panel for Instructors, School of Social Workers, Sec. of Field Studies, University of Haifa, Authenticity and Forgery: Their "Is" and their "Ought"
11. 1996, May 14, Lecture for Military Judges' (IDF) Colloquium, Naharyia, The Legal Meaning of the idea of Human Dignity
12. 2000, January, Lecture, University of Haifa extension TV program, An introduction to the philosophy of Plato
13. 2003, January 7, Radio lecture, WUFT-FM & WJUF-FM, Gainesville, Fl radio station, Lecture, integration and Isolation in the Middle East
14. 2009, April 29, Lecture, Bnei Brith, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Science and Values
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18. 2009, November 27, Panel with Eliahu Toker and Moshe Korin, on Bernardo Treister's book "Forty Windows Without a Flower", AMIA, Buenos Aires, Argentina
19. 2012, November 12, Radio Interview, Reshet B, Jerusalem, Israel, Between Politics and Ideology
20. 2012, November 12, Café "Luise", Public lecture on Politics and Ideology
21. 2014, March 13, Ort University, Montevideo, Uruguay, department of International Relations, Public lecture (Spanish) "Ukraine between Vladimir Putin and Angela Merkel" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOgG3aSr2Dw>)
22. 2014, April 12, Tomas Abraham's Thursdays Seminar, El Callejon Theater, William Shakespeare's Hamlet and the Problem of Interpretation (Spanish)

k. Additional Comments and Information on My Scientific Activity and Research Plans

My philosophical research is in epistemology. I focus on the form of knowledge, that is, I take epistemology to mean knowledge of the *mode* of knowledge. In this reflective approach human knowledge has two, clearly distinct aspects: content and form. Content is what human beings conceive at the outset of any quest for knowledge; form appears subsequently, as reflection, when content has to be shaped. "Form" stands against "content," not against "matter". The discovery of forms means *the discovery of the presuppositions of*

knowledge, or its categories. Thus, theory of knowledge consists in revealing, understanding and ordering forms, categories, or presuppositions. It should be noted that often form of thinking (as for instance thinking by means of genera and species) is confused with method of thinking (for example, the scientific method). One chooses a method before embarking on the quest for knowledge; by contrast, one becomes aware of form of knowledge only a posteriori and, typically, after an exhaustive analysis.

I pursue my philosophical work in two distinct ways: (1) discussing reflectively *philosophical systems* and *methods* throughout the ages, and (2) disclosing *presuppositions* of different disciplines.

(1) In the reflective investigation of philosophical systems and methods I have focused on Plato's presuppositions. He was the first thinker who inquired into forms of thinking. In the *Charmides* he asked whether knowledge can be known, whether thinking can be thought of? These are questions about the very essence of reflective thinking. Plato's simple answer surprises thinkers even today. He compared the attempt to know knowledge with the attempt to see vision and, obviously, concluded that knowledge cannot be known. When asking what is vision, Plato does not mean that it is "to see the eye" or the visual system, since both of them are not in themselves vision. My contention is that Plato was "blind" to a third possibility, that what is discussed in such a reflection is the form, i.e., vision and knowledge as *relation*. I claim then that the content of knowledge of knowledge, its subject-matter, is function or a relation. Namely, vision is a *relation* between a visual system and the visible thing, and knowledge is a *relation* between a subject and its object. Vision, like knowledge, is a function, not a substance. A function is a relation, it connects and binds together separated conditions. Subject and object are conditions for knowledge, not knowledge. Similarly, the visual organs and the perceived things are conditions of vision, but in themselves they are not vision. The function or the relation is a new and different factor, therefore, that does not belong to the relata, i.e., to each of the two or more terms, objects, or events between which a relation exists.

I have sought to show that Plato's approach has supporters in modern and post-modern philosophy. I have devoted my book, *Subject and Consciousness--A Philosophical Inquiry into Self-Consciousness*, and many papers to the analysis of a variety of philosophical positions regarding forms of knowledge.

(2) In my attempts to disclose presuppositions of different disciplines, I have concentrated principally on politics, law, and science. In these three distinct domains, I designed the analysis of forms of knowledge so that understanding would be obtained of the respective patterns of thought. For example, in the field of politics, or rather politology, I am interested in the political discourse as an intriguing object for interpretation. I regard the political discourse as an "ideological speech"; it is a goal-oriented, instrumental speech. I published two books on this issue, one general, *Politics and Ideology*, and the other local, the process of the peace negotiations at *Camp David* (July 11–24, 2000).

Current and Future Plans

I have begun a research on two kinds of relation: (1) the relation between politics and science, and (2) the relation between history and nature.

As well I am finishing a book, *Moses: A True Myth? An Essay on Interpretive Coherence*.

(1) Applied theory of knowledge

I work with the geologist and geographer, Professor Alexander Tsatskin. Our point of departure consists of two contradictory, though incontrovertible, facts: (i) historically, the more humanity consumes oil, the more it finds available reserves, and (ii) at any given point in time, since the beginning of oil production in the second half of the 19th century, oil reserves have been calculated as available for only another 15 to 20 years, the so-called "peak-oil", where the gap between the rising of oil consumption and the decline of oil production will result in a fatal energy crisis. The "cornucopian" tends to emphasize the first case, and the "alarmist" the second. The Israeli Science Foundation (ISF) has awarded us a grant to the tune of \$120,000 for four years to pursue this research. We will continue our research by entering a closely related area: the politization of climate research and its implications. For the majority in public opinion and politicians the question of Anthropogenic Global Warming (AGW) has been settled. The prevailing attitude is that AGW is an uncontroversial scientific fact that must be treated to save the world. However, climate scientists are less confident. They cast doubts and even impose restrictions on their own hypotheses and predictions. They not only disagree about the causes of global warming, but even about its very existence. How then can climate science provide political guidance when it cannot reach conclusive evidence? If politics were based on science, there would be no place for

decisions on AGW, and the whole matter would leave the field of politics, withdrawing back into the scientists' research labs.

It appears that in the case of global warming politicians make decisions by means and in the name of a rather controversial and unsettled science. But the passionate character of the political commitment to global warming is proof of the wide gulf that exists between political decisions and the scientific *sine ira et studio* approach. Our hypothesis is that the ongoing confusion between scientific discussions and political arguments derives from the prevalent distortion of both the foundations of science and those of politics. Scientists and politicians seem to mix together science and politics: warnings for protecting the earth from AGW are popular on the left, whereas right-wing people are, mostly, AGW skeptics.

Nevertheless, it is not the role of science to take a value-stand for or against, even not for or against its own findings. When a scientist realizes that he was wrong, he discards his old hypothesis adopting a new one without any qualms. Otherwise, his commitment is not to knowledge. Politics means, on the contrary, to take a stand. Science is committed to known facts—politics to changing them. Facts are caused by other facts, while values derive from other values. Values cannot be derived from facts, nor can facts be derived from values. The confusion results, perhaps, from the illusion that since values, in practical thinking, are to be applied to facts, and science has the last word regarding means, it appears as if values are also derived from the knowledge of facts.

Failing to draw the fact-value distinction paves the way to the politicization of science, urging it to reach political conclusions as if they were scientific statements. The same reason paves the way to the 'scientification' of politics. Politicians defend value judgements as if they were a matter of facts. If according to science Greenland were to become warmer and green again, could it conclude whether to take action or do nothing?! The decision what to do belongs to the field of politics, to which science serves only as a means.

The Gordian knot that links together science with politics requires entering into a *meta-analysis* of controversies in science and in politics. We propose to analyze the findings of sciences and the meanings of political actions by turning attention to their assumptions (that are themselves neither true nor false). Each scientific assertion is worth analyzing as a productive case study to advance our project, among them the shrinking of glaciers and ice caps, perturbation of solar and cosmic radiation, and the meaning of predictions. As for politics, we will analyze its double discourse distinguishing between its explicit and hidden meaning. Often politicians resort to science to justify decisions that are not related to scientific findings but only to the prestige and authority attributed to science by public opinion.

(2) The historical character of forms of knowledge

This research is concerned with the broader issue of the *history* of forms of human knowledge. Inspired by Ernst Cassirer's *The Philosophy of Symbolic Forms*, the question is whether there is an historical development of forms of knowledge? And if so, what are the stages of this development? I argue that there is such a development and therefore the forms of thought are historical. But they do not belong only to the past. They are still alive in our minds as strata, lying one upon the other, "living" somehow together in patterns of thoughts. This stratification creates logical contradictions in our thought, contradictions that do not interfere with the practical character of common-sense. Practical (or common-sensical) cognitive thinking is not compelled to enjoy coherence, and does not need logical judgments. But it is the task of the *understanding* of human cognitive thought to reveal in a logical way and explain this incoherent thought. I seek to uncover the functions of the different stages of thinking which "live" together with the categories of common-sense, and cognitive thinking, as well as with those of scientific knowledge. Each of these stages begins in the need to face new problems that cannot be solved by former stages.

My study of this stratification offers the framework for the paradigmatic case of the relationships between body and soul or, as it is called now in neuroscience, between brain and mind. The first step consists of a critical discussion of the presuppositions of the philosophy that draws conclusions about the relations between the activity of the brain and the conscious mind (the so-called "phenomenal experience"). So far the research that attempts to determine a causal relation between the activity of the brain and human perception (e.g., the sensation of pain, the perception of colors, and conceptual thinking), such as that of John Searle, has reached an impasse.

To solve this difficulty requires a revision of the presuppositions of neuroscience. The difficulty is the tension between the findings of the scientific analysis and the phenomenological description of the mind. The more coherent and extreme philosophers, those who tend to disregard the "phenomenal experience", like Daniel Dennett and Thomas Metzinger, argue, for instance, that we do not see colors but wavelengths. Perception of

colors, so the argument goes, is an *illusion* though beneficial for our survival. I am especially interested in finding out how did it happen, that science, which is supposed to give description and explanation of phenomena, has become caught up in an embarrassing situation in which it asks for the denial of its object of research—the very human experience, and declares it an illusion? The clue for an answer lies, as I will try to show, in the limitations of neuroscientist's own *form* of thought.

(3) Books in Preparation

Moses: A True Myth? An Essay on Interpretive Coherence (in preparation).

This book offers a philosophical and source-critical reinterpretation of the figure of Moses. Its guiding question is not whether Moses existed but how the founder was constructed: it argues that the biblical Moses is a retroactive creation of the scribal and priestly apparatus that survived him—a figure fashioned after the fact to legitimate an institution that needed to sign its laws in his name. Reading the Mosaic narrative through the criterion of interpretive coherence, the study shows how the death of the founder and the transfer of his authority to the written text and its custodians govern the composition of the account, from the story of the basket to the land he is never allowed to enter. It brings the tools of modern biblical criticism (Wellhausen, Noth, Eckart Otto, David Carr) into dialogue with my longstanding work on self-consciousness and the forms of knowledge, treating the making of Moses as a paradigmatic case of how a collective apparatus inherits, edits, and finally replaces the individual it claims to commemorate. Written in an argumentative, essayistic vein, it is addressed to scholars of biblical and philosophical thought as well as to the educated general reader.

Fear and the Mirror: Artificial Intelligence and the Initiative to Ask (in preparation).

This book argues that artificial intelligence does not take the initiative to ask. The claim is not that it fails to produce interrogative sentences—it produces them tirelessly—but that it does not perform the act of asking, which is the act of a subject for whom something is at stake; and this is constitutive, not a technical limitation that a larger model will overcome. Designed in our image so that we may use it, the machine returns our forms without our acts: the shell of a judgment, lacking the singular, the universal, and the act that binds them. The fear voiced by researchers themselves is read here as a symptom of the ensuing inversion, by which we come to describe ourselves in the image of what we made. The argument is tested against its strongest opponents—Michel Meyer's problematology, which grounds meaning in questioning without a questioner, and the engineering claim that exploratory and agentic systems already exhibit curiosity and initiative—and it distinguishes two fears that commonly travel together: displacement, an economic and political matter on which the thesis offers no protection, and supersession, against which it is decisive. The danger it finally names is neither: not that the machine may think, but that we may cease to. It extends to artificial intelligence my longstanding work on self-consciousness, the forms of knowledge, and the subject that cannot be annulled, and is addressed, like the preceding, to scholars and to the educated general reader.

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