

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. **London School of Economics, 1984**
Middle Eastern History, British Policy Toward the Levant (1940-1945)
[Supervisor: Professor Eli Kedourie]
- M.A. **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1978 Magna Cum Laude**
History of the Middle East
- B.A. **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1975 Magna Cum Laude**
History of the Middle East

Academic/Teaching Experience

- 2010–Present **American University, Washington, DC**
Adjunct Professor, School of International Service
News Media and Foreign Policy
- 2001–2004 **Bar Ilan University and Safed College, Israel**
Professor of Security Studies
- 1995–2000 **Bemedia College, Tel Aviv**
Lecturer on Communications
- 1988–1989 **Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**
Visiting Professor, Center for Jewish Studies
Guest lecturer in prominent academic institutions across the USA:
Harvard, Columbia, UC Berkeley, George Washington University, Wayne State, University of Wisconsin-Madison, etc.
- 1985–1986 **York University, Toronto, Canada**
Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science
- 1985–1986 **City College, NY**
Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science
- 1981–1989 **Tel Aviv University**
Lecturer, Middle East History, Faculty of Middle East Studies
Lecturer, School for Overseas Students

Professional Experience

- 2004–Present **Middle East Affairs Speaker, Consultant, Writer**, New York City and Washington, DC
- 1992–2004
- **Policy and Press Consultant: Public and Private Sectors in Israel**
 - **Participant in International Conferences hosted by the UN as an expert on the Middle East**
 - **Adviser to Radio and Television Programs on the Middle East in Israel and Abroad**
 - **Political Columnist in the *Jerusalem Post* and *Yediot Aharonot*, Israel's largest newspaper**
 - **Featured Guest on many television and radio political talk shows.**
 - **Policy Adviser to Defense Minister, Moshe Arens**
- 1989–1992 **Director of Communications, Government of Israel/Prime Minister's Office – Adviser to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir**
- *Represented Israeli government to Foreign Press Corps in Israel.*
 - *Secured press relations with the Soviet Union and established press relations with the People's Republic of China.*
 - *Adviser for the establishment of a Jewish Press Corps in Russia*
 - *Set up and directed Israel press center at the Madrid conference.*
 - *Coordinated Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Israel.*
 - **Member of the Israeli delegation to the peace talks with Syria in Madrid and Washington.**
 - **Represented Prime Minister Shamir to many talks, conferences and official appearances in a multitude of countries: USA, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, China, Russia, Japan and South Africa.**
- 1997–1998 **Director/Founding Member, The Council for Parliamentary Democracy**
- 1995–1997 **Founder/Anchor of public affairs television program: The Weekly Column.**
- 1993–2004 **Sports (Soccer) Commentator, Israeli Radio and Television.**
- March 1989 **Fundraising mission on behalf of Tel Aviv University to Mexico**
- 1985–1986 **Guest Lecturer in over 100 cities in North America:** Civic and professional organizations from Chambers of Commerce to Councils on Foreign Relations, and from Jewish organizations and synagogues to community centers and colleges.

- June 1984 **Official Guest of the American Government, Department of State**
- 1983-2000 **Scholar-in-Residence, JAFI (Jewish Agency for Israel)** two-week terms.
Locations included: Hartford, San Francisco, Chicago Cincinnati, Los Angeles,
Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Columbus, etc.

Research/Scholarly Activities

- Summer 1986 **Visiting Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy**
- 1981-1989 **Tel Aviv University**
- Lecturer, Middle East History, Faculty of Middle East Studies
- Researcher and Head of Syria and Lebanon desks at the Dayan Center for
Middle Eastern Studies
- Lecturer, School for Overseas Students

Languages

Hebrew (Mother Language)
English
Arabic
French
Russian

Publications (partial list)

Books

Unraveling the Knot: Between Arab and Jew, New York, 1989
Minorities in the Middle East, Tel Aviv, 1986 (Hebrew)
Modern Syria, Tel Aviv, 1997 (Hebrew)

Chapters in Books and Articles

- *Middle East Contemporary Survey, 1982-1989*. One chapter/year each on Syria and Lebanon, Dayan Center Press, University of Tel Aviv
- Chapters in numerous books and academic publications on the subject of the Middle East
- Articles in many academic journals on the subject of The Middle East
- Articles on popular newspapers and magazines worldwide.

Special Appearances and Interviews

Frequently interviewed on television programs worldwide including: *Nightline*, *TODAY*, *Good Morning America*, CNN's *The International Hour*, *Panorama* (BBC). Debated Noam Chomsky on TV Ontario and Hanan Ashrawi on CNN and Australian television.

Regularly quoted in numerous newspapers worldwide including: *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Times of London*, etc.