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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born: 1972 (Paris, France)

Nationality: Israeli

RELEVANT POSITIONS

- 2016 - Present The Legal Adviser, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2013 - 2016 Principal Deputy Legal Adviser, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2010 - 2013 Senior Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Shalom Hartman Institute, Israel.
- 2006 - 2009 Senior Policy Adviser to Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 2005 - 2006 Director, International Law Department, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2001 - 2005 Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, New York.
- 1998 - 2001 Legal Adviser, International Law Department, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1996 - 1998 Legal Officer, Military Advocate General Corps, IDF.

EDUCATION

- 2005 **S.J.D.** *Doctor of Juridical Science*, Columbia University School of Law, New York, Thesis: "*Terrorism and the State: Rethinking the Rules of State Responsibility*" (published by Hart, winner of 2007 Guggenheim Prize for Best International Law Book).
- 1998 **LL.M (magna cum laude)** Hebrew University School of Law, Jerusalem.
- 1994 **LL.B (Hons.)**, Monash University School of Law, Melbourne.
- 1993 **B.A.**, Monash University School of Law, Melbourne.

Additional Relevant Education:

Hague Academy of International Law - Public International Law Course.

UNITAR - Law of the Sea Seminar.

ICRC - International Humanitarian Law Seminar.

Institute of Military Law - Graduate, Legal Officers Course.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current

Primary Responsibility for all matters of public international law as the Legal Adviser of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including in areas of peace negotiations and bilateral and multilateral treaty negotiations, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, State responsibility, law of the sea, maritime delimitation, State and diplomatic immunities, United Nations affairs, refugee law, inter-State arbitration, and consideration of the work of the International Law Commission. Legal Adviser of the Israeli Delegation on Treaties with the United Arab Emirates (2020).

Previous

Head of the Israeli Delegation, and Counsel for Israel, before the International Court of Justice in the advisory proceedings concerning *the Legal Consequences of the Separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965*.

Vice-Chairman, United Nations General Assembly Sixth (Legal) Committee.

Head of the Israeli Delegation, United Nations General Assembly Sixth (Legal) Committee.

Head of the Israeli Delegation, Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law, Council of Europe (CAHDI).

Head of the Israeli Delegation, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Head of the Israeli Delegation, United Nations General Assembly, 20th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Legal Adviser and Lead Drafter, Israeli Peace Negotiation Team in numerous peace negotiations.

Head of the Israeli Delegation to bilateral legal dialogues with numerous States, including Germany, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, China, India, Australia, and the Russian Federation.

Member of the Israeli Delegation, Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court.

Israeli Representative, Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression.

Member, International Law Association Committee on the Accountability of International Organisations.

RELEVANT AWARDS

Guggenheim Prize, Best International Law Book (2007).

Cutting Fellow, Columbia University (2006).

Fischman Memorial Scholar (2005).

Rabin Peace Prize (2002).

Dean's Honors List, Hebrew University (1998).

Bentwich Prize for International Law, Hebrew University (1997).

Fritz Oberland Award for Excellence in International Law, Hebrew University (1997).

Order of Merit, Monash University (1993).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs:

TERRORISM AND THE STATE: RETHINKING THE RULES OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2006) - Winner of 2007 Guggenheim Prize for Best International Law Book.

Articles:

Reflections on Universal Jurisdiction, 10 ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law 477 (2004).

Legal and Political Aspects of the Negotiations on Jerusalem, 2003 Jewish Law Report 27.

Self-Determination in Perspective, 32 Isr. L. Rev. 301 (1998).

The Arab Boycott of Israel under International Law in J. Weiner (ed.) Business Ethics and Social Responsibility (1996).

RELEVANT TEACHING AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Peace Palace, The Hague, Shabtai Rosenne Memorial Lecture, *"Negotiating, Drafting, Implementing and Interpreting Peace Agreements"* (2017).

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Senior Lecturer, *"International Law in Practice"*.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Senior Lecturer, *"International Law and Terrorism"*.

Inter-Disciplinary Center, Herzliya, Senior Co-Lecturer, *"Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State: International and Domestic Legal Perspectives"*.

Keynote speaker at a wide range of conferences, universities, seminars, roundtables and workshops on topics related to international law and international relations, the role of the lawyer in peace negotiations, legal aspects of armed conflict, including at Columbia University; New York University; Harvard University; Cambridge University; London School of Economics; Princeton University, and across the world in Bogota, Hong Kong, Geneva, London, Brussels, Sydney, Canberra, Istanbul, Oslo, New York, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto and elsewhere.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

President, International Law Association - Israel's Branch.

Association of Attenders and Alumni of the Hague Academy of International Law.

International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

Israeli Bar Association.

United Nations Forum of Legal Advisers (Founder).

American Society of International Law (former).

Secretary and Treasurer, International Law Association - Israel's Branch (former).

United Nations Association of Israel (former).