

RENANA KEYDAR
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A. Personal Details

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B. Higher Education

2003, Tel Aviv University, LL.B., Faculty of Law (Magna Cum Laude)

Dean's List in 2000, 2001, 2003; ranked 2nd in class of 2003

2003, Tel Aviv University, B.A., Faculty of Social Sciences (Magna Cum Laude)

2009-2015, Stanford University, Ph.D., Comparative Literature—Supervisor: Prof. Amir Eshel, #5, 9

C. Appointments at the Hebrew University

July 2020-present, Senior Lecturer (tenure-track), Faculty of Law and Faculty of Humanities

D. Additional Functions at the Hebrew University

September 2020-present, Head, Alfred Landecker Lab for the Computational Analysis of Holocaust Testimonies

2020-2021, Teaching Committee of the Faculty of Law, Member

2020-2022, University Research Computing Center, Academic board member

2020-2022 Library Committee, Member

2020-present, Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, Academic board member

2020-present, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Academic board member

October 2021-present, Academic Director, Center for Digital Humanities

2023-present, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Academic board member

E. Service in other Academic and Research Institutions

2016, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Director, Research Group on The Future of Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Justice in the Context of Contemporary Conflicts

2017, 2018, Stanford University, Visiting researcher, Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis

2019-2020, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Advisor, Committee on the Integration of Data Sciences

2020-2021, Israel National Academy of Sciences, Elected Member, Young Scholars Forum in the Humanities and Social Sciences on “Racism, Antisemitism, Genocide: The Holocaust in its Historical, Ideological and Cultural Contexts”, led by Prof. Israel Bartal

2023-present, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Member, National Committee on Data (CODATA)

F. Awards and Fellowships

2013-2015, Stanford University, Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship

2015-2016, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2016-2020 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,

2021-2024, Alon Fellowship for Outstanding Junior Faculty

2022, Gorni Prize for Excellent Junior Researcher in Public Law

2024-2025 Institute for Advanced Israel Studies at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, Research Fellow

2025 Ellis and Alma Birk Prize for Legal Scholar

2025 Landau Prize for Arts and Sciences of Mifal Hapais in the category of Civil Society Organizations as part of Edut 710 Initiative

G. Other Academic Activity

1) Conference Organizer

2020 - Present Annual school in Digital Humanities, Founder and Academic director, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2023 International winter school in Digital Humanities, Academic director (co-organized with Dr. Barak Sober, HUJI, Dr. Dennis Mischke and Prof. Dr. Eliese Lincke, Freie Universität Berlin; supported by grants from the German-Israeli Foundation (GIF), and the German U15 organization (Euro 30,000), Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2024, Conference on Computational Approaches to the Study of the Holocaust, Organizer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2025 International winter school in Digital Humanities, Academic director (co-organized with Dr. Barak Sober, HUJI, Dr. Dennis Mischke and Prof. Dr. Eliese Lincke, Freie Universität Berlin; supported by grants from the German-Israeli Foundation (GIF), and the German U15 organization (Euro 25,000), Freie Universität Berlin
2025 President Herzog z"l International Conference on *Decoding the Law: The Impact of Generative AI on the Justice System, the Rule of Law, and Democratic Governance*, Organizer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; supported by Herzog Law Firm (NIS 50000)

2) Reviewer and program committee member

2020-present, Reviewer for Digital Humanities Quarterly; AI and Law; Journal of International Economic Law; Law, Culture and Society; Mishpatim-Hebrew University Law Review; Iyunei Mishpat-Tel Aviv University Law Review.

2024, Member, Program Committee for Holocaust Testimonies as Language Resources Pre-conference workshop at the Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING) 2024

H. Social impact and service

2022-present, Volunteer in the Commission for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2022-present, Member of The Israeli Law Professors' Forum for Democracy, an ad-hoc, voluntary group of experts on Israeli public law, working to protect and promote liberal democracy in Israel

2023-present, Board member and head of Archive and Research in Edut 710 – a civil society organization documenting, digitizing, archiving, and preserving audio-visual eyewitness testimonies of survivors from the October 7 attacks

I. Grants

1) Lab Grants

2020-2027, Alfred Landecker Foundation, Winning proposal Grant for Establishing the Alfred Landecker Digital Humanities Lab, Euro 1,230,000, #13, 16, 18

2) Research Grants

2020-2023, Ministry of Science and Technology, *Critique of Pure Digital Reason: Validating Distant Reading from a Comparative Perspective* (with Itay Marienberg-Milikowsky, Ben Gurion University and Ophir Muenz-Manor, The Open University), NIS 105,00/320,000, #12

2021-2024, Ministry of Science and Technology, *The Future of the Past: Revealing Narrative Structures in Holocaust Testimonies through Algorithmic Textual Analysis* (with Omri Abend and Amit Pinchevski, The Hebrew University), NIS 80,000/240,000, #14, 15

2021-2025 National Council for Higher Education, Competitive Grant for Developing NLP Tools for a Data-Driven Algorithmic Analysis of Documentary Narratives (with Omri Abend, Ofer Ashkenazi, Amit Pinchevski and Gabriel Stanovsky), NIS 500,000/1,948,000, #17, 19

2024-5 Santa Fe Institute, co-author of a winning proposal in support of a working group on “The New New Science” at the Santa Fe Institute (with Daniel Rockmore and Barak Sober), 31,000 US Dollars

2025 Bar Ilan University, DSAI Competitive Grant, *Computational Archeology of Statutory Language: A Data-Driven Study of the Development of Israeli Legislation* (with Ittay Bar Siman Tov and Ori Aronson, Bar Ilan University), NIS 50,000.

3) Institutional Grants

2021-2026 National Council for Higher Education, co-author of a winning proposal for a Digital Humanities Center at the Hebrew University (Special Grant of the National Council for Higher Education, with Ofer Ashkenazi), NIS 3,000,000

4) Research Grants – Submitted

2020, ISF Submission, *What Do Judges Hear? A Computational Approach for Assessing the Impact of Narrative Complexity on Judicial Decision-Making*

2022, ISF submission, *Distant Listening: Identifying Narrative Patterns in Holocaust Testimonies using Algorithmic Analysis*

2023, ISF submission, *Computational Archeology of Legislative Language: A Data-Driven Study of Israeli Statutory Evolution* (with Ittay Bar Siman Tov and Ori Aronson, Bar Ilan University)

J. Teaching at the Hebrew University

1) Supervision of master's and doctoral degree students

Master's Students

2019-2021, Lee Ilan–LL.M. thesis “The Need for Transitional Justice for the LGBTQ Community”, 91.5

2020-2021, Bernadette Janssen–M.A. thesis “The Effectiveness of Transitional Justice” (co-supervisor with Tomer Broude), 91.75

2020-2021, Eitan Wagner–M.SC. thesis, “Topical Segmentation of Spoken Narratives: A Test Case on Holocaust Survivor Testimonies” (co-supervisor with Omri Abend), 98, #14, 17

2022-present, Avishag Ben Yosef–M.A. thesis, “From Marseille to Haifa: Mordechai Narkiss’ Culture Campaign in France (1947-1951)” (co-supervisor with Amos Goldberg)

2022-presnet, Eliya Habba–M.SC. thesis, “The Perfect Victim: Computational Analysis of Judicial Attitudes towards Victims of Sexual Violence” (co-supervisor with Gabriel Stanovsky), 93, #18

2023-present, Esther Shizgal— M.SC. thesis, “Identifying similarities in religious trajectories extracted from Holocaust testimony transcripts” (co-supervisor with Omri Abend)

Doctoral Students

2021-2025, Noam Maeir, “Digital Philology Studies of Syriac Manuscript Culture” (co-supervisor with David Satran and Serge Ruzer)

2021-present, Eitan Wagner, “Event Modeling for Testimony Narratives” (co-supervisor with Omri Abend)

2024-present, Eliya Habba, “Toward Robust LLM Evaluation in the Legal Domain” (co-supervisor with Gabriel Stanovsky)

2) Post-Doctoral Fellows

2022-2023, Noa Mor, “Content Moderation’s Backyard: Reducing Visibility of Content on Digital Platforms”

2023-2024, Or Cohen-Sasson, “75 Years of Law Reviews: Trends, Patters and Insights”

2022-2025, Naama Seri-Levi, “Mapping Wandering Routes: Exile and Nomadism Among Polish-Jewish Refugees During World War II”

A) Courses Taught

2020-2021, Law, Literature and Human Rights, LLB

2020-2021, 2021-2022, Introduction to Digital Humanities, BA

2020-2021, Critique of Digital Reason, BA

2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2023-2024 Law, Technology and Data, LLB

2021-2022, Introduction to Israeli Legal System, LLB

2022-2023, 2023-2024, Humanistic Research in Digital Age, MA

2022-2023, 2023-2024, Research Lab in Digital Humanities, MA

2022-2023, 2023-2024, Master Class for Graduate Students, LLD

2024-2025, Seminar on AI, Democracy and Rule of Law, LLB, LLM

K. Non-Academic Professional Experience

1995-1997, Mandatory Military Service, News Producer, Israeli Army Radio

1997-1998, News Producer, Associated Press Television News

2003-2004, Internship, High Court of Justice Department, Israel State Attorney’s Office

2004-2007, Advocate, High Court of Justice Department, Israel State Attorney’s Office

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PUBLICATIONS
JANUARY 2025

Explanatory Notes: The adjacent letters for legal publications indicate the publications' ranking under the [Israeli Index for Ranking Legal Publications](#), which categorizes legal journals into four tiers: **A*, A, B, C** (hereinafter, **RLP**). The adjacent letters for humanities publications indicate the publications' ranking under the Journal Ranking Report of the Israel Council for Higher Education, which categorized humanities journals into 3 tiers: **A+, A, B** (hereinafter, **JRR**). Where available, JCR Ranking is noted (hereinafter, **JCR**). Conference proceedings are the **main publication form** in Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing. The leading conferences of the field (ACL, EMNLP) are highly competitive with acceptance rates typically no higher than 25%. Papers are double-blind peer-reviewed and published as part of the conference proceedings. Impact factor (**h5-index**) and venue ranking are reported following [Google Scholar's indexing for the field](#).

L. Doctoral Dissertation

- 1) **Renana Keydar**, "Seeking Justice in the Courtroom and Beyond: Confronting Mass Atrocity in Law and Literature," Comparative Literature, Stanford University (2015, 205 pages). Supervisor: Prof. Amir Eshel, #5, 9.

M. Books

None.

N. Books Edited

None.

O. Chapters in Collections

|-----Publications below published after last appointment -----|

- 2) **Renana Keydar**, *The State Becomes (Again) the Homeland: Consequences*, in: **The Future of the State – the State of the Future**, eds. Gumbrecht, Hans Ulrich; Scheu, René, Reclam Verlag (2021), 52-58 (German) (citations and ranking N/A).
- 3) **Renana Keydar**, Encyclopedia Entry: "Law, Regulation and Data Ethics", to be included in **The Hebrew Encyclopedia** (new edition), Shoken Publishing House (forthcoming 2025), appx. 12 pp. (in Hebrew) (citations and ranking N/A).

P. Articles

- 4) **Renana Keydar**, *'I Was in a War, and in a War Things Like that Happen': On Judgments and Ethical Investigations in Israeli Law and Literature*, **Jewish Social Studies** 18(3) (2013), 212-224 (JRR A; JCR Q1, 70/409 Humanities multidisciplinary), 5 citations.
- 5) **Renana Keydar**, *Rethinking Plurality: On Ethics and Storytelling in the Search for Justice*, **Dibur** 1 (2015), 19-27 (ranking N/A), 4 citations.
- 6) **Renana Keydar**, *Judging the Sons: Facing Human Rights Abuses in Protracted Conflicts*, **Alpayim Ve'od** 1 (2018), 52-61 (in Hebrew) (ranking and citations N/A).
- 7) **Renana Keydar**^{PI} and Ron Dudai^{PI}, *Imagined Justice: Civil Society, Literature and Critical Transitional Justice in Israel*, **Theory and Criticism** 50 (2018), 371-390 (in Hebrew) (JRR B), citations N/A.
- 8) **Renana Keydar**, *'Everyone's Child': The Challenge of Judging Israeli Soldiers in the Shadow of the Conflict*, **Law, Culture and the Humanities** 18(3) (2019), 765-788 (JRR A; JCR Q2, 175/425 Law), 3 citations.
- 9) **Renana Keydar**, *'Lessons in Humanity': Re-evaluating International Criminal Law's Narrative of Progress in the Post 9/11 Era*, **Journal of International Criminal Justice** 17(2) (2019), 229-257 (RLP A; Q1, 63/430 Law), 2 citations.
- 10) **Renana Keydar**, *Mass Atrocity, Mass Testimony, and the Quantitative Turn in International Law*, **Law and Society Review** 53(2) (2019), 554-587 (RLP A*), 19 citations.

|-----Publications below published after last appointment -----|
- 11) **Renana Keydar**, *Listening from Afar: An Algorithmic Analysis of Testimonies from the International Criminal Courts*, **Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy** 1(2020), 55-83 (RLP B), 9 citations.
- 12) **Renana Keydar**, *Changing the Lens on Survivor Testimony: Topic Modeling the Eichmann Trial*, **Jewish Studies Quarterly** 29(4) (2022), 412-435 (JRR B; JCR Q1, 96/409 Humanities multidisciplinary), 2 citations.
- 13) **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Yael Litmanovitz^{PI}, Badi Hasisi^C, Yoav Kantor^S, *Modeling Repressive Policing: Computational Analysis of Protocols from the Israeli State Commission of Inquiry into the October 2000 Events*, **Law and Social Inquiry** 47(4) (2022), 1075–1105 (RLP A*, JCR Q1, 71/430 Law), 3 citations.
- 14) Eitan Wagner^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Amit Pinchevski^C, Omri Abend^{PI}, *Automatic Topic-Guided Segmentation of Holocaust Survivor Testimonies*, **Journal of Computational Literary Studies** 2 (2023), 26 pp. (ranking N/A).
- 15) **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Amit Pinchevski^{PI}, Maxim Ifergan^S, Omri Abend^C, *Testimony from the Machine: Listening to Holocaust Testimony as a Whole*, **Law, Society and Culture—Law and the Material Turn** 7 (2024), 143-168 (in Hebrew) (RLP B).

|-----Publications below published after external review -----|
- 16) **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Vera Shikleman^{PI}, Tomer Broude^C, Jonathan Elkobi^S, *The Discursive Evolution of Human Rights Law: Empirical Insights from a Computational Analysis of 180,000 UN Recommendations*, **Human Rights Law Review** 24(4) (2024), 37 pp. (RLP A; Q1, 54/430 Law), 1 citation.
- 17) **Renana Keydar**, *Survivor Testimony of the October 7 Events: Between the Legal and the Documentary*, **Remembrance and Research** 5 (2024), 8 pp. (in Hebrew) (ranking N/A).

- 18) **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Amit Pinchevski^{PI}, Maxim Ifergan^S, Omri Abend^C, *The Testimony of the Multitude: Towards a computational model of listening to Holocaust testimony*, **Holocaust and Genocide Studies** (forthcoming 2025), appx. 40 pp. (JRR A+; Q1, 122/525 History).

Q. Conference Proceedings (Conference proceedings are the main publication form in Computational Linguistics and Natural Language Processing)

- 19) Mohr Wenger^S, Tom Kalir^S, Noga Berger^C, Carmit Chalamish^C, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Gabriel Stanovsky^{PI}, *Automated Extraction of Sentencing Decisions from Court Cases in the Hebrew Language*, **Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Natural Legal Language Processing**, co-located with the 2021 Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (h5-index 154; 2/20 in computational linguistics), 3 citations.
- 20) Eitan Wagner^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Amit Pinchevski^C, Omri Abend^{PI}, *Topical Segmentation of Spoken Narratives: A Test Case on Holocaust Survivor Testimonies*, **Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing** (h5-index 154; 2/20 in computational linguistics), 9 citations.
- 21) Eliya Habba^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Dan Bareket^S, Gabriel Stanovsky^{PI}, *The Perfect Victim: Computational Analysis of Judicial Attitudes towards Victims of Sexual Violence*, **Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAIL 2023)** (ranking N/A), 4 citations.
- 22) Eitan Wagner^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Omri Abend^{PI}, *Event-Location Tracking in Narratives: A Case Study on Holocaust Testimonies*, **Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing** (h5-index 176; 2/20 in computational linguistics), 4 citations.

|-----Publications below published after external review -----|

- 23) Maxim Ifergan^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, Omri Abend^C, Amit Pinchevsky^{PI}, *Identifying Narrative Patterns and Outliers in Holocaust Testimonies Using Topic Modeling* **Proceedings of the First Workshop on Holocaust Testimonies as Language Resources**, LREC-COLING 2024 (h5-index 65; 5/20 in computational linguistics), 1 citation.
- 24) Eitan Wagner^S, **Renana Keydar**^{PI}, and Omri Abend^{PI}, *Zero-shot Trajectory Mapping in Holocaust Testimonies*, **Proceedings of the First Workshop on Holocaust Testimonies as Language Resources**, LREC-COLING 2024 (h5-index 65; 5/20 in computational linguistics).

R. Other Publications

|-----Publications below published after last appointment -----|

- 25) Asaf Wiener, **Renana Keydar**, Regulating Social Networks and Offensive Content in Israel: A Computational Analysis of the Policy Design Discourse, **Israel Internet Association (ISOC-IL)** – Research Paper (19.1.2023) (in Hebrew).
- 26) Zvi Triger, Aeyal Gross, **Renana Keydar**, and Ido Katri, *Violation of LGBT Rights as a result of the Proposed Regime Changes in Israel*, **The Law Professors' Forum for Democracy** – Position Paper 37 (2023) (in Hebrew).

S. Participation in Scientific Conferences

- 1) 2021, **Workshop on Natural Legal Language Processing**, Virtual and Punta Caña, Dominican Republic—*Automated Extraction of Sentencing Decisions from Court Cases in the Hebrew Language* (presentation).
- 2) 2021, **Annual Law and Society Association Conference**, Virtual and Chicago, IL., USA— Modeling Repressive Policing: Computational Analysis of Protocols from the Israeli State Commission of Inquiry into the October 2000 Events (presentation).
- 3) 2021, **Association for Computers and the Humanities Annual Conference**, Virtual and Austin, TX., USA—*Scaled Reading: A New Hybrid Model for Analyzing Testimonial Narratives of Repressive Protest Policing* (presentation).
- 4) 2021, **European Association for Digital Humanities Annual Conference**, Virtual and Siberian Federal University in Krasnoyarsk, Russia — Scaled Reading: A new Computational Model for Analyzing Testimonial Narratives of Repressive Protest Policing (presentation).
- 5) 2021, **Israeli Seminar on Computational Linguistics (ISCOL)**, Ben Gurion University—*Automated Extraction of Sentencing Decisions from Court Cases in the Hebrew Language* (poster presentation).
- 6) 2022, **Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS)**, University of Virginia, VA., USA— Defining the Duty to Consult from Below: Algorithmic Analysis of Indigenous and Minority Claims before Inquiry Commissions (Presentation).
- 7) 2022, **Online Workshop on Computational Analysis of Law**, Virtual and University of Virginia, VA., USA —*Rethinking Human Rights Proliferation as Norm Density: A Computational Study of 180,000 UN Recommendations* (Presentation).
- 8) 2022, **Annual Israeli Law and Society Association Conference**, Peres Academic Center, Rehovot, Israel— *Law under conditions of uncertainty: implications of non-publication of court decisions* (Panel organizer and speaker).
- 9) 2022, **Annual Israeli Law and Society Association Conference**, Peres Academic Center, Rehovot, Israel— *Minority groups' Testimonies before governmental bodies – A Computational Analysis* (Presentation).
- 10) 2022, **Annual Public Law Association Conference (I-CON-S)**, Academic Center for Law and Business, Ramat-Gan, Israel—*Minority groups' Testimonies before governmental bodies – A Computational Analysis* (Presentation).
- 11) 2022, **Law and Society Association Annual Conference**, Lisbon, Portugal— *The Perfect Victim: Computational Analysis of Sex Crime Cases from the Israeli Legal System* (presentation).

- 12) 2023, **Online Workshop on Computational Analysis of Law**, Virtual and University of Virginia, VA., USA—*The Perfect Victim: Computational Analysis of Sex Crime Cases from the Israeli Legal System* (presentation).
- 13) 2023, **Biennial Conference of the Standing Group on Regulatory Governance**, University of Antwerp, Belgium—*Regulating Digital Technologies* (Presentation).
- 14) 2023, **International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAIL)**, University of Minho, Portugal—*The Perfect Victim: Computational Analysis of Judicial Attitudes towards Victims of Sexual Violence* (Presentation).
- 15) 2023, **Platform Governance Research Network Conference**, Virtual —*AI and Platform Governance* (Presentation).
- 16) 2024, **Annual Jewish Studies and Digital Humanities Conference**, University of Potsdam, Germany—*Emergent Voices: Applying DH methods in a Digital Archive of Testimonies during Wartime* (presentation).
- 17) 2024, **Quantifying the Holocaust**, Paris 1 University, France—*Beyond the Fragmented Voice: Harnessing Technology for Collective Listening to Holocaust Testimonies* (presentation).
- 18) 2024, **Annual Digital Humanities Conference (DH2024)**, George Mason University, Washington D.C. and Virtual—*Structuring a Digital Archive of Survivor Testimony in Times of Emergency* (presentation)
- 19) 2024, **Lessons and Legacies XVII: Languages of the Holocaust**, Claremont McKenna College and the University of Southern California, CA., USA—*Distant reading languages of the Holocaust: Experiments in machine-reading survivor testimony* (presentation).

T. Keynote and Invited Talks

- 1) 2022, **Annual President Haim Herzog international conference on The Role of Law in Diverse Societies Conference**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel—*Voicing the Claims of the Minority: A Computational Analysis of Bedouin Testimonies before Israeli State Mechanisms* (invited speaker).
- 2) 2022, **Lawyers' Circle of the US Holocaust Museum**, Washington DC, USA—*Holocaust Research in the Digital Age* (invited speaker).
- 3) 2023, **DisinfoCon**, Berlin, Germany—*Will generative AI be the end of democracy?* (invited speaker).
- 4) 2023, **Algorithmic Analysis of the Law: Natural Legal Language Processing in Hebrew**, Tel Aviv University, Israel—*Legal Research in the Age of AI: Toward Qualitative Analysis with Computational Tools* (keynote speaker).
- 5) 2024, **Israeli Conference on Human Computer Interaction (IsraHCI)**, Tel Aviv University, Israel—*Edu710: Human-Computer Interactions in Building an Archive of October 7th Survivor Testimonies* (keynote speaker).

U. Patents

None.