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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CURRENT POSITIONS AT

#### THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM (HUJI)

**Since July 2020 – Senior Lecturer (Assistant Professor) of Modern Central European History**

History Department, Faculty of Humanities

**Since October 2020 – Deputy Academic Director**

Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights,  
Faculty of Humanities

### PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

**Since June 2025 – Member of the Academic Advisory Board**

Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow (DI)

**Since March 2025 – Member of the George L. Mosse Faculty Committee**

History Department, Faculty of Humanities, HUJI

**Since July 2023 – Member of the Scientific Committee**

Yad Vashem's International Institute for Holocaust Research

**Since August 2022 – Advisor to MA students (non-research track)**

History Department, Faculty of Humanities, HUJI

### PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

**October 2024 – Member of the Selection Committee for Study Scholarships**

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

**2023-24 – Member of the Scientific Committee**

MA Honors Program at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, HUJI

**August 2021-August 2023 – Advisor to MA students (non-research track)**

History Department, Faculty of Humanities, HUJI

### EDUCATION

January 2017 – PhD in History, The Zvi Yavetz Graduate School of Historical Studies,  
Tel Aviv University (TAU)

2007-2009 – Studies in Modern European and Modern German History, TAU

2004 – M.A. in Political Science (Political Philosophy), TAU

1997 – B.A. (magna cum laude) in Political Science, TAU

## PUBLICATIONS

### **BOOKS:**

#### ***Monograph:***

*Nationalbesitzstand und "Wiedergutmachung" – Zur historischen Semantik sudetendeutscher Kampfbegriffe* (= *Veröffentlichungen des Collegium Carolinum*, Vol. 142), Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen 2021.

#### ***Edited volumes:***

*"Die Deutschen" als die Anderen – Deutschland in der Imagination seiner Nachbarn* (= *Tel Aviv Yearbook for German History*, Vol. 40), Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2012. With José Brunner.

*Margherita von Brentano – Das Politische und das Persönliche. Eine Collage*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2010. With Susan Neiman.

### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:**

"Displacement and Compensation in Germany after the First and Second World Wars". In: *Central European History* (2025), pp. 1-21. With Cristiano La Lumia.

"'Aryanization' in Central and Eastern Europe and the Equalization of Burdens Files: The Case of the Sudetenland". In: *Journal of Modern European History*, Vol. 21 (2023), pp. 294-310.

"Coming to Terms with the Nazi Past?": The West German Compensation Policy in the Long 1950s". In: *Studies in Jewish History and Culture*, Vol. 70 (Leiden: Brill, 2022), pp. 11-24.

#### **German version:**

"'Vergangenheitsbewältigung'? Ein Rückblick auf die westdeutsche Entschädigungspolitik in den langen 1950er-Jahren". In: Meron Mendel (ed.): *Singularität im Plural. Kolonialismus, Holocaust und der zweite Historikerstreit*, Beltz Juventa, Weinheim 2023, pp. 146-159.

"Heinrich Rauchberg (1860-1938): A Reappraisal of a Central European Demographer's Life and Work". In: *Austrian History Yearbook*, Vol. 50 (2019), pp. 78-98.

"The Semantics of Political Integration: Public Debates about the Term 'Expellees' in Post-War Western Germany". In: *Contemporary European History*, Vol. 27/1 (2018), pp. 42-58. With Sagi Schaefer. Open access.

"Reconstructing Life after the Holocaust: The *Lastenausgleichsgesetz* and the Jewish Struggle for Compensation". In: *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book*, Vol. 58 (2013), pp. 53-67.

"The History of Ravensbrück Concentration Camp as Reflected in its Changing and Expanding Functions". In: Irith Dublon-Knebel (ed.): *A Holocaust Crossroads:*

*Jewish Women and Children in Ravensbrück*, Vallentine Mitchell, London 2010, pp. 17-36. With Dina Porat.

### **ARTICLES IN COLLECTED VOLUMES:**

"Sudetendeutsche Zweckbündnisse. Interaktionsmuster zwischen sudetendeutschen Liberalen und Nationalsozialisten bzw. der Henleinpartei in der Tschechoslowakei der Zwischenkriegszeit". In: Elke Seefried/Ernst Wolfgang Becker/Frank Bajohr/Johannes Hürter (eds.): *Liberalismus und Nationalsozialismus. Eine Beziehungsgeschichte (= Zeithistorische Impulse, Vol. 15)*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart 2020, pp. 309-340.

"Epilog der 'Arisierung' – Der Lastenausgleich neu betrachtet". In: Arndt Engelhardt/Lutz Fiedler/Elisabeth Gallas/Natasha Gordinsky/Philipp Graf (eds.): *Ein Paradigma der Moderne. Jüdische Geschichte in Schlüsselbegriffen. Festschrift für Dan Diner zum 70. Geburtstag*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Verlag, Göttingen 2016, pp. 57-78.

"Im Schatten der Juden. Sudetendeutsche Wiedergutmachungsforderungen nach 1989". In: José Brunner/Constantin Goschler/Nobert Frei (eds.): *Die Globalisierung der Wiedergutmachung. Politik, Moral, Moralpolitik*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2013, pp. 228-290.

"'Unwürdige' und 'würdige' Opfer? Sudetendeutsche und Juden im Ringen um Wiedergutmachung am Beispiel der Generali-Versicherung". In: K. Erik Franzen and Martin Schulze Wessel (eds.): *Opfernarrative. Konkurrenzen und Deutungskämpfe in Deutschland und im östlichen Europa nach dem Zweiten Weltkrieg (= Veröffentlichungen des Collegium Carolinum, Vol. 126; Schriften des Europäischen Netzwerks Erinnerung und Solidarität, Vol. 5)*, Oldenbourg Verlag, Munich 2012, pp. 85-100. Open access.

"Es muss nicht immer Wiedergutmachung sein – Walter Grab und das Minerva Institut für deutsche Geschichte an der Universität Tel Aviv". In: José Brunner and Iris Nachum (eds.): *"Die Deutschen" als die Anderen. Deutschland in der Imagination seiner Nachbarn (= Tel Aviv Yearbook for German History, Vol. 40)*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2012, pp. 237-276. Open access.

"On the German Legislation and the Israeli Examination Practice Regarding the Germanness of Holocaust Survivors". In: *IDC Law and Business Journal*, Vol. 10 (2009), pp. 279-303. With José Brunner [Hebrew]. Open access.

"'Vor dem Gesetz steht ein Türhüter'. Wie und warum israelische Antragsteller ihre Zugehörigkeit zum deutschen Sprach- und Kulturkreis beweisen mußten". In: José Brunner/Nobert Frei/Constantin Goscher (eds.): *Die Praxis der Wiedergutmachung. Geschichte – Erfahrung – Wirkung in Deutschland und Israel*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2009, pp. 387-424. With José Brunner.

"Die Geschichte des Konzentrationslagers Ravensbrück im Spiegel seiner Funktionen". In: Irith Dublon-Knebel (ed.): *Schnittpunkt des Holocaust: Jüdische Frauen und Kinder im Konzentrationslager Ravensbrück. Wissenschaftlicher*

*Begleitband zur Ausstellung (= Schriftenreihe der Stiftung Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten, Vol. 28), Metropol Verlag, Berlin 2009, pp. 27-40. With Dina Porat.*

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

"Das schwierigste Gebiet des Lastenausgleichs'. Vertriebene 'Ariseure' und jüdische Fiktivvertriebene im Ringen um Entschädigung". In: *Conference "Kriegsfolgenarchivgut" in Bayreuth, 2019*. Open access at: <https://www.bundesarchiv.de/DE/Content/Publikationen/Aufsaeetze/kriegsfolgenarchivgut-p1-nachum.html>

"Die Deutschdemokratische Freiheitspartei in der Tschechoslowakei". In: *HeussForum, Theodor-Heuss-Kolloquium 2017*. Open access at: [www.stiftung-heuss-haus.de/heuss-forum\\_6\\_2017](http://www.stiftung-heuss-haus.de/heuss-forum_6_2017)

"Nationalbesitzstand und Wiedergutmachung: Zur Karriere zweier Kampfbegriffe im deutschböhmischen/sudetendeutschen Diskurs". In: *20. Münchner Bohemisten-Treffen 2016, Exposés*. Open access at: [http://www.collegium-carolinum.de/fileadmin/Veranstaltungen/BohemistenTreffen\\_Exposes/Exposes\\_2016/2016-35-Nachum\\_\\_Nationalbesitzstand.pdf](http://www.collegium-carolinum.de/fileadmin/Veranstaltungen/BohemistenTreffen_Exposes/Exposes_2016/2016-35-Nachum__Nationalbesitzstand.pdf)

"Editorial". In: José Brunner and Iris Nachum (eds.): *"Die Deutschen" als die Anderen. Deutschland in der Imagination seiner Nachbarn (= Tel Aviv Yearbook for German History, Vol. 40)*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2012, pp. 7-17. With José Brunner. Open access at: [http://humanities1.tau.ac.il/german\\_history/images/Files/Yearbook\\_Files/TAJB\\_2012\\_Editorial.pdf](http://humanities1.tau.ac.il/german_history/images/Files/Yearbook_Files/TAJB_2012_Editorial.pdf)

"Editorial". In: Iris Nachum and Susan Neiman (eds.): *Margherita von Brentano – Das Politische und das Persönliche. Eine Collage*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen 2010, pp. 13-14.

### **GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Research grant**, Israel Science Foundation (ISF), grant no. 678/21, 2021-2025: *"Nazi Wrongs and the West German Equalization of Burdens Law"*.

**Scholarship**, Tel Aviv University Rector's Scholarship for Excellence in PhD Studies, 2012-2014.

**Research grant**, Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East-European Studies (IUAP), 2012.

**Travel grant**, German Studies Association (GSA), for the attendance at GSA's annual conference, Milwaukee-Wisconsin, October 2012.

**Travel grant**, German-Czech and German-Slovak Historical Commission, for the attendance at the Commission's annual conference, "Eigentumsregime und Eigentumskonflikte im 20. Jahrhundert", Eisenach, October 2011.

**Scholarship**, Prof. Margarita and Dr. Moshe Pazi Scholarship Fund for the Research of Bohemian Jewry, January 2011.

**Scholarship**, Ignatz Bubis Memorial Scholarship Fund in Jewish Studies for Distinguished PhD Students, TAU, December 2010.

**Scholarship**, German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF), for research on "The Globalization of *Wiedergutmachung*", TAU, 2008-2010.

### VISITING FELLOWSHIP

**July-August 2019 – Visiting Scholar at the East Central European Center** at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

**Co-Organizer of a Research Group** (see section below), The Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, 2023-2024.

**Member of the Young Scholars Forum in the Humanities and Social Sciences**, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2018-2019.

**Margherita von Brentano Prize**, Free University Berlin, for the comprehensive processing and publication of Margherita von Brentano's literary estate, May 2010.

### RESEARCH AND READING GROUPS

**Co-Organizer with Prof. Gideon Reuveni and Prof. Daniel Siemens** "Paying for the Past: Reparations after the Holocaust in a Global Context" 2023-2024, The Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem.

**Co-Head with Prof. Regula Ludi, International Research Group** "The Luxembourg Agreement and Its Impacts: New Research, New Insights" Spring Semester 2022, Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem (Zoom).

**Instructor, German Reading Group** 2006-2014, Minerva Institute for German History, TAU.

### PAST RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

**2017-2020: Research Associate**  
at the ERC project "*JudgingHistories: Experience, Judgement, and Representation of World War II in an Age of Globalization*", HUJI  
Principal Investigator (PI): Prof. Dan Diner  
Financing Institution (FI): European Research Council (ERC)

**2014-2020: Academic Research Coordinator**  
Project: "*JudgingHistories*", HUJI

**2007-2020: Adjunct Lecturer of Political Theory**

Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Israel  
Lauder School of Government/Raphael Recanati International School

**2006-2012: Research Fellow at the Minerva Institute for German History, TAU**

Project: *"Complex Encounters: Jewish Life Worlds and German Legal Categories in the Struggle for Compensation after the Holocaust"* (2010-2012)

PI: Prof. José Brunner; FI: The Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

Project: *"The Globalization of Wiedergutmachung"* (2008-2010)

PIs: Prof. José Brunner; Prof. Norbert Frei, Jena; Prof. Constantin Goschler, Bochum

FI: The German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF)

Project: *"The Israeli Examination Practice on the 'Germanness' of Jewish Holocaust Survivors"* (2006-2007)

PI: Prof. José Brunner; FI: GIF

**2005-2006: Teaching Assistant**

Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, IDC Herzliya

**2002-2004: Research Fellow, TAU**

Project: *"Jewish Women and Children in Ravensbrück Concentration Camp"*

PIs: Prof. Dina Porat and Dr. Irith Dublon-Knebel; FI: GIF

**2000-2007: Instructor**

Department of Political Science, Open University of Israel

**2000-2004: Research Fellow, TAU**

Project: *"The Literary Estate of Margherita von Brentano"*

PI: Prof. Susan Neiman, Einstein Forum, Potsdam; FI: GIF

### ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

**INVITED TALKS:**

May 2022: Roundtable discussion on *Property and Reparations* with Prof. Gideon Reuveni and Prof. Nathan Sznajder. Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem (Zoom).

May 2020: "The Jewish Dimension of the Equalization of Burdens Law". Seminar of the Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies, TAU.

October 2019: "'Das schwierigste Gebiet des Lastenausgleichs'. Vertriebene 'Ariseure' und jüdische Fiktivvertriebene im Ringen um Entschädigung". Keynote lecture on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Lastenausgleichsarchiv* (Federal Archive of the Equalization of Burdens), Bayreuth.

March 2018: "Holocaust Survivors, Ethnic Germans and the West German Compensations Laws". Symposium on *Confronting the Past in Post-World War II West Germany*, The Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies, TAU.

January 2010: "Jews and Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia after 1945". Workshop on *Research and Documentation of Jewish Life in Central and Eastern Europe*, Central Europe Center for Research and Documentation (Centropa), Tel Aviv.

### **CAMPUS TALKS:**

January 2020: "The Equalization of Burdens Law". Presentation in the seminar on *Holocaust and the Law: Between the Public and the Private* (Dr. Rivka Brot), Faculty of Law, TAU.

December 2018: "Sudeten German Compensation Demands: The History of a Discourse". *Colloquium* of the European Forum, HUJI.

May 2017: "Compensation Files at the Equalization of Burdens Archive". Presentation in the seminar on *Modern German History. Problems and Debates* (Dr. Sagi Schaefer), General History Department, TAU.

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP TALKS:**

May 2025: "Compensation – With or Without Peace? The 1950 Dilemma of the Israeli Government on Palestinian Refugee Indemnification". Workshop on *Beauty Salon of History? Reparations Dilemmas after the Holocaust*, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin.

October 2023: "Cold War and Compensation: Thoughts on the Nexus Between Memory and Property". Simon Wiesenthal Workshop on *The 1952 German-Jewish Settlement and Beyond*, Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies.

September 2023: "Ein Netz aus Lügen? Entschädigungsanträge von vertriebenen 'Arisen'"'. *Deutscher Historikertag*, Leipzig.

June 2023: "Uprooted People and Compensation: Three Case Studies". Workshop on *The Lausanne Model, 100 Years After: The Practice of Uprooting Populations in Comparative Perspective*, HUJI.

November 2022: "Complicated Encounters: Jewish Claimants and German Legal Categories". Conference on *70 Years of Holocaust Compensation and Restitution*, TAU.

September 2022: "The Luxembourg Agreement as a Model for Restitutions?" Conference on *Beyond – Towards a Future Practice of Remembrance*, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences.

June 2022: "Forced Transfer and Compensation: The West German Equalization of Burdens Law and Jacob Robinson's Political Activities as Case Studies in Refugees Policy". Workshop on *Transnational Humanitarianism and Refugee Policy in the Age of the World Wars*, German Historical Institute, Rome (Zoom).

March 2022: "Coming to Terms with the Nazi Past? A Review of the German Compensation Policy". Workshop on *Addressing Injustice, Atrocities and Violence: Exploring Reparations in Global Perspective*, Innsbruck (Zoom).

March 2022: "German Legal Categories and the Jewish Struggle for Compensation Following the Luxembourg Agreement". Conference on *Wassenaar, 1952: Re-Inventing Reparations*, Wassenaar (Zoom). With Prof. José Brunner.

October 2021: "Absent but Not Gone: The Roles of Land Registries in the Practice of the *Lastenausgleich*". *Deutscher Historikertag*, Munich (Zoom).

October 2019: "Land Registries and the West German *Lastenausgleich*". *Annual Conference of the German Studies Association (GSA)*, Portland, Oregon.

September 2019: "The West German Equalization of Burdens Law: Good or Bad for the Jews?" Workshop on *Genocide, Restitution and Reparations: Expanding the Category*, Minerva Center for Human Rights, Buchmann Faculty of Law, TAU.

September 2019: "German Expellees, Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and the Practice of Compensation". Workshop on *The Practice of Restitution and Reparations and the Historiography of the Holocaust: An Entangled History?*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

July 2018: "Die 'Bekennnisdeutschen': Diskursive Konstruktion eines neuen jüdischen Identitätsbegriffs in der Tschechoslowakei der Zwischenkriegszeit". 28th International Summer Academy on *Verwischte Grenzen. Jüdische Identitäten in Zentraleuropa nach 1918*, Institute for Jewish History in Austria, Vienna.

September 2017: "Die Deutschdemokratische Freiheitspartei in der Tschechoslowakei". Theodor Heuss Colloquium 2017 on *Liberalismus und Nationalsozialismus. Eine Beziehungsgeschichte*, Institute of Contemporary History (IfZ), Munich.

February 2017: "*Nationalbesitzstand and Wiedergutmachung: The Career of Two Combat Concepts of the German Bohemian/Sudeten German Discourse*". *Annual Workshop for Young Researchers in German History and Culture in Israel*, Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem [in Hebrew].

September 2016: "Memory, Property, and the Cold War: Notes on a Triangular Relationship". *Annual German-Israeli Frontiers of Humanities Symposium (GISFOH)*, sponsored by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Potsdam, Germany.

March 2016: "Short Presentation of PhD Thesis". *Bohemisten-Treffen. Annual Conference of Experts on Bohemia*, Collegium Carolinum, Munich.

January 2016: "Heinrich Rauchberg and the Question of Loyalty of the 'German' Jews of the Bohemian Lands". International Workshop on *Loyalties and Disloyalties – Current Research on the Danube Monarchy*, Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, Marburg, Germany [in German].

December 2015: "The Sudeten German Compensation Demands: The History of a Discourse". International Conference on *Seventy Years since World War II: Seven Decades of Shifting Boundaries in Eastern Europe*, TAU.

November 2015: "Iron Curtain, Land Property, and Memory of Nazism". Evening in Honor of Sagi Schaefer's Book *States of Division*, TAU [in Hebrew].

February 2014: "Textures of Compensation. The Year 1919 as Starting Point of a New Legal Demand". Workshop on *Textures of World War I*, German Literature Archive, Marbach, Germany.

April 2013: "Battling Difference and Imagining Belonging? 'German Jewish' Agents in the First Czechoslovak Republic". International Workshop on *The Border Within: The Internalization of Difference in Central Europe and the Middle East*, TAU.

November 2012: "Examining the 'Germanness' of Israeli Holocaust Survivors: An Analysis of a Kafkaesque Compensation Procedure". International Conference on *Making Good Again: Cultural Approaches to Past Human Rights Abuses*, HUJI.

October 2012: "*Wiedergutmachung* – A Sudeten German Combat Term". International Conference on *National Economies (Volkswirtschaft) – Racism and Economy in Europe between the Wars (1918-1939)*, HUJI.

October 2012: "'Great Labor Is Involved for Small Returns': Jewish Compensation Claimants and the Equalization of Burdens Law". *Annual Conference of the German Studies Association (GSA)*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

April 2012: "Sudeten German Compensation Demands: The History of a Discourse". One-day workshop on *Fear of Neighbors: A Workshop on Jews, Non-Jews and the Twentieth Century in Honor of Prof. Jan T. Gross*, TAU.

August 2011: "German Legal Categories and Israeli Holocaust Survivors in the Struggle for Compensation". Two-week research workshop on *Jews and the Law in Modern Europe: Emancipation, Destruction, Reconstruction*, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), Washington, D.C.

February 2011: "The Correspondence between Jacob Taubes and Margherita von Brentano". Workshop on *Jacob Taubes*, Center for Literacy and Cultural Research (ZfL), Berlin.

October 2010: "Im Schatten der Juden: Die Wiedergutmachungsforderungen der Sudetendeutschen". Conference on *Opfernarrative. Konkurrenzen und Deutungskämpfe in der Nachgeschichte des Zweiten Weltkriegs*, German-Czech and German-Slovak Historical Commission/Collegium Carolinum, Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic.

October 2010: "'Unwürdige Opfer'? Die Wiedergutmachungsforderungen der Sudetendeutschen nach 1989". Workshop on *Globalisierung der Wiedergutmachung (II)*, German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF), Berlin.

May 2010: "Margherita von Brentano: Leben und Werk". Conference on *Die Parteilichkeit der Wissenschaft. Zu Ehren von Margherita von Brentano*, Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany.

September 2009: "Diskursanalyse der sudetendeutschen Entschädigungsforderungen nach dem Ende des Kalten Krieges". Workshop on *Globalisierung der Wiedergutmachung (I)*, German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF), Frankfurt.

July 2009: "Der sudetendeutsche Wiedergutmachungsdiskurs nach dem Ende des Kalten Krieges (II)". Summer School: *Negotiating Europe II. Jewish and Non-Jewish Spaces*, Jena Center 20th Century History, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany.

June 2008: "Der sudetendeutsche Wiedergutmachungsdiskurs nach dem Ende des Kalten Krieges (I)". Summer School: *Negotiating Europe I. Jewish and Non-Jewish Spaces*, Jena Center 20th Century History, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena.

May 2008: "Why and How Did Holocaust Survivors in Israel Prove Their Belonging to the 'Circle of German Language and Culture'?". Annual Conference of the *Law and Business Journal*, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. With Prof. José Brunner.