

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic rank

Senior Lecturer, Zefat Academic College, Israel (2017-)
Associate researcher Herzl Institute University of Haifa, Israel (2009-present)
Associate researcher at the HBI Brandeis University, USA (2015-present)
Adjunct lecturer, MA and BA programs in Israel Studies, University of Haifa, Israel (2010–present).
Lecturer, Zefat Academic College, Israel (2014-2017)

Education

2009-2010: Post Doc. Department of Geography and Environment, Bar-Ilan University, Israel, *"The History of Jerusalem as Israel Capital City"*.
2009: PhD, Summa cum Laude. 'Land of Israel Studies' Dept., University of Haifa. *"The Vindicated and the Persecuted": Myth, Ritual, and Propaganda in the Herut Movement 1948-1965*.
2006: MA, Magna cum Laude. 'Jewish History' Dept., University of Haifa. *'The Myth of the Altalena Affair and the Herut Movement'*.
1980: BA, Jewish History Dept. and Land of Israel History Dept., Tel Aviv University. Israel.

Certificates

Mediator, Emek Yizrael Academic College, Israel (1999).
Archive manager, Tel Hai Academic College and the Israel National Archives (1994).

Publications

Books

'The Vindicated and the Persecuted'- The Struggle over the Symbolic Capital in the Herut Movement 1948 -1965, June 2015 (in Hebrew). Ben-Gurion Research Center at Sede Boqer, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheba.Israel.

Edited Books

1. Editor, *110 years of Lower Galilee Settlements and 110 years of the Jewish National Fund (KKL)*, Bar-Ilan University, June 2016 (in Hebrew).
2. Assistant editor & editorial board member, a new edition of *The Complete Works of Ze'ev Jabotinsky*. Vol.1: *Liberal Nationalism*. Jabotinsky Institute & Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, 2013 (in Hebrew).

Peer Reviewed Journals

1. 'Hand with rifle or the two side of the Jordan River', the symbol of the IZL, *Cathedra*, 166, January 2018 (in Hebrew).
2. "A Tale of Love and Darkness": The radical right wing and the Herut movement 1948–1957, *Kesher*, 50, December 2017. (in Hebrew).
3. Map as an Official Symbol and the 'Greater Israel' Ideology, *Middle Eastern Studies*. 53 (5), (2017), 782-801.
4. 'Menachem Begin's Travels in the 1950s: A Road to Political Legitimacy', *Israel Studies Review*, 31 (2), (2016), 22 – 40.
5. Between Ideology and Reality: Menachem Begin and the Jerusalem Question, 1948-1949, *Israel Studies* 21 (3), (2016), 99-125.
6. The decisions that the Israeli government took over Jabotinsky's reburial at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, *Cathedra* 155, April 2015, pp. 161 -194. (in Hebrew) [First writer Yechiam Weitz].
7. Relocation of the Israeli Foreign Ministry in 1953 and its impact on the Jerusalem question. In *Journal of Historical Geography* .46 (2014) 80-91. [Second writer Yossi Katz].
8. The delay in the transfer of the Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem as a reflection of the city's status in the 1950s, *Cathedra* 140, 2011 pp. 131–162 (in Hebrew) [second writer Yossi Katz].

9. The attitude of the Revisionist right wing to the Jerusalem issue during the War of Independence, 1947–1949. *Aley Zait Vacherev* (Olive Leaves and Sword) 13, September 2013, pp. 140–172 (in Hebrew).
10. The Conquest of the Desert Exhibition & Fair 1953: Israel's effort to strengthen Jerusalem's international status as its capital city. *Israel* 20, June 2012, pp. 153–180 (in Hebrew) [second writer Yossi Katz].
11. The time when Menachem Begin was silent. *Aley Zait Vacherev* (Olive Leaves and Sword) 10, September 2010, pp. 280–301 (in Hebrew).

Peer- Reviewed Books Chapters

1. Religious Radicalism, the Zionist Right and the Establishment of the State of Israel, J. Frank & S. Kunze,(Eds.), *Jewish Radicalism in the 19th and 20th centuries*. De Gruyter &EAJS.(Forthcoming 2018).
2. The Jerusalem Municipality 1948 – 1955, In A. Golan and M. Golani, (Eds.), (forthcoming), *Jerusalem*,(in Hebrew). Yad Ben-Zvi.
3. *"Hamashkif"* [The Observer]- The Story of Revisionist Newspaper", refereed Internet Web., ed. Yaron Zur (forthcoming), (in Hebrew).
4. The influence of the KKL-JNF on the creation of symbols with maps in Zionist organizations. Pp. 47-66. In O. Gruweis-Kovalsky (Ed.) 2016, *110 years of Lower Galilee Settlements and 110 years of the Jewish National Fund (KKL)*, Bar Ilan University (in Hebrew).
5. The Herut movement 1947-1949. Pp.344 -373. In M. Bar-On & M. Chazan (Eds.), (2014), *Citizens at War: Studies on civilian society during the Israeli War of Independence*, 3 (in Hebrew).
6. Geographical space as political symbol: The Israel and the Palestine Case. Pp. 43–56 in Y. Schnal and E. Lavie (Eds.) (2012), *Cartography Discourse in the Israeli-Palestine Conflict*. Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University. (in Hebrew) [Second writer Oded Potchter].
7. The Herut Movement's propaganda 1948–1961. Pp. 92–115 in A. Diskin (Ed.) (2011), *From Altalena to the present day: The history of a political movement from Herut to Likud*. Jerusalem (in Hebrew).



Book Review

1. Rinatya Robinson, *A useful storm: The Revisionist movement 1925–1940* (2011) Yad Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem (in Hebrew). In *Cathedra* 145, September 2012, pp. 177–180.
2. Book review for *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, Hillel Halkin, *Jabotinsky*, Yale University Press 2014, (Aug2015). To cite this article: Ofira Gruweis Kovalsky (2015): Jabotinsky: A Life, *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, To link to this article:
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/23739770.2015.1057793>

Other Publications

1. New point of view on the *Altalena* affair. Pp.193–207 in *Kivunim Hadashim* (New Directions) 14, June 2006 (in Hebrew).
2. Our father, *Rosh Betar* (the head of the Betar movement): The myth of Jabotinsky and the leadership of Menachem Begin, *Hauma* (The Nation) 179, September 2010 (in Hebrew). Pp. 63 -71
3. Women in the underground and the Herut movement 1948, *Hauma* (The Nation), 194 June 2014. Pp. 79 -86
4. *Kefar Tabor and the JCA 1901 -2012*, The Kefar Tabor Museum, 2012 (in Hebrew).
5. B'nai B'rith activity in Zefat and the Galilee during the 19th century. *B'nai B'rith Israel Website* (in Hebrew).
6. *The Liberal Party in Israel*, forthcoming, (in Hebrew).

Invited Talks

- Yad Ben-Zvi Institute Jerusalem, the Upheaval 1977, The Myths and the Collective Memory of the Israeli Right Wing. May 2017.
- Yad Ben-Zvi Institute Jerusalem, Levi Eshkol and Jabotinsky's reburial at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. July 2016.
- The Central Zionist Archives, B'anei Brith in the Land of Israel - Between Social Activities to Nationalism, April 2016.
- Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University: "The Jabotinsky's Iron Wall", Nov. 2015.
- Brandeis University-HBI. Aug. 2015, Gender Discourse in the Israeli Secular Right Wing Parties during the 1950th.
- Yad Ben-Zvi Institute Jerusalem and the Galili Center for Defense Studies, seminar: Jerusalem – Studies in the Struggle for Jerusalem in the War of Independence. The Attitude of the Revisionist Right Wing to Jerusalem during the War of Independence. Jerusalem, February 2014.
- Yad Tabenkin Research Institute and the Palmach Museum, seminar: The Contribution of Women to the Yishuv's Security. 'Cut off Your Braid...' Women in the Underground, IZL and LHI. January 2014.
- Seminar: Citizen at War, Tel Aviv University, Herut Movement 1947-1949. June 2013.
- Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University: Jabotinsky – Between Menachem Begin and Israel Eldad. June 2012.
- Seminar, Herut Movement 1948–1988, Tel Aviv University. The Herut Movement's Map Symbol. March 14, 2012.
- Seminar: Jerusalem 1948–1987. Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies: “The Jerusalem Municipality: Between Local and High Politics”. May 2011.
- Cherrick Forum Discussion 2010-2011, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. "Jerusalem 1948–1955- Liminal Condition as a Constant Situation". December 2010.
- Seminar: Cartography Discourse in the Israel-Palestine Conflict. Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University. Maps as a Tool in a Political Conflict: The Revisionist Movement and the PLO as a Case Study' (with Dr. Oded Potchter, Tel Aviv University). June 2010.
- Seminar: Israeli Leadership, Ben-Gurion University at Sede Boker. The Right Wing Radicals' View of Menachem Begin's Leadership. January 2010.
- Department of Geography, Bar Ilan University, Maps as a Tool in a Political Conflict: The Revisionist Movement. January 2010.

Active Participation in Scholarly Conferences:

- The 17th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 6-10, 2017. The 1977 Upheaval and the Israeli Cultural Space. Chairperson: Israeli Politics: Interpretation and Analysis



- 33th Annual Conference on Israel Studies 2017, Brandeis University, Waltham, Ms. USA, June 2017. The Jerusalem Municipality, 1948-1955: Local Politics vs. National Politics.
- 5th Annual Conference on Israel Studies, EAIS, 'Rethinking Israel: Borders, Boundaries and Cultures' (London), Map as Symbol and the 'Greater Israel' Ideology. University of London SOAS- Sept. 2016.
- 32th AIS annual Conference, Gender Discourse in the Israeli Secular Right Wing Parties during the 1950th, Jerusalem, June 2016.
- 46th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Maryland USA, The Attitude of the Revisionists Right Wing toward Jerusalem during 1948-1951.
- 30th AIS Annual Conference, Ben-Gurion University at Sede Boker, June 2014. Menachem Begin attitude toward Jerusalem during the War of Independence.
- 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, August 2013, December 13 -16, 2014.
 1. Menachem Begin's Attitude to the Jewish Diaspora.
 2. The Jerusalem Municipality: Between Local and High Politics.
 3. Chair: Between Israel and the World.
 4. Chair: Leaders and Leadership in Jewish History.
- 29th AIS Annual Conference, UCLA USA, June 2013. The Attitude of Menachem Begin to the Jewish Diaspora.
- 28th AIS Annual Conference, University of Haifa, June 2012. An Ambivalent Relation: Israel Eldad and Menachem Begin.
- 22nd ASEN Annual Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, March 27-29, 2012. The Story that Symbolic Maps Tell Us: the Israeli Case.
- 43rd Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC. December 18-20, 2011. A Tale of Love and Darkness: The Radical Right Wing and the Herut Movement 1948 -1957.
- 42nd Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Mass., December 19-21, 2010. The Myth of Jabotinsky and the Leadership of Menachem Begin.
- IGU Regional Conference, Tel Aviv, July 12-16, 2010. Israel's Effort to Strengthen Jerusalem's International Status as Its Capital City: The Conquest of the Desert Exhibition & Fair 1953 (with Prof. Y. Katz, Bar Ilan University).
- 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, August 2009: From Particular Myth to a National Founding Myth: The Shift in Jabotinsky's Place in the National Collective Memory in Israel's First Two Decades.
- 25th Annual AIS Conference, June 2009: Between Influence and Involvement: The Influence of the Jewish Diaspora on the Process which Led the Herut Movement to Gain Political Legitimacy in the 1950s and 1960s.

Active Participation in Scholarly Conferences, Israel

- The Israeli Association for Law and History annual conference, Jerusalem October 2017. The Trail of "Brit Kanaym" Members.
- 10th Conference of the Chair for the Study of the History and Activities of the Jewish National Fund (KKL), Bar-Ilan University, April 2017. The Jerusalem Municipality 1948 -1955.
- The Israeli Police in the First Decade, Tel-Aviv University and the Israeli Police, March 2017, The Israeli Police from the Bernadotte Murder to Brith Kanyim.
- Culture and Archeology, Zefat Academic College, March 2017, B'nai B'rith at Zefat Myths and History.
- The Annual Conference of the Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies, "The Influence of the American Jewry on the Right Wing in Israel". University of Haifa. Feb. 2016.
- The Israeli Geographical Association Conference, Bar Ilan University, December 2013. Chair: Jerusalem in the 1948 War. Presentation title: The Attitude of the Revisionist Right Wing to the Jerusalem Issue during the War of Independence, 1947–1949.
- Summer Workshop of the Van Leer Institute for outstanding new researchers: Ritual and Symbols in Contemporary Jewish Cultures: Between Preservation and Change. Jerusalem 1-2 July 2013. Political Rites in Israel: The Internal Struggle over Symbolic Power in the Right Wing and Its Influence on Israeli society.
- The Israel Geographical Association Conference, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev at Beer Sheba, December 9, 2012. B'nai B'rith Activity in Zefat and the Galilee during the 19th Century.
- 14th Tel Hai College Convention, April-May 2012. B'nai B'rith Activity in Zefat and the Galilee during the 19th Century.
- 8th Conference of the Chair for the Study of the History and Activities of the Jewish National Fund (KKL), Bar-Ilan University, November 2011, The influence of KKL on Map Symbol in Zionist Organization.
- The Israel Geographical Association Conference, The Hebrew University Jerusalem, December 2010, The Delay in the transfer of the Israeli Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem.
- 7th Conference of the Chair for the Study of the History and Activities of the Jewish National Fund (KKL), Bar-Ilan University, June 2009. Feminist Terminology and the Herut Movement.

Scholarships, Grants & Awards

- 2015- The Hadassah–Brandeis Institute- Helen Gartner Harmmmer Scholar in Residence Grant
- 2014 The Hadassah–Brandeis Institute Grant for my research project "*Secular Conservative Women in the Right-Wing Parties in the State of Israel during the 1950s and 1960s*".
- 2014 KKL Funds Jerusalem, grant for publishing a book.
- 2013: Herzl Institute, University of Haifa, grant for publishing a book.
- 2013: Land of Israel Studies Dept., University of Haifa, grant for publishing a book.
- 2011 Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, Travel Grant for AJS Conference.
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- 2010 Jabotinsky Institute in Israel, research awards.
- 2010 Menachem Begin Center, research awards.
- 2009, 2010 Bar Ilan University and Planning and Research Committee of Higher Education Council, Post-doctoral scholarship.
- 2009 Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem, PhD grant.
- 2008 KKL Fellows, University of Haifa, PhD grant.
- 2008 KKL Funds Jerusalem, PhD grant.
- 2006-2008 University of Haifa, PhD scholarship for excellence.
- 2005 University of Haifa, MA grant for excellence.
- 2005 Yad Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, grant for excellence.
- 1977–1980 Tel Aviv Municipality, BA scholarship for excellence.