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Education

Tel Aviv University	2010
PhD Dissertation title: <i>The Transformation of Ottoman Temporal Culture in the Long Nineteenth Century</i> . Supervisor: Prof. Ehud R. Toledano	
MA <i>summa cum laude</i>	2006
BA <i>magna cum laude</i>	2002

Awards and Scholarships

Kreitman School Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	2012-2014
Lady Davis Post-doctoral Fellowship, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem	2011-2012
Fulbright Post-doctoral Scholar Award, University of Washington, Seattle	2009-2010
The Colton Foundation Scholarship for students of outstanding academic merit, Tel Aviv University	2006-2009
First prize for the best article in the annual contest held by <i>Jama'a: an Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle Eastern Studies</i>	2005
Dean's award for excellence in PhD studies, Tel Aviv University	2005
The Graduate School of Historical Studies' Zalman Aran Award for excellence in MA studies, Tel Aviv University	2004
An award by the Department of Middle East and African History for excellence in MA studies, Tel Aviv University	2004
Dean's Award for excellence in BA studies, Tel Aviv University	2002
An award by the Department of Middle Eastern and African History for excellence in BA studies, Tel Aviv University	2002
Dean's Award for excellence in BA studies, Tel Aviv University	2001

Publications

Books

Reading Clocks. Alla Turca: Time and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, forthcoming)

Edited Volumes

(with Liat Kozma and Cyrus Schayech, *A Global Middle East: Mobility Materiality and Culture in the Modern Age, 1880-1940* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2014).

Refereed Articles

"Into the Dark: Power, Light and Nocturnal Life in 18th Century Istanbul," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46/3(2014): 513-531.

"Time Webs: On Schedules, Clock Towers, and the Transformation of Urban Rhythms in the Ottoman Empire," *Zmanim: A Historical Quarterly* 119(2012): 18-31 [Hebrew].

"Our Time: On the Durability of the *Alaturka* Hour System in the Late Ottoman Empire." *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, 16/1 (2010): 47-69

"Teaching Time: Schools, Schedules and the Ottoman Pursuit of Progress." *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 43(2010): 5-32.

"Pioneer Love: Love and Marriage in the Eyes of the Women of the "Second Aliya," *Hayo Haya: A Young Forum for History*, 5(2006): pp.54-74 [Hebrew].

"A Stronghold of Ignorance and Stupidity." The Arab Combatant in the eyes of the Jewish Combatants in 1948," *Jama'a: Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of the Middle East*, 14(2005): 91-121 [Hebrew].

Chapters in Books

"Shedding New Light: Outdoor Illumination in Late Ottoman Istanbul," in *Urban Lighting, Light Pollution and Society*, ed. Josiane Meier et al. (London: Routledge, forthcoming).

"Introduction" (with Liat Kozma and Cyrus Schayegh), in *A Global Middle East: Mobility Materiality and Culture in the Modern Age, 1880-1940*, Liat Kozma, Cyrus Schayegh and Avner Wishnitzer (eds.) (London: I. B. Tauris, 2014).

"With the Precision of a Watch? Time Organization in the Ottoman Army, 1826-1918," in François Georgeon and Frédéric Hitzel (eds.) *Les Ottomans et le temp* (Paris: CNRS, 2011), pp. 281-315.

Additional Academic Publications

"Book Review of Benjamin C. Fortna's Learning to Read in the Late Ottoman Empire and the Early Turkish Republic," *New Perspectives on Turkey* 45 (2011): 241-246.

"A Comment on Mehmet Bengü Uluengin's "Secularizing Anatolia Tick by Tick: Clock Towers in the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic," *IJMES*, 42/4 (2010): 537-545.

Public History

Co-founder and co-editor of the *Social History Workshop* in *Haaretz* Newspaper's website

<http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/>

"Reading Clocks Alaturka: Temporal Culture in the Ottoman Empire," an interview given to the *Ottoman History Podcast*, 8 May 2014. <http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2014/05/history-time-ottoman-empire.html>

"When the Climate is Violent", the *Social History Workshop*, 29 April 2014. <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/595/> [Hebrew]

"To Shed Some Darkness over Light" the *Social History Workshop*, 2 June 2014. <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/638/> [Hebrew]

"Beneath the Mustache: What Can We Learn from Facial Hair?" the *Social History Workshop*, 3 January 2014. <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/268/> [Hebrew]

"Of Masters and Clocks or Who Owns Our Time?" the *Social History Workshop*, 24 November, 2013. <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/147/> [Hebrew]

"Erdoğan, Atatürk and a lot of Wine," the *Social History Workshop*, 15 October, 2013. <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/13/> [Hebrew]

"The Beauty and Love of Ottoman Poetry: Two Gazels from the 16th Century," *Haaretz Literary Supplement*, 5 March, 2013. <http://www.haaretz.co.il/literature/premium-1.1938040> [Hebrew]

Presentations in Academic Forums

"Beneath the Mustache: A History of Facial Hair in the Late Ottoman Middle East," to be presented at

MESA annual meeting (Washington D.C., 22-25 November, 2014).

"Light and Patrimonial Power in 18th Century Istanbul," presented in the 12th International Conference on Urban History (Lisbon, 2-6 September 2014).

"Beneath the Mustache: Facial Hair, Generational Identity and the Young Turk Revolution," presented at the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (Sapir College, 5 June 2014).

"Mechanical Clocks, Divine Rhythms: Time Keeping, Cosmology and Power in the Ottoman Empire," Presented at the American Historical Association Annual meeting (Washington D.C., 2-5 January, 2014).

"On Time and Emotions in the Late Ottoman Period," presented at the MESA annual conference (New Orleans, 10-13 October, 2013).

"The Emergence of Public Nightlife in Nineteenth Century Istanbul," a poster presentation at The Bright Side of the Night: Perceptions, Costs and the Governance of Lighting and Light Pollution, an international workshop (Erkner, Berlin, 20-21 June, 2013).

"The Colonization of the Night in the Late Ottoman Era," presented at the MEISAI annual conference (Tel Aviv University, 6 June, 2013).

"Drunkard Poets, Sober Authors: Early Ottoman Novelists and Their Approach to Divan Poetry," presented at *Between East and West: the Novel as a New Conceptual Frame for the Modern Middle East* (Van Leer Institute, 29 January 2013).

"We are Late: On Clocks and Progress in the Late Ottoman Empire," presented at the Middle East Studies' colloquium at BGU of the Negev, 4 December, 2012.

"Lifting the Veil of Darkness: Nightlife and Nocturnal Order in the Late Ottoman Empire" presented at the 20th conference of the Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (Rethymno, Crete, 27 June – 1 July, 2012).

"On Hold: Power, Servility and Time in the Eighteenth Century Ottoman Administration," The Annual Conferences of the Israeli Society for Middle East and Islamic Studies (Bar Ilan University, 7 June, 2012).

"New Order, New Disorder: Modern Time and Space in Early Twentieth Century Istanbul," The Gabriel Baer Forum for Middle East Studies (Tel Aviv University, 20 January, 2012).

"A Night Out: Imposing and Evading Nocturnal Urban Order in the Late Ottoman Empire," presented in On the Move: The Middle East and the First Era of Globalization" (an international workshop at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 16-19 January, 2012).

"Modern Times? A Few Minutes on Late Ottoman Clock Towers," presented at the New Studies in Ottoman and Turkish History Conference (Haifa University, 8 January, 2012).

"Enlightened – Elite Nightlife in Eighteenth Century Istanbul," presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (Washington D.C., 3 December, 2011).

"Indefinite Waits - Temporality and Patrimonial Domination in Late Eighteenth Century Ottoman Ante-Chambers," presented at the 12th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (Retz Austria, 12 July, 2011).

"That Clock Shop Boy Stole the Reason of His Lovers: On Time and Love in Late Eighteenth Century Istanbul," presented at the annual conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (The Open University in Ra'anana, 25 May, 2011).

Reading Clocks, Alla Turca: On Progress, Time and Collective Identities, presented at the Ze'ev Rubin Forum (Tel Aviv University, 17 May, 2011).

"Time of State and Religion: Hegemonic Temporal Culture in Ottoman Urban Centers," presented at *Turkish Circle: An Interdisciplinary Colloquium for Ottoman and Turkish Studies* (University of Washington, 24 May, 2010).

"Rush Hour in Downtown Ottoman Istanbul: Mechanized Transportation and the Emergence of Modern Temporal Patterns," (presented at *The Middle East: History and Theory Conference*, University of Chicago, 14-15 May, 2010).

"An Introduction to Ottoman Temporal Culture," presented at *Turkish Circle: An Interdisciplinary*

Colloquium for Ottoman and Turkish Studies (University of Washington, 15 October, 2009)

"At Approximately Eleven O'clock, Just before Nightfall," presented at *Studying and Writing Social History of the Middle East: Past and Current Students Honoring Ehud R. Toledano* (Tel Aviv University, 22-23 April, 2009).

"The Modernization of Time Organization in the Ottoman Empire, 1826-1926," presented in the poster session of The Future of Research Day (Tel Aviv University, 15 May, 2007).

Teaching

Foundations for the Advanced Studies of Islam and Modern Muslim Societies, a graduate course given at the Department of Middle East and African History, Tel Aviv University. 2014-2015

Introduction to the Modern Middle East, an undergraduate course given at the Department of Middle East and African History, Tel Aviv University. 2014-2015

Jerusalem from the Ottoman Conquest to the British Mandate, an undergraduate course given at the Department of Middle East and African History, Tel Aviv University. 2014

Modern Times in the Middle East, an undergraduate seminary given at the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. 2014

Introduction to the History of the Muslim Peoples (2), an obligatory undergraduate course Department of Islamic and Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2012-2013

To be Modern in the Late Ottoman Era: Daily Life, Technology, Worldviews –given at the Division of Graduate Studies of the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2011-2012

Methodology Tutorial – given at the Department of Islamic and Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2011-2012

To be Modern in the Late Ottoman Era: Daily Life, Technology, Worldviews - an advanced undergraduate course given at Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2010-2011

Introduction to the Modern Middle East – An undergraduate course given at the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. 2011

Additional Academic Activity

Co-organizer of The Gabriel Baer Forum - A cross-campus platform for discussion of issues pertaining to the Middle East and the Muslim World 2014-2015

Co-organizer of *On the Move: the Middle East and the "First Globalization" (1880-1940)*, an international workshop funded by the Institute of Advanced Studies and the Israel Science Foundation, (Jerusalem, 16-19 January, 2012). 2011-2012

Panel organizer at the MESA annual conference: "Across the Disciplinary Divide: Studying Together Ottoman History and Literature" (Washington D.C., 1-4 December, 2011). 2011

Member of the organizing committee of the *Turkish and Ottoman Studies Graduate Student Conference*, (University of Washington, 15-16 April, 2010). 2010

Co-editor of *Osmanipedia*, an online database on the Ottoman Empire written and edited by graduate students at Tel Aviv University 2007-2008

Member of the organizing committee of the second nation-wide conference of Graduate students, "New Studies in the History of the Middle East" 2006

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students, "New Studies in the History of the Middle East"

Initiating and co-organizing the "Students' Platform for Studies in Middle East History":

2005

Languages

Hebrew: native speaker
English: fluent
Turkish: proficient
Arabic: proficient
Persian: intermediate
French: working knowledge