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For:

Fox International Fellowship

Yale University

Re: **Letter of Recommendation for a "****Postdoctoral Associate position" at Fox International Fellowship for Dr. Liram Koblentz-Stenzler**

I have known Liram for many years and was her Ph.D. dissertation advisor.

Liram's dissertation is thoughtful and well argues. It explore the inherent tension confronted by liberal democracies, between the need to protect their citizens from terror and guerilla attacks and the preservation of the fundamental freedom, civil rights and the law underpinning the democratic edifice.

The dissertation is interdisciplinary and includes the academic areas of security, morality, military history, military strategy and international law. It contributes to the field of thought on the shift from old fashioned, conventional warfare to a new type of combat– asymmetrical warfare. Liram compared the strategies used by three democracies to defeat the threat posed by terror and guerilla organizations and was weaving their key elements into a comprehensive analytical framework that shades fresh light on the political, moral and legal dilemmas attending this asymmetric confrontation. Her research contribute and provide democratic states fighting these kind of organizations with Universal moral and ethical code that function as operative instrument that defines realistic requirements to help the state maintain its military effectiveness while increasing the legitimacy of its actions in the eyes of the international community, both during and after combat.

Liram was awarded a prize for her unique research and contribution to the field of terrorism, on behalf of Inbar Fund and the Intelligence Heritage Canter, IDF.

In 2018 I was appointed by the Israeli Prime Minister to lead a National Task Force to formulate Israel national Artificial Intelligence policy, Parallel to my duties as the head of the Security Studies Program at Tel-Aviv University, head of the Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Studies Centre and head of the Yuval Ne’eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security.

I truly believe the current research Liram intend to carry out which connect AI aspects with moral and ethics dilemmas is an original and meaningful one. The use of artificially intelligent system, such as autonomous robots, in modern warfare raise significant legal and ethical unsolved issues. There is still no universal' agreed upon ethical set of rules (moral ground) that will be embedded in the "killer" robot and help it make moral decisions.

Liram's passion to come up with suggestion to such a code can make a real contribution to the field.

While she was a Fox Fellow I have witnessed her rapid progress, as well as the increased levels of quality and productivity. Clearly, her stay at Yale had a significant contribution on her ability to focus on her research, on the conceptual and the operational levels, on her ability to conduct meaningful interviews, on the available research material and the accessibility to these materials. Coming again to Yale, this time in a Postdoctoral Associate would be extremely beneficial and most valuable to her research. I also encourage her desire to take part in the Technology and Ethics study group that exist within Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics and think it can contribute a great deal to her research.

I have followed Liram's growth, her work and contribution to the International Institute of Counter Terrorism (ICT), the way she stand and lecture in front of diverse audiences, as well as the pleasant and promotive way she guides B.A. and M.A. students. She has analytical skills, a pleasant nature and open-minded acceptance of new ideas. All these make her a most worthy Postdoctoral Associate.

I have no doubt whatsoever that Fox International Fellowship will benefit greatly from her personality and her research agenda. She will endow a significant help to the Fox Academic Director and fellows.