

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## ACADEMIC CAREER

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- 10/2022 - **Senior Lecturer at the University of Haifa, Haifa Center for German and European Studies and Department of Jewish History**
- 2019 - **General Studies, Bundeswehr University Munich**  
Lecturer
- 2015 – 2022 **Department of History, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU)**  
Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”), Coordinator of the Center for Israel Studies
- 2014-2015 **Center for Research on Antisemitism, Technical University Berlin**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Lecturer

## EDUCATION

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- 2014 **Ph.D. in Jewish and European History**, M.Phil. 2010, Columbia University, New York
- 2010 **Certificate in East Central European Studies**, The Harriman Institute at Columbia University
- 2006 **Polish Language Studies**, Catholic University Lublin, Poland
- 2006 **Magister in History, Political Science, Jewish Studies**, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany (five-year program)
- 2003-2005 **Visiting Graduate Student**, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books (authored)

*Orthodox Judaism and the Politics of Religion: From Prewar Europe to the State of Israel*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Reviews in: *AJS Review*, *Historische Zeitschrift*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Israel Studies Review*, *Jewish Culture and History*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Judaica Bohemica*, *The Forward*, *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung*.

## Journal Articles

- "Reclaiming Agency Through Conversation: Life Narrative Interviews of German-speaking Jews in Israel" (forthcoming: October 2024)
- "‘To the East’? Israeli Soccer’s Asian Period and Debates about the Jewish State’s Cultural Affiliations with the Continent," *Jewish Social Studies* 28/3 (2023): 143-170.
- "Israeli euro-visions: the Jewish state as media event," *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 22/4 (2023): 482-502.
- "Convergence of Fundamentalisms? Ultra-Orthodox Nationalists in Israel," *Journal for Religion, Society and Politics* 7 (2023), 151–171.
- "Distinguished member of the Euro(trash) family? Israel’s Relations with Europe through the Lens of the Eurovision Song Contest," *Israel Studies* 27/2 (2022): 171-194.
- "Jakob Rosenheim: Theodor Herzl der Agudat Yisrael," in Daniel Mais (ed.): *Die Heterogenität des Judentums in der Weimarer Republik (1918/1919-1933). Biographische Zugänge* (Berlin 2022), 131-146.
- "Failure that Matters: Two Abortive Agreements and the Dynamics of Orthodox Jewish Politics on the Eve of World War II," *Jewish History* 33/3 (2020), 487-514.
- "Contested Children: World War II Refugees and the Emergence of Israeli Orthodoxies," *Jewish Social Studies* 24/3 (2019): 124-157.
- "Ein Bauer im Spiele anderer? Zygmunt Bauman und die März-Ereignisse von 1968," in *ibid./Evita Wiecki* (eds.): *März '68 in Polen – Eine antisemitische Kampagne und ihre Folgen, Münchner Beiträge zur jüdischen Geschichte und Kultur* 12/2, München 2018: 12-22.
- "Mosche Amiel, Judah Maimon und die politischen Richtungskämpfe im religiösen Zionismus der 1920er und 1930er Jahre," *Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook* 16 (2017): 89–113.
- "‘Diejenigen, welche Brüder entzweien.’ Über die Anfänge politischer Organisation orthodoxer Juden in der Zweiten Polnischen Republik," *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung* 66 (2017): 41-69.
- "Yet Another ‘Special Relationship?’ Some Reflections on Israeli-Polish and Israeli-German Relations," *TrumaH* 23 (2016): 47-63.
- "Wider den Nationalismus, zum Wohle der Nation: Jacob Rosenheim und die Auseinandersetzung der jüdischen Orthodoxie mit dem Zionismus," *Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft* 10 (2015): 849-868.
- "No Trinity: The Tripartite Relations between Agudat Yisrael, the Mizrahi Movement and the Zionist Organization," *Journal of Israeli History* 34/2 (2015): 117-140.
- "Between Socialism and Jewish Tradition. Bundist Holiday Culture in Interwar Poland," *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* 24 (2010): 177-189.

## Book Chapters

- "Nahöstliche Diva auf europäischer Bühne? Dana International und die europäisch-israelischen Beziehungen der 1990er Jahre," in Johannes Heil (ed.): *Two Centuries of Wissenschaft des Judentums* (in print)

- “Jüdisch und Demokratisch? Der Zionismus und die israelische Staatenbildung,“ in Christian Jansen, Marianne Zepp (eds.): *Kann es demokratischen Nationalismus geben? Über den Zusammenhang zwischen Nationalismus, Zugehörigkeit und Gleichheit in Europa von 1789 bis heute* (Darmstadt 2021), 277-304.
- “Israel als jüdischer Staat,“ in Michael Brenner / Johannes Becke / Daniel Mahla (eds.): *Israel-Studien: Geschichte, Methoden und Paradigmen*, Göttingen 2020, 183-212.
- “Die Ultraorthodoxie in Israel: eine fundamentalistische Gefahr für den jüdischen Staat?,“ in Doron Kiesel (ed.): *Perspektiven jüdischer Bildung. Diskurse - Erkenntnisse - Positionen* (Vl.2), Leipzig 2019, 70-84.
- “Ostjüdischer Verein oder deutscher Zionismus? Die religiös-zionistische Bewegung im Deutschen Kaiserreich,“ in David Hamann (ed.): *Deutschsprachige Zionisten – Verfechter, Kritiker und Gegner*, Organisationen und Medien 1890-1938, Bern 2019, 17-32.
- “Judentum und Obrigkeit: Die Orthodoxie und der Staat Israel,“ in Stefan Fischer/Gerd F. Thomae (eds.): *Glaube und Obrigkeit*, Neustadt 2018, 11-24.

### **Edited volumes**

- *Israel-Studien: Geschichte, Methoden und Paradigmen*, Göttingen 2020, coedited with Michael Brenner and Johannes Becke.
- *Jüdisches Leben in Deutschland nach 1945*. Informationen zur politischen Bildung No. 348, 2021.
- *Israel*. Informationen zur politischen Bildung No. 278, 2018.
- *März '68 in Polen – Eine antisemitische Kampagne und ihre Folgen*, *Münchener Beiträge zur jüdischen Geschichte und Kultur* 12/2 (2018), coedited with Evita Wiecki.
- Special Issue: “Israel and Jewish Communities Worldwide: New Approaches and Directions,“ *Journal of Israeli History* 37/2 (2019), coedited with Michael Berkowitz.

### **Edited Series**

- *Israel-Studien: Kultur, Geschichte, Politik, Series*, coedited with Michael Brenner and Johannes Becke (since 2017).
  - Vol. 1: Julie Grimmeisen: Pionierinnen und Schönheitsköniginnen. Frauenvorbilder in Israel 1948-1967, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen: 2017.
  - Vol. 2: Dominik Peters: Sehnsuchtsort Sinai. Eine israelische Kulturgeschichte der ägyptischen Halbinsel, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen: 2018.
  - Vol. 3: Itamar Rabinovich: Jitzchak Rabin. Als Frieden noch möglich schien. Eine Biographie (translation of English original), Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen: 2019.
  - Vol. 4: Johannes Becke, Michael Brenner, Daniel Mahla (eds.): *Israel-Studien. Geschichte - Methoden – Paradigmen*, Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen: 2020.
  - Vol. 5: Derek Penslar: Theodor Herzl: Staatsmann ohne Staat. Eine Biographie (translation of the English original), Wallstein Verlag, Göttingen: 2022.
  - Vol. 6: Anna Sophie Messner: Palästina/Israel im Blick. Bildgeographien deutsch-jüdischer Fotografinnen nach 1933, forthcoming.

### **Editor (part of an editorial team)**

- *Münchener Beiträge für Jüdische Geschichte und Kultur* (2015-2022) – 15 vols.

### **Editorial Board**

- *European Journal of Jewish Studies* (since 2018)

### **Contributing Editor**

- Dan Diner: *Encyclopedia of Jewish History and Culture*, New York: Brill, Vol. 1 + 2 (2017)

### **Book Reviews**

- "Jan Rybak, *Everyday Zionism in East-Central Europe: Nation-Building in War and Revolution, 1914-1920*," *AJS Review* .....

- "Tom Segev, *David Ben Gurion: Ein Staat um jeden Preis*," *HZ* 309:1 (2019): 247-249.

- "Lutz Fiedler, *Matzpen: Eine andere israelische Geschichte*," *HZ* 309:1 (2019): 249-250.

- "Daniel Kupfert Heller, *Jabotinsky's Children. Polish Jews and the Rise of Right-Wing Zionism*," *ZfO* 67:4 (2018): 620-621.

- "Isaac Breuer, *Schriften zum Zionismus und Agudismus*," *Judaica : Beiträge zum Verstehen des Judentums* 74 (2018): 111-113.

- "Magdalena M. Wrobel Bloom, *Social Networks and the Jewish Migration between Poland and Palestine, 1924-1928*," *ZfO* 67:2 (2018): 292-293.

- "Julius H. Schoeps, *Pioneers of Zionism: Hess, Pinsker, Rülff. Messianism, settlement policy, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict*," *East European Jewish Affairs* 47:1 (2017): 115-117.

- "Jess Olson, *Nathan Birnbaum and Jewish Modernity: Architect of Zionism, Yiddishism, and Orthodoxy*," *East European Jewish Affairs* 44:2-3 (2014): 276-78.

- "James Bjork, *Neither German Nor Pole: Catholicism and National Indifference in a Central European Borderland*," *H-Soz-u-Kult, H-Net Reviews* (2009), URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24091>.

### **Other**

- Host of *Podcast Historicum - mehr als Geschichte*, together with Mark Hengerer (2020-2022), [https://www.fnz.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de/forschung/podcast\\_historicum/index.html](https://www.fnz.geschichte.uni-muenchen.de/forschung/podcast_historicum/index.html).

- Host of *Podcast Jüdische Geschichte* (2019-2022), <https://cast.itunes.uni-muenchen.de/vod/playlists/bF2u8gdUr6.html>.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich, Department of History**

(Seminars (Übungen) for BA and MA students / Introductory Courses for BA students)

Spring 2022	Israel and Its Neighbors: Between Conflict and Cooperation
Spring 2022	Religious Fundamentalism in Modern and Post-Modern Times: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
Fall 2021	History, Memory and Politics: Central Europe and Israel – Joint Course with Charles University, Prague, an Jagiellonian University, Cracow
Fall 2021	Jews in Weimar Germany
Spring 2021	Antisemitism after the Holocaust
Spring 2021	Israel as Country of Immigration
Fall 2020	Podcasting on Contemporary Jewish History in Germany
Fall 2020	Antisemitism in the German Empire 1871-1914
Spring 2020	Armageddon in the Middle East? Religious Dimensions of the Conflict about the Holy Land
Spring 2020	Zionism and its Contenders
Fall 2019	Secularization in Jewish Culture
Fall 2019	Israel as a Jewish State
Spring 2019	Normal Relations or a Special Relationship? Germany and Israel
Spring 2019	Antizionism
Fall 2018	Netanyahu's Predecessors: Nationalist Tradition in Israel
Fall 2018	Podcasting on Israel
Spring 2018	Israel and Its Neighbors: Between Conflict and Cooperation
Spring 2018	Religious Fundamentalism in Modern and Post-Modern Times: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
Fall 2017	Jewish Modernity in Eastern Europe
Fall 2017	Secularization in Jewish Culture: Europe and the Middle East
Fall 2016	Introduction to Israeli Society
Fall 2016	Jews, Poles, and Germans in the 20th Century: A Tripartite Relationship?
Spring 2016	Jewish Politics in the 20th Century: Europe, Palestine and the US
Spring 2016	From Yishuv to State: Israel in the 1950s
Spring 2016	Europe and Israel (including student trip to Israel)
Fall 2015	Religion and State in Israel
Fall 2015	Jews in the Second Polish Republic

**Bundeswehr University Munich, General Studies Department**  
(Compact Courses for Students from Different Fields, trimester)

Spring 2022	German-Israeli Relations after 1945
Winter 2022	Religious Dimensions of the Conflict between Israel and the Palestinians
Fall 2021	Antisemitism after 1945
Spring 2021	Societies in Israel: Between Multiculturalism and Melting Pot
Winter 2021	Israel and Its Neighbors: Between Conflict and Cooperation
Spring 2020	The Sentiment against the Jews: Modern Antisemitism
Fall 2019	A State Like Any Other? State, Religion and Society in Israel

**Technical University Berlin, Center for Research on Antisemitism**  
(MA-Seminars)

Spring 2015	Israeli Society and the Holocaust
Fall 2014	Poland and Israel: Relations in the Shadow of the Past?

**Columbia University, Department of History**  
(Teaching Assistant)

Fall 2012	Michael Stanislawski, "The History of Israel 1948 to the Present"
Spring 2010	Elisheva Carlebach, "Jewish Women and Family 1000-1800"
Fall 2009	Elisheva Carlebach, "Jews and Christians in the Medieval World"
Spring 2009	Derek Penslar, "Zionism and the State of Israel"
Fall 2008	Attila Pok, "The Politics of Hatred and Fear: History of East Central Europe, 1878-1956"

**AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS / FUNDRAISING**

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2021	Grant to support a joint seminar with Polish, Czech and German students in cooperation with Charles University in Prague and Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Bayerisch-Tschechische Hochschulagentur (5000 Euro)
2021	Grant to support a joint seminar with Polish, Czech and German students in cooperation with Charles University in Prague and Jagiellonian University in Cracow, LMU Department of History (4000 Euro)
2020	Grant to support the launching of a website about 1700 years of Jewish life in Germany, 1700 Jahre jüdisches Leben in Deutschland e.V. (5000 Euro)
2020	Prize for Innovative Teaching, LMU Munich (10.000 Euro)
2020	Minerva Short-Term Research Grant, Max Planck Society (1700 Euro)
2019	Grant to support research trip to Israel, LMU Department of History (2000 Euro)
2019	Travel Grant of European Association for Israel Studies to participate in its 8 <sup>th</sup>

- annual conference, Prague, Czech Republic (200 Euro)
- 2019 Travel Grant of the Association for Israel Studies to participate in its 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel (\$750)
- 2018 Book Publication Fellowship, Freundeskreis des Lehrstuhls für Jüdische Geschichte und Kultur (2000 Euro)
- 2018 Book Publication Fellowship, Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Columbia University (\$5000)
- 2017 Travel Grant of the European Association for Israel Studies to participate in its 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Wroclaw, Polen (150 Euro)
- 2017 LMUexcellent, Travel Grant for participation in the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (1300 Euro)
- 2016 Travel Grant, LMU Munich for participation in the workshop: “Israel and Europe: Probing Mutual Perceptions and Interpretations in the Diplomatic Archives, 1948 - 1990“, Tel Aviv (600 Euro)
- 2015 Grant to help prepare an application for the creation of a research position at the Chair of Jewish History, LMU Department of History (3600 Euro)
- 2015 Congress Funding, Fritz Thyssen Foundation: Young Researchers Workshop “Beyond Orient and Occident - Israel and the Middle East,” Heidelberg (7500 Euro)
- 2014 Travel Grant of the Association for Israel Studies to participate in its 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, Sde Boqer, Israel (\$1000)
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Israel Institute (Washington DC) (\$48.000)
- 2007-2014 Richard Hofstadter Fellow, Columbia University
- 2013 Irene C. Fromer Research Grant, Columbia University
- 2011-2013 Doctoral Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
- 2011-2012 Minerva Fellowship for German-Israeli Academic Exchange, Max Planck Society, Germany
- 2010-2011 Doctoral Fellowship, Leo Baeck Institute, London and the German National Academic Foundation
- 2009 Kathryn Davis Fellow, Summer Program of the Kathryn Wasserman Davis School of Russian, Middlebury College
- 2006 Scholarship of Gemeinschaft für studentischen Austausch in Mittel- und Osteuropa (GFPS) for the pursuit of Polish language studies
- 2003-2004 Visiting Graduate Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2003 Johann Gustav von Droysen-Award for outstanding academic work, Humboldt University Berlin
- 2001-2006 Student Fellow, Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023 Between Experience and Memory: Refuge and Asylum in Polish-Jewish History, Politics, and Culture, Warsaw, Poland. “Rabbis, refugees, and politics: the episode of the “Teheran Children” and the emergence of the national-religious and ultra-orthodox milieus.”

- 2023 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association of Jewish Studies, Frankfurt, Germany. "Putting Europe on the Map: The Lapid Travel Guide and Israeli Imaginations of the Continent".
- 2023 The Annual Conference for German Studies in Israel, Tel Aviv. "Reclaiming Agency through Conversation: Life Narratives of German-Speaking Jews in Israel"
- 2021 53rd Biennial Meeting of German Historians, Munich. "A Member of the Euro(trash) Family? European-Israeli Relations through the Lens of the Eurovision Song Contest"
- 2021 Workshop at the University of Münster, "Religious Fundamentalism: New Challenges in Theory and Empirics across Cultures and Religions." Paper: "Converging Fundamentalism? Ultra-Orthodox Nationalists ('Hardal') in Israel"
- 2021 University of Innsbruck. Public lecture: "Ein Stück Europa im Nahen Osten? Israel und der Eurovision Song Contest"
- 2020 LMU Munich. Public lecture: "Religiöse Machtkämpfe und die Spaltung der jüdischen Orthodoxie in Europa und Israel"
- 2019 35th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel. Paper: "European after all? Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest"
- 2019 LMU Munich. Public lecture: "Dieses Jahr in Tel Aviv!" Israel und der Eurovision Song Contest"
- 2017 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. Paper: "Orthodox Movements and the Struggle for Immigration Certificates in the 1930s."
- 2017 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association for Israel Studies, Wroclaw. Paper: "From Poland to Palestine: The episode of the 'Teheran Children' and the Emergence of the National Religious and Ultra-Orthodox Milieus"
- 2016 Israel-Studies-Seminar, University of Oxford. Paper: "Political Orthodoxy in Formation: From Eastern Europe to Israel"
- 2016 Workshop "Israel and Europe: Probing Mutual Perceptions and Interpretations in the Diplomatic Archives, 1948 - 1990", Tel Aviv. Paper: "Entangled Relations: Israel, Germany and the European Union"
- 2015 Colloquium for Israel- and Middle-Eastern-Studies, Institute of Jewish Studies, Heidelberg. Paper: "(En)Countering Zionism: The Orthodox Agudat Yisrael confronts Modern Jewish Nationalism"
- 2015 GIF Workshop "Modern Jewish Studies: New German and Israeli Perspectives", Berlin. Paper: Agudat Yisrael and the Religious Zionist Movement in the First Half of the 20th Century
- 2014 10<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Association of Jewish Studies, Paris. Paper: "Nationalizing Orthodoxy: The Religious Zionist Movement and its Struggle with Non-Zionist Orthodoxy"
- 2014 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, Sde Boqer. Paper: "Between Nationalist Activism and Orthodox Traditionalism: Religious Zionist Leaders and the Question of Women's Enfranchisement"
- 2013 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem. Paper: "Divisive Holiness: Palestine in the Politics of Orthodox Jewry During the 1920s"
- 2012 AJS 44th Annual Conference, Chicago. Paper "Formative Competition – The Dynamics between Agudat Yisrael and the Religious Zionist Movement in Interwar Poland"



- 2011 AJS 43rd Annual Conference, Washington DC. Paper: "Prophets of the Nation: Religious Zionist Activism in the Second Polish Republic"
- since 2014 Several public lectures on Jewish and Israeli history and society through German organizations and foundations, such as the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Bertelsmann Foundation, the German-Israeli Association, the Central Council of Jews in Germany etc.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- June 2022 Conference „The Final Chapters: Twentieth Century Jewish Communities in the Muslim World. Comparative Perspectives” (together with Michael Brenner)
- June 2021 Virtual workshop “Fatal Attraction: Germany, Poland and the Jews after the Holocaust” (together with Emma Zohar and Gideon Reuveni)
- 2020 Organization of the first regular virtual colloquium on Israel and the Middle East for German-speaking countries (together with Michael Brenner and Johannes Becke)
- 2020 Co-Editor of best practice guide for producing scientific podcasts (together with Mark Hengerer)
- 2019 Advanced Training for Teachers: National Socialism and Holocaust in Experience and Memory. New Sources and Teaching Strategies, LMU Munich
- 2018 Co-Editor of a Reading Guide for History Students (together with Mark Hengerer)
- Fall 2016 Public Lecture Series “Migrations: The Global Israel,” LMU Munich
- May 2016 Young Scholars’ Conference “Promised Lands: Israel-Diaspora Relations and Beyond,” LMU Munich
- Fall 2015 Public Lecture Series ”Panim: Aspects of Israeli Culture and Society,” LMU Munich.
- October 2015 Young Researchers’ Workshop “Beyond Orient and Occident: Israel and the Middle East,” Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg
- 2009-2010 Graduate Student Committee of the Center for International History, Columbia University. Organization of talks and workshops
- 2009 “Claiming the World: Universalisms as Doctrine and in Action. A Graduate Student Conference.” Organizing Committee

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009-2014 Rapporteur for the Columbia Seminar on History, Redress, and Reconciliation
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant of Professor Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant of Professor Elazar Barkan (Columbia University), Project on International Redress and Historical Commissions
- 2009 Research Assistant of Professor Derek Penslar (University of Toronto)
- 2009-2010 Teaching Assistant Coordinator, Columbia University History Department

2008-2010      Rapporteur for the Columbia Seminar of Israel and Jewish Studies  
2005-2006      Oral History Specialist, Museum of the History of Polish Jews  
2002              Guide at the Holocaust Exhibition of the German Historical Museum

## LANGUAGES

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German	native
English	fluent
Hebrew	fluent
Polish	high proficiency in reading
Yiddish	high proficiency in reading
French	basic knowledge
Russian	basic knowledge