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### PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth: December 23, 1973

Family Status: Married + 2

Languages: Hebrew (mother tongue), English, literary Arabic

### EDUCATION

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*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

PhD, International Relations, 2007

*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

MA, Contemporary Middle East Studies, 2003

*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

BA, International Relations and Islam & Middle-East Studies, 1994

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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#### Research & Teaching

Senior Lecturer (US rank Associate Professor), School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2015-present

Senior Associate, LISD/Woodrow Wilson School, *Princeton University*, 2013-present

Research Fellow, Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 2012-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2009-2014

Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer: The Department of Near Eastern Studies & The Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, *Princeton University*, 2008-2009

Schusterman & AICE (The American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise) Visiting Israeli Professor, 2007-2009; 2013-2014

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar, Taub Center for Israel Studies, *New York University* & The Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, *Princeton University*, 2007-2008

Postdoctoral Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations & Bernard Cherrick Center for the Study of Zionism, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*, 2006-2007

Lecturer, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem* (best-teacher listings), 2001-2004

### **University & Professional Service**

Director of the PhD program, School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2016-present

Award Committee Member, *Presidency of the State of Israel*, 2016-present

Faculty of Social Sciences Elected Representative, University Senate, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2016/7

International Relations Division Chair for Association for Israel Studies Conference 2017, *The Association for Israel Studies*, 2016-present

Academic Committee Member, The Annual Ben Halpern Award for Best Dissertation in Israel Studies, *The Association for Israel Studies*, 2016-present

Executive Committee Member, *Israeli Association of International Studies*, 2016-present

Academic Committee Member, The Center for Iranian Studies, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2016-present

Executive Board Member, The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2015-present

Executive Board Member, Jabotinsky Institute in Israel, *Tel-Aviv University*, 2015-present

### **RESEARCH**

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#### **Books**

Abulof, Uriel (work in progress). *Impossible Peoples: Existential Encounters of the Ethnic Kind*.

Abulof, Uriel (work in progress). *Death, Freedom and the Pursuit of Meaning: Human Odyssey to Political Existentialism*.

Abulof, Uriel (forthcoming). *Abyss & Horizon: Political Existentialism and Humanity's Midlife Crisis* (under contract, Cambridge University Press).

Abulof, Uriel and Markus Kornprobst (eds.) (2017). *Communication, Legitimation and Morality in Modern Politics*. New York: Routledge.

Abulof, Uriel and Karl Cordell (eds.) (2016). *Self-Determination in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. New York: Routledge.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). *Living on the Edge: The Existential Uncertainty of Zionism* [Hebrew]. Haifa and Tel-Aviv: Haifa University Press and Yedioth Books.

The winner of the Bahat Prize for the best Hebrew nonfiction manuscript.

Abulof, Uriel (2015). *The Mortality and Morality of Nations: French Canadians, Israeli Jews and Afrikaners*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

### **Journal Articles**

Abulof, Uriel (2017). Why We Need Maslow in the 21st Century. *Society* 54(6).

Abulof, Uriel (2017). Be Yourself! How am I not Myself? Between Essentialist and Existentialist Authenticity. *Society* 54(6).

Abulof, Uriel (2017). “Can’t Buy Me Legitimacy”: The Elusive and Illusive Stability of Mideast Rentier Regimes. *Journal of International Relations and Development* 20(1): 55-79.

Abulof, Uriel and Markus Kornprobst (2017). The Politics of Public Justification. *Contemporary Politics* 23(1): 1-18.

Abulof, Uriel (2017). Conscientious Politics and Israel’s Moral Dilemmas. *Contemporary Politics* 23(1): 34-52.

Abulof, Uriel and Markus Kornprobst (2017). Unpacking Public Justification. *Contemporary Politics* 23(1): 126-140.

Ogen Goldman and Abulof, Uriel (2017). Democracy for the Rescue - of Dictators? The Role of Regime Type in Civil War Interventions. *Contemporary Security Policy* 37(3): 341-368. [shortlisted for the 2017 Bernard Brodie Prize.]

Uriel Abulof and Ogen S. Goldman (2016). Intrastate Violence in the Middle East: On Democracy, Democratization and Nationalism [Hebrew]. *Politics: The Israeli Journal of Political Science and International Relations* 26: 137-165.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). Mirage or Vision: Binationalism in Theory and Practice. *Ethnopolitics* 15(4): 422-437.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). We the Peoples? The Strange Demise of Self-Determination. *European Journal of International Relations* 22 (3): 536-565.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). Public Political Thought: Bridging the Sociological-Philosophical Divide in the Study of Legitimacy. *British Journal of Sociology* 67 (2): 371-391.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). Behemoth vs. Leviathan: RIP R2P? *E-International Relations*.

- Abulof, Uriel (2015). “The People Want(s) to Bring Down the Regime”: Rethinking Nationalism and Legitimacy in the Arab World. *Nations and Nationalism* 21(4): 658–680.
- Abulof, Uriel and Ogen Goldman (2015). The Domestic Democratic Peace in the Middle East. *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* 9(1): 72-89.
- Abulof, Uriel (2015). The Confused Compass: From Self-Determination to State-Determination. *Ethnopolitics* 14(5): 488-497.
- Abulof, Uriel and Wolfgang Danspeckgruber (2015). In Search of a Common Ground Between Self-determination and Grand Strategy. *Ethnopolitics* 14(5): 555-565.
- Abulof, Uriel (2015). The Malpractice of Rationality in International Relations. *Rationality and Society* 27(3): 358–384.
- Abulof, Uriel (2015). Normative Concepts Analysis: Unpacking the Language of Legitimation. *International Journal of Social Research Methodology* 18 (1):73-89.
- Abulof, Uriel (2014). Deep Securitization and Israel's “Demographic Demon”. *International Political Sociology* 8 (4):396-415.
- Abulof, Uriel (2014). The Role of Religion in National Legitimation: Judaism and Zionism’s Elusive Quest for Legitimacy. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53 (3): 515-533.
- Abulof, Uriel (2014). Revisiting Iran’s nuclear Rationale. *International Politics*. 51 (3): 404-415.
- Abulof, Uriel (2014). National Ethics in Ethnic Conflict: The Zionist “Iron Wall” and the “Arab Question”. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 37 (14):2653-69.
- Abulof, Uriel (2013). Nuclear Diversion Theory and Legitimacy Crisis: The Case of Iran. *Politics & Policy* 41 (5): 690-722.
- Abulof, Uriel (2009). Small Peoples: The Existential Uncertainty of Ethnonational Communities. *International Studies Quarterly* 53 (1):227-248.
- Abulof, Uriel (2008). Back to the Future: A Comparative Ethical Look at Israeli Arab Future Vision Documents. *Israel Studies Review* 23 (2):29-54.
- Abulof, Uriel (2006). Israeli-Jewish Existential Uncertainty [Hebrew]. *Tchelet* 27:74-98.

### **Editing / Special Issues**

- Abulof, Uriel (ed.) (2017, forthcoming). Revisiting Maslow: Human Needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, *Society* 54(6).
- Abulof, Uriel and Markus Kornprobst (eds.) (2017). The Politics of Public Justification, *Contemporary Politics* 23(1).

Abulof, Uriel and Karl Cordell (eds.) (2015). Self-Determination: A Double-edged Principle, *Ethnopolitics* 14(5)

### **Book Chapters**

Abulof, Uriel (forthcoming). The Zionist Absurd. In *Search for Meaning in The Israeli Scene*, edited by Ofra Maysseless Pninit Russo-Netzer. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Abulof, Uriel (forthcoming). Reading Maslow in the Land of (Magical) Realism: The Hierarchy of Human Needs in Israel's Politics. In *The Edinburgh Companion to Political Realism*, edited by Robert Schuett and Miles Hollingworth. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Abulof, Uriel (forthcoming). Humanity's Gadflies: The Existential Vocation of Small Nations. In *Small Nations*, edited by Joseph Yvon Thériault. Montreal: Université du Québec à Montréal [English and French]

Abulof, Uriel (2017). Mirage or Vision: Binationalism in Theory and Practice. In *The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Reflections on the Politics of Stalemate*, edited by Karl Cordell, Brendan O'Leary, and Stefan Wolff. New York: Routledge.

Abulof, Uriel (2016) Free to Fight? Testing the Democratic Civil Peace in the Middle East. In *Democratic Peace across the Middle East: Islam and Political Modernisation*, edited by Yakub Halabi. New York: I.B.Tauris.

Abulof, Uriel (2014). Introduction [Hebrew], with Ephraim Lavie. In *Nationalism and Ethics: The Zionist Discourse and the "Arab Problem,"* edited by Ephraim Lavie, pp. 9-21. Tel-Aviv: Tel-Aviv University.

Abulof, Uriel (2014). Zionist Political Ethics in the Last Generation [Hebrew]. In *Nationalism and Ethics: The Zionist Discourse and the "Arab Problem,"* edited by Ephraim Lavie, pp. 337-356. Tel-Aviv: Tel-Aviv University.

Abulof, Uriel (2013). Binationalism Beyond Israel. In *Nationalism and Binationalism: The Perils of Perfect Structures*, edited by Yedidia Z. Stern, Alexander Yakobson and Anita Shapira, pp. 1-13. Sussex: Sussex Academic Press.

Abulof, Uriel (2010). Political Land and Space. In *Nobody's property: art, land, space, 2000-2010*, edited by K. Baum. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Art Museum.

Abulof, Uriel (2009). Zionism. In *Encyclopedia of Nationalism and Ethnicity* (composite), edited by J. H. Moore, pp. 36-40. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA/Thomson Gale.

Abulof, Uriel (2008). French, Canadiens, French-Canadians and Québécois: The Survival-Identity Complex. In *Coping with Crisis: Conflict Management and Resolution*, edited by S. Barzilai, A. Churchman and A. Zysblatt, pp.213-235. Jerusalem: Magnes Press, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## Review Articles

Abulof, Uriel (forthcoming). Review of “The Politics of Majority Nationalism: Framing Peace, Stalemates, and Crises published” (2015) by Neophytos Loizides, Stanford: Stanford University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*.

Abulof, Uriel (2017). Review of “Nations Torn Asunder: The Challenge of Civil War” (2016) by Bill Kissane, Oxford: Oxford University Press. *The Review of Politics* 79 (4):740-743.

Abulof, Uriel (2016). Review of “Zionism and its discontents: a century of radical dissent in Israel/Palestine” (2014), by Ran Greenstein, London: Pluto Press. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39 (13): 2414-2416.

Abulof, Uriel (2015). Review of “Divine Service? Judaism and Israel's Armed Forces” (2013) by Stuart A. Cohen, New York: Ashgate. *Journal of Israeli History* 34 (1): 113-116.

Abulof, Uriel (2010). “Land, Blood and Ballots: The Curious Case of Resident Alien Franchise” (Review of “Old Nations, New Voters: Nationalism, Transnationalism, and Democracy in the Era of Global Migration” by David C. Earnest) *International Studies Review* 12 (2):320-322.

Abulof, Uriel (2009). “The Last Clash” (Review of *Clash of Identities* by Baruch Kimmerling). *Israel Studies Review* 24 (2):114-116.

## Treatises & Op-Eds

“How and Why Tribes Are Taking Over,” *Forward*, 30 December 2016

“The Liberal Uncanny” *The Huffington Post*, 11 January 2016

“The Meaning of Life and Death (in Politics)” *The Huffington Post*, 2 December 2015

“Living on the Edge” *The Huffington Post*, 10 September 2015 & *fifteeneightyfour* (the blog of Cambridge University Press), 11 September 2015.

“Israel 2015: The Politics of Fear and Bad Faith” *The Huffington Post*, 26 March 2015.

“Self-Determination, Redux?” *The Huffington Post*, 20 March 2014.

“The Greengrocer That Broke the Camel's Back,” *The Huffington Post*, 3 January 2012.

“What Is the Arab Third Estate?” *The Huffington Post*, 10 March 2011.

“Ever After... The Pursuit of Wealth and Happiness,” (Treatise) *Eretz Acheret*, 13 February 2011.

“On the Jewish State As an Alien State,” (Treatise) *Eretz Acheret*, 4 November 2010.

“Poll the People,” *YnetNews*, 9 May 2010.

“Make History, Don't Record It,” *The Huffington Post*, 5 May 2010.

“Obama Must Follow Balfour on Palestinian State,” *RealClearWorld*, 22 September 2009.

“A Shadow on the Wall,” *Common Ground News Service*, 13 August 2009.

“Too Little, Too Late,” *Ynet News*, 1 July 2009.

“Obama’s Pudding,” *LISD Commentary* / Princeton University, July 2009.

“Arab-Israeli Conflict About Identities, Not Borders,” *RealClearWorld*, 22 May 2009

Op-Ed Column in *Haartez* Israeli Daily Newspaper (2009-present).

Op-Ed Column in *Maariv* Israeli Daily Newspaper (2003-2008).

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

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APSA Member of the Month, American Political Science Association, October 2017

Best Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University, 2015, 2016

The Association for Israel Studies and the Israel Institute Young Scholar Award, 2016

Truman Institute Award for the Best Joint Research Grant (“The Forerunners of Frontiers”), 2016

The Public Political Thought of the Arab Spring (Fritz Thyssen Foundation Grant), 2014-2017

Bahat Prize for the best Hebrew nonfiction manuscript, 2012

Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace Grant, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2012-2014

The French Research Center in Jerusalem, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2011-2013

The Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Peace Grant, 2011-2012

Rosenbloom Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008

David Nathan Meyerson Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008

Bernard Cherrick Center for the Study of Zionism Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2007

Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2007

The Einstein Center Fellowship, 2006

## **ORGANIZED PANELS AND CONFERENCES**

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*Maslow Revisited: A Workshop*, WWS, Sociology and UCHV, Princeton University (April 2017)

*Love trumps Fear? Existential Investigation on Human Needs, Creeds, and Greed*, Princeton University (13 October 2016)

*Self-Determination: The Evolvement of a Double-Edged Concept*, A roundtable organized for the Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York City (25 April 2015)

*The Perils and Promises of Self-Determination*, Princeton University (27-29 April 2014)

*Public Justification in World Politics*, Princeton University (22-23 March 2014)

*Data Big and Small: Computer Science, the Humanities and Social Science*, Tufts University and Princeton University (2-7 February 2014)

*Nationalism and Morality: The Zionist Discourse and the "Arab Question"*, Tel Aviv University (23-24 March 2011)

*Self-Determination: A Perilous Principle*, A panel organized for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans (20 February 2010)

*Politics and Religion*, LISD/Princeton University, June 2009-present (annual international conference held in Vienna, Lisbon and Jerusalem)

## **INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Book talk: Political Existentialism and Humanity's Midlife Crisis, Princeton University (2017, October)

Book talk: Political Existentialism and Humanity's Midlife Crisis, Cornell University (2017, September)

APSA 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco (2017, September)

Olympia Summer Academy, Greece (July 2017)

Declaring the State: Constitution and Citizenship, workshop, Sciences Po Paris (June 2017)

The Future of Nations, Sciences Po Paris (May 2017)

Israel Studies as a Global Discipline, University of Oxford (May 2017)

ASEN 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, London (2017, April)

ISA 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Baltimore (2017, February)

Book Launch (*Living on the Edge*), Tel Aviv University (2016, November)

Five years to the Social Justice Protests, Tel Aviv University (2016, November)



Book Launch (*The Mortality and Morality of Nations*), WWS, Princeton University (2016, October)

The 2016 Serling Modern Israel Lecture, MSU Jewish Studies Program (2016, September)

Transforming Intractable Conflicts: Restructuring and Reframing, Syracuse University (2016, September)

APSA 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Philadelphia (2016, September)

Israel Institute's second Leadership Summit, Jerusalem (2016, June)

The 33<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Jerusalem (2016, June)

The 100-Year Anniversary of Sykes-Picot Agreement, Haifa (2016, May)

ASEN 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, London (2016, April)

Colloquium on National Self-Determination, Liechtenstein (2016, March)

The Strategic Existential Discourse in Israel, Tel-Aviv (2015, December)

Islam and the Transformation of Europe, Tel-Aviv (2015, December)

Colloquium on Emerging European Security Challenges, Liechtenstein (2015, December)

The "Iron Wall" Then and Now, Tel-Aviv (2015, November)

International Symposium on "Small Nations," Lac Brome (2015, September)

Small Nations roundtable (UQAM), Montreal, (2015, September)

International Workshop on Film, Democracy, and Liberal Education, Princeton (2015, May)

ASN 20<sup>th</sup> Annual World Convention, New York (2015, April)

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2015, April)

The Responsibility to Protect at Ten, Brandeis University (2015, March)

ISA 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New Orleans (2015, February)

Grand Strategy and Self-determination, Princeton (2014, November)

International Workshop on Conscience, Dublin (2014, October)

The Hamas-Israel Conflict in Context: What's Next for Israel, the Palestinians and the Region? Los Angeles (2014, October)

The State of Global Affairs, LCM Seminar, Vaduz, Principality of Liechtenstein (2014, August)

ASN 19<sup>th</sup> Annual World Convention, New York (2014, April)

ASEN 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, London (2014, April)

ISA 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Toronto (2014, March)

Seminar at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University (2014, April)

The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, Boston (2013, November)

APSA 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago (2013, August)

Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology, Hertzliya (2013, July)

PSS-ISA Joint International Conference, Budapest (2013, June)

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel, Tel-Aviv University (2013, June)

The 14<sup>th</sup> Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies, Jerusalem (2013, May)

School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford (2013, May)

ASEN 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, London (2013, April)

The Indian Council of World Affairs and the IRNRD conference on the Arab Spring and post-secularism, New Delhi (2012, December)

BISA and ISA Joint International Conference, Edinburgh (2012, June)

ISA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, San Diego (2012, April)

The Pacification of Europe: Lessons for the Middle East, Haifa (2011, May)

Nationalism and the Moral Zionist Discourse, Tel-Aviv (2011, March)

ISA 51<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Montreal (2011, March)

LISD's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Colloquium, Princeton NJ (2010, November)

APSA 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (2010, September)

ISA 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New Orleans (2010, February)

ASN 14<sup>th</sup> Annual World Convention, New York (2009, April)

ASEN 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, London (2009, April)

ISA 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New York City (2009, February)

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, New York City (2008, May)

ISA 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, San Francisco (2008, March)

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Ra'anana/Israel (2007, June)

The 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Jerusalem Conference in Canadian Studies (2006, July)

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Banff/Canada (2006, May)

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington DC (2005, December)

## **TEACHING**

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Human Odyssey to Political Existentialism (EdX online course), Princeton University & Tel-Aviv University (2018-)

Introduction to International Relations and Strategy / Tel-Aviv University (2009-2013, 2015-)

The International System / Tel-Aviv University (2010-2013, 2015-)

Methodology and Methods in Social and Political Sciences: The Hebrew University (2001-2004); Tel-Aviv University (2011, 2012, 2016-)

Ethnonational Communities and Conflicts / Princeton University (2008-2009); Tel-Aviv University (2009-2013, 2015-)

Identity Politics and Nationalism: MENA and beyond / LISD, Princeton University (Spring 2015)

The Politics of Fear, Freedom and Bad Faith: Israel and beyond / Tel-Aviv University (2016-)

The Writing on the Wall: The Road to the Arab Spring / Tel-Aviv University (2011-2013, 2016-)

Death, Freedom and the Pursuit of Meaning: Introduction to Existential Politics / LISD, Princeton University (2014/2015); Tel-Aviv University (2015-)

DiametricalLand: The Enigma of Modern Israel / LISD, Princeton University (Fall, 2014/2015)

Political Theories and Middle East Practice / Princeton University (2008-2009); Tel-Aviv University (2009-2012)

Religion, Revolution and International Relations / Princeton University (2013-2016)