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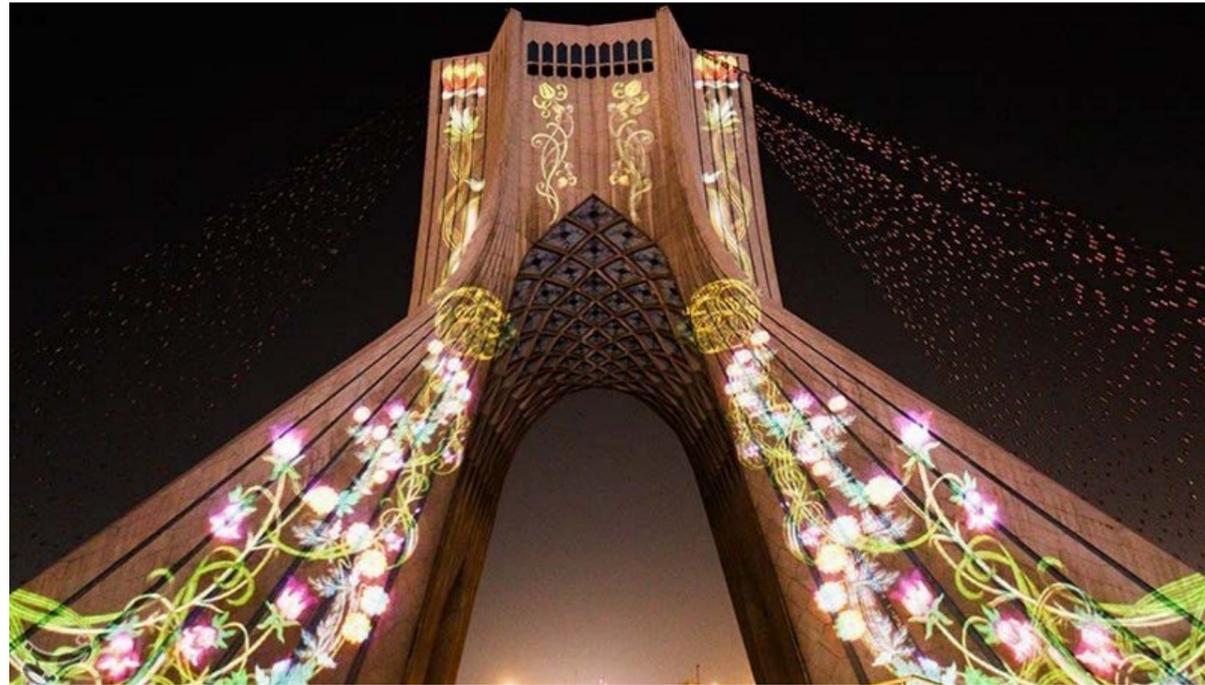
July 2020 - June 2021

Director: Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur

“As you start to walk on the way, the way appears”

Jalaluddin Rumi





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▶ ACIS Academic Committee

- > TAU's Rector, Prof. Mark Shtauf
- > TAU's Dean of Humanities, Prof. Rachel Gali Cinamon
- > Prof. Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, Head of The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies
- > ACIS Director, Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur
- > Prof. Emeritus David Menashri, ACIS founding director & senior research fellow
- > Prof. Meir Litvak, ACIS Senior Research Fellow and former ACIS Director (2009-19)
- > Dr. Miriam Nissimov, Coordinator of the Program for the Study of Iranian Jews in Israel
- > Prof. Emeritus David Yeroushalmi, Coordinator of the Dr. Habib Levy Program for Iranian Jewish History
- > Dr. Uriel Abulof, Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University
- > Prof. Meir Bar-Asher, the Department of Arabic Language and Literature, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- > Doris Klein Marom, Administrative Assistant, TAU



▶ Research Activities: Scholarships

Since 2005, the **ACIS** provided fellowships and other financial support for students and young scholars in an estimated amount of \$460,000. These include 29 PhD students, 23 MA Students, 3 Postdoc Students, and 4 visiting scholars.

Two PhD students received their doctoral degree this year:

Steven Turner, The Carter Administration Policy Toward the Iranian Revolution: A Re-assessment.
Instructors: Prof. Meir Litvak.

Kevjn Lim, Grand Strategic Adjustments in Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Neoclassical

Realist Account. Instructors: Prof. David Menashri and Yizchak Ben Yisrael.

- In 2020-2021 the ACIS granted research scholarships in the sum of 38,000 NIS:
- In cooperation with the **School of Cultural Studies**, the ACIS granted 5,000 NIS to an outstanding PhD student: Yarden Ben-Zur.
- In cooperation with the International **MA program in Security and Diplomacy**, the center granted 7000 NIS to a MA student: Jacob Zucker.
- Based on the recommendation of the **School of History**, the ACIS granted scholarship to a PhD candidate, Kathrin Haurand, in the sum of 26,000 NIS.
- In addition, the ACIS employs two MA research Students from the **Department of Middle Eastern and African History**.

▶ Research Activities: Events

Symposiums

August 2020 – a special symposium on the current situation in Iran with representatives of office of the Prime minister.

October 25, 2020 - Iran Forum in Zoom upon the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the assassination Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin. "What we can learn from the reportage of Rabin's assassination in Egyptian and Iranian press." ACIS Director Liora Hendelman-Baavur interview with Molly Bernstein, TAU's PhD Candidate.

November 23, 2020 – co-organizing a roundtable session on Iran: New Clear Issues, Proxy Terrorism, Internal Politics, hosted by the Marine Corps War College (MCU), Virginia USA.

January 7, 2021- Young Iran Forum held an online panel with DPhil. Eric Lob, University of Florida on his new book Construction Jihad.

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ACIS Young Iran Forum Online Book Talk 1
with author
Dr. Eric Lob

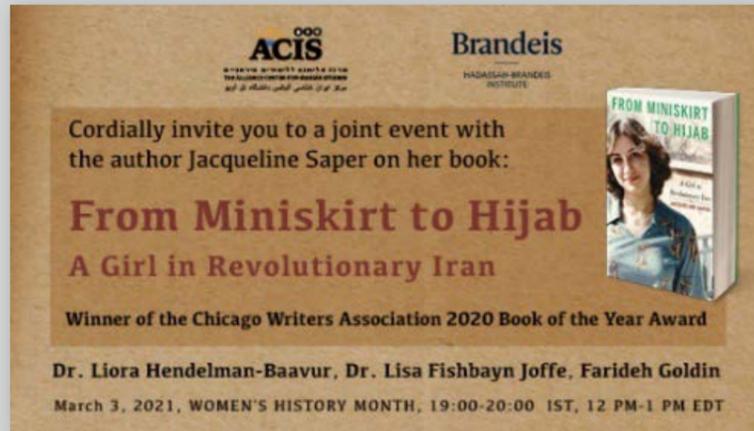
Iran's Reconstruction Jihad
Rural Development and Regime Consolidation after 1979
Eric Lob

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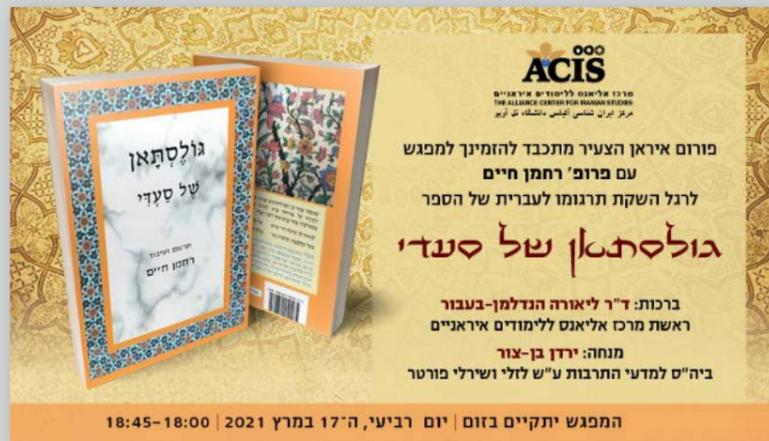
The Department of Politics and International Relations
Florida International University

Thursday, January 7, 2021 | 19:00 Tel Aviv | 12:00 Miami

March 3, 2021- Joint webinar event with Hadassa – Brandeis Institute (HBI), Brandeis University, hosting Jacqueline Saper and Farideh Goldin on writing autobiographies by Jewish Iranian women.

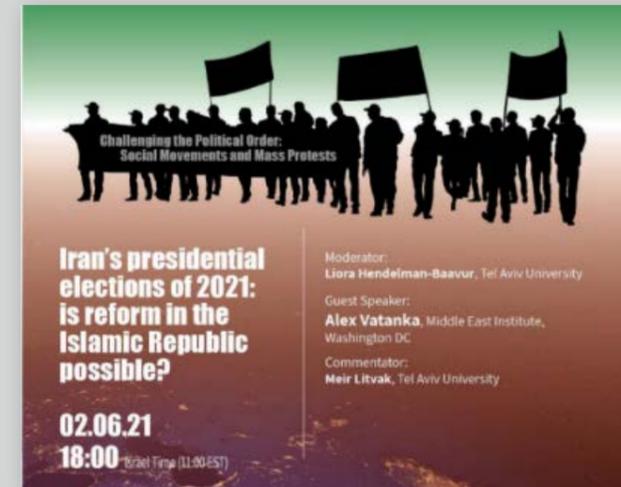


March 17, 2021- A zoom meeting with the translator of Golestan of Saadi translator, Prof. Rachman Chaim from the department of Materials Science and Engineering, Technion, Israel institute of Technology, Haifa.



June 2, 2021- A joint webinar event with the S. Daniel Abraham in its' series: *Challenging the political Order- Social Movements and Mass Protests*.

The panel about Iran's Presidential Elections of 2021: Is Reform in the Islamic Republic Possible? Keynote speaker: Alex Vatanka, Middle East Institute, Washington DC. Moderator: Liora Hendelman-Baavur | Commentator: Meir Litvak



Conferences

May 26, 2021 - Event marking the launching of the program for Iranian Jews in Israel. The conference was held in zoom. Among the speakers were Prof. David Menashri, Prof. David Yeroushalmi, and Dr. Miriam Nissimov.



Two series of online panels were held this year:

40 Years to the outbreak of The Iran-Iraq war 1980-2020 (A series of 8 online panels was held from September-December 2020):

Creators & moderators of the series:

Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur and Dr. Ronen Zeidel, MDC.

September 24, 2022 - The opening session

Guests: Prof. (Emeritus) David Menashri, ACIS and Prof. (Emeritus) Amatzia Baram, Haifa University.

October 8, 2020 - The second session: Power Balance & Military Strategies.

Guest Speakers: Colonel (Ret. IDF) Pesach Malovany, Independent Researcher Brigadier General (Ret.) Waleed al-Rawi, Union of Arab Historians.

Held in English.

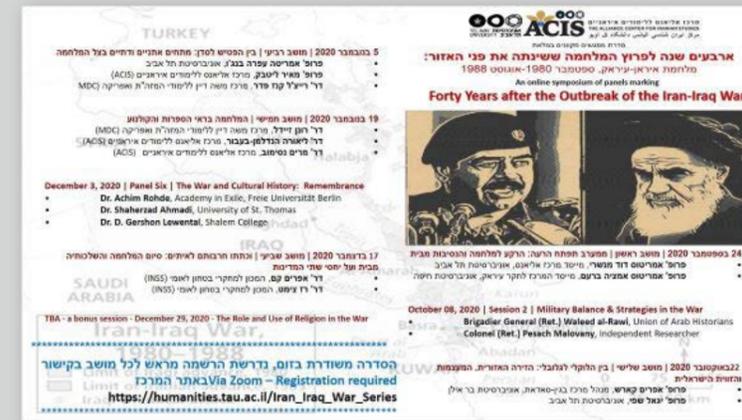
October 22, 2020 - The third session: Between the local and the Global, The regional and International Arena, Guests: Prof. Efraim Karsh, the director of The Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Prof. Igal Sheffi, TAU and Telhai College.

November 5, 2020 - The forth session: Between the Hammer and Anvil: Ethnic and Religions Tensions. Guests: Prof Meir Litvak, TAU, Prof. (Emerita) Ofra Bangio, TAU.

November 19, 2020 - The fifth session: War in the light of Literature and Cinema, speakers: Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur, ACIS Director Dr. Ronen Zeidel MDC, Dr. Miriam Nissimov, TAU. Guest moderator: Dr. Mira Tzoref, TAU.

December 3, 2020 - The sixth session: Staging the War: Memory and Cultural History, Guests: Achim Rohde, Academy in Exile Freie Universitat Berlin, Shaherzad Hahmadi, university of St. Thomas, D Gershon Lewental, Shalem College Jerusalem. Held in English.

December 17, 2020 - The seventh session: the long-term implications of the war. Guest speaker Dr. Efraim Kam of the INSS.



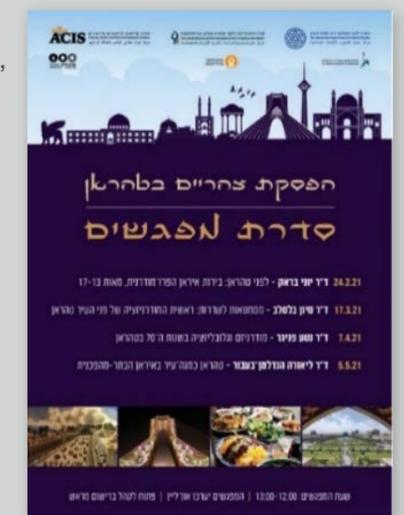
A series of online panels titled Lunch in Teheran, in cooperation with the Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East studies and Diplomacy, Ben Gurion University, were held from February – May 2021

February 24, 2021 - "Before Tehran – The Capital Cities of Pre- Modern Iran", Guest speaker: Dr. Yonathan Brack, the Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies.

March 17, 2021 - "From Lanes to Boulevards- The Beginning of Modern Tehran", Guest speaker: Dr. Sivan Blaslav, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

April 7, 2021 - "Modernism and Globalization during the 1970's in Tehran", Guest speaker: Dr. Neta Feniger.

May 5, 2021 - "Tehran as a Megacity in The After-Revolutionary Iran", Guest speaker: Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur, ACIS.



July 7, 2021- A joint webinar event in partnership with the Department of Eastern studies and Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies (MDC) on: *China in the Mid-Med: Regional Responses to Tensions and Prospects*.

Dr. Liora Hendelman Baavur participated in a webinar session on: *China and the gulf*.

THE WEBINARS
CHINA IN THE MID-MED: REGIONAL RESPONSES TO TENSIONS AND PROSPECT

Two sessions organized on Zoom, each one lasting 60 minutes, of moderated questions and discussions with the conference organizers. All graduate students enrolled in the Workshop are invited to attend these webinars. The recordings will be available later online.

JULY 5 3PM CET
CHINA AND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION
NATHALIE TOCCI
Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IaI) Rome
Dr. Nathalie Tocci is Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali and Visiting Professor at the University of Tübingen. She is Special Advisor to EU High Representative and Vice President of the Commission Josep Borrell. As Special Advisor to MEP Federico Moggi she writes the European Global Strategy and worked on its implementation. Her research interests include European foreign policy, conflict resolution, the Middle East and the Mediterranean. Her major publications include: *Facing the EU Global Strategy*, Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (author); *The EU, Promoting Regional Integration, and Conflict Resolution*, Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, 2017 (co-editor); *Turkey and the European Union*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 (co-author); *Multilateralism in the 21st Century*, Routledge, 2015 (co-author); *Turkey's European Future: Behind the Scenes of America's Influence on EU-Turkey Relations*, New York University Press, 2013 (author); and *The EU and Conflict Resolution*, Routledge, 2007 (author).

JULY 7 3PM CET
CHINA AND THE GULF
LIORA HANDELMAN-BAAVUR
Director of the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University
Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur is Director of the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies (ACIS) and senior faculty member at the Lester and Sally Family of Humanities at Tel Aviv University. Her research interests include the history of Iranian journalism, gender studies, Iranian popular culture, and civil society and the new media in the Islamic Republic. She is the author of *Creating the Modern Iranian Woman: Popular Culture between Two Revolutions* by Cambridge University Press, 2006; editor of the volume *Iran, Then and Now: Society, Religion and Politics*, 2007 and with David Menashri co-editor of *Iran - Anatomy of Revolution*, 2009.

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► Publications

Forthcoming Books

David Menashri's edited volume of articles on Iranian Jewish communities in Israel: immigration and acculturation.

David Yerousalmi's book manuscript: *The Judeo Persian Poet Emrani and his Ganj Name Amrani*.

The first book in the series on Iran: *Danesh*:

Raz Zimmt's book manuscript: *Iran from the Inside*, Resling Publishing.

Miriam Nissimov, *Learning Persian book*.

Co-sponsored by the ACIS

Books

Deceiving Past, a volume of articles edited by Meir Hatina and Israel Gershoni in honor of Imanuel Sivan (Hebrew)- was published in March 2021.

Memorial Heritage of Judaism in Shiraz – was published in June 2021.

The translation to Hebrew of the book *Journey from the Land of No* by Roya Chakikian – Is forthcoming.

Journals

The ACIS is committed to support *Zmanim*-the Historical Quarterly of the Zvi Yavets School of Historical Studies, for a period of 3 years. Issue 144 is dedicated to the topic of four decades to the Islamic Revolution was published on May 2021.

The Center supported the publication of the 11th volume of ABA-the periodical of the center for the study of the History of Iranian, Afgani and Buchara Communities published in 2019, and issue no. 12 that was published in April 2021.

ACIS Electronic Publications

The ACIS Iran Pulse is the Center's leading publication covering Iranian domestic and foreign affairs. Providing overviews and updates on Iranian current affairs since 2006, the ACIS Iran Pulse aims to provide its readership with balanced and interdisciplinary analysis which draws upon research from the academic community. ACIS Iran Pulse and its version in Hebrew Zman Iran reach over 10,000 electronic subscribers world wide. The following articles were published this year:

- Dr. Ehud Eilam, "Iran's Involvement in Syria: Asset or Burden?", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 111, September 2, 2020.
- Dr. Miriam Nissimov, "Israel and Iran confront each other on the small screen: Espionage and nuclear weapons in the TV series Tehran and Gando", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 110, August 16, 2020.
- Mr. Steven Turner, "As Iran's Currency Collapses, its Housing Crisis Explodes", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 109, July 26, 2020.
- Dr. Michaël Tanchum, "Power Shifts in Iran's Post-Covid19 Economic Relationship with Turkey", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 108, July 13, 2020.
- Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur and Shing Yau-Ma, "From Red Dragon to Warrior Wolf: Iran-China Relations during the First Wave of Covid-19", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 107, June 14, 2020.
- Prof. David Menashri, "Corona Days in Iran: "Maximum Pressure" Versus "Maximum Resistance"", ACIS Iran Pulse no. 106, June 10, 2020.

פרסומי זמן איראן:

- ליאורה הנדלמן-בעבור, "חבר מהעבר... ואולי בעל הבית מחר": ההסכם האסטרטגי עם סין והמחלוקת הציבורית באיראן, זמן איראן מס' 78, 5 באפריל 2021.
- ליאורה הנדלמן-בעבור, "כפכפי גומי ונעלי גוצ'": הצצה לארון הבגדים של האיתאללות, זמן איראן מס' 77, 2 בספטמבר 2020.
- אהוד עילם, "מעורבות איראן בסוריה: נכס או נטל אסטרטגי?", זמן איראן מס' 76, 14 באוגוסט 2020.
- מרים נסימוב, "ישראל ואיראן ראש בראש על המסך הקטן: ריגול וגרעין בסדרות הטלוויזיה "גאנדו" ו"טהרן", זמן איראן מס' 75, 9 באוגוסט 2020.
- סטבן טרנר, "המטבע האיראני צונח ומשבר הדיור מגיע לנקודת רתיחה", זמן איראן מס' 74, 2 באוגוסט 2020.
- מיכאל תנחום, "שינויים במאזני הכוח בקשריה הכלכליים של איראן עם טורקיה בעידן הפוסט-קורונה", זמן איראן מס' 73, 26 ביולי 2020.
- ליאורה הנדלמן-בעבור ושינג יאו-מא, "מדרקון אדום לזאב לוחם - יחסי איראן-סין נוכח משבר הקורונה", זמן איראן מס' 72, 2 ביוני 2020.
- ימי קורונה באיראן: "לחץ מקסימלי" מול 'התנגדות מקסימלית', דוד מנשרי, זמן איראן מס' 71, 1 ביוני 2020.

▶ Programs

The ACIS Persian Club

In March 2021 the ACIS has launched the Persian Club, which offers an extra curricular activity for students who study Persian to meet once a week in order to improve their conversation capabilities and become more familiar with the spoken language.

The Dr. Habib Levy Program in Iranian Jewish History

Under the academic coordination of Prof. Emeritus David Yeroushalmi, the program is in the progress of receiving the donation of Iraj Safai Book collection of Iranian Jewry.

The ACIS Program for Iranian Jews in Israel

Under the academic coordination of Dr. Miriam Nissimov, the program continues to expand the Oral History Project through recording interviews with leading members of the Iranian Jewish community in Israel. The recordings are uploaded to the ACIS youtube channel after being edited.

This program is supported by The Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York.

▶ Projects (ongoing)

Documentation

Iranian Jews in Israel book collection library- The center collects books, photos and memoirs of Iranian Jews in Israel.

Oral History Project – Recorded Interviews

Shahin Eliah Kamel Zakaim, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, June 11, 2020.

Ofer Gabay, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, June 24, 2020.

Esther Shkalim, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, July 29, 2020.

Sharona Zilbershtein, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, July 30, 2020.

Yaara Shaulian, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, August 6, 2020.

Shoshana Sofer, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, September 20, 2020.

Shlomo Kashi, in zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, October 29, 2020.

Eliyahu Arieli, Jerusalem, interviewed by Ofer Gabay, November 17, 2020.

Nuriel Hasid, Jerusalem, interviewed by Ofer Gabai, November 17, 2020.

Avner Mor, in Zoom, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, November 24, 2020.

Fereshteh Victory Shokati, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, November 25, 2020.

Victoria Yaacovian, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, January 18, 2021.

Sara Eliezer, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, January 24, 2021.

Shlomit Mofaz-Zur, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, February 3, 2021.

David Delbary, interviewed by Miriam Nissimov, February 16, 2021.

Michael Demirel, interviewed by Ofer Gabay, May 23, 2021.

► Future Plans

Events that were postponed due to Covid-19 will be rescheduled once the circumstances allow:

1. Book launch events of the following publications:

Menachem Merchavi, *National Symbols in Modern Iran: Identity, Ethnicity, and Collective Memory (Modern Intellectual and Political History of the Middle East)*, Syracuse University Press (November 2019).

Chelsi Muller, *The Origins of the Arab-Iranian Conflict: Nationalism and Sovereignty in the Gulf between the World Wars*, Cambridge University Press (2020).

Roya Chakikian, *Journey from the Land of No*.

2. An international conference in collaboration with The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies in TAU on: Germany-Iran - Israel

3. The ACIS is committed to support *Zmanim*-the Historical Quarterly of the Zvi Yavets School of Historical Studies, for a period of 3 years.

4. The Center will consider supporting the publication of the 12th volume of ABA-the periodical of the center for the study of the History of Iranian, Afgani and Buchara Communities.

5. The center is in the process of employing two new part-time (50%) senior academic positions.

► Acis Members

Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur serves as the director of the ACIS (2019-).

Professor Meir Litvak – The coordinator of the Parviz and Puran Nazarian Chair for modern Iranian studies and former ACIS director 20192010 -

Dr. Miriam Nissimov - The coordinator of the Program of Jews of Iran in israel.

Active Emeritus:

Professor (Emeritus) David Menashri – ACIS founding director

Professor (Emeritus) David yerushalmi- The head of Dr. Habib Levy Program for Iranian Jewish History.



▶ Committees meetings

August 8, 2020- the ACIS academic committee convened for a zoom meeting. Issues discussed: past and future plans in light of the current situation, the shortage of academic staff, shortage of advanced research students, the need to encourage the study of the Persian language at TAU, the donation of the Iranian American Jewish Federation.

December 24, 2020 – the ACIS academic committee convened in zoom to further discuss the need for additional academic staff.

March 14, 2021- the ACIS academic committee convened in zoom to discuss two part-time (50%) tenure track positions approved by the TAU.



▶ Acis scholars PR (personal reports)



Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur

ACIS Director (2019-)

As of August 1, 2019 Dr. Liora Hendelman-Baavur serves as the director of the ACIS. These passing two academic years, she has participated in more than a dozen academic and professional sessions, organized and co-organized series of local and international webinars and hosted others on behalf of **TAU Alumnae**, including an international webinar with the screen writers of the acclaimed Israeli Television thriller 'Tehran.' She is regularly invited to radio and Israeli news shows as an expert on Iran, and participated in **KAN-11** production 'Enemies' in the sixth episode which was dedicated to the profile of Ayatollah Khomeini. In addition, between July 20-July 21 Dr. Hendelman-Baavur was invited as a guest speaker to events organized by Israel's Prime Minister office, the foreign office and three events of the Ministry of education, including a lecture at the **National Security College of the Israel Defense Forces**.

A more detailed report of her lectures and public appearances: In July 9, 2020 Dr. Hendelman-Baavur participated in an online book discussion organized by **the Middle East Institute in New Delhi**, where she introduced her book *Creating the Modern Iranian Woman: Popular Culture between Two Revolution* published by Cambridge University Press, 2019. The same month she participated in a special session of *China in the Mid-Med: Continuity and Security*, promoted by **the MDC, the Dept. of Asian Studies at TAU and Torino University**. In August 2020 she participated in podcast of *Big History, in Short* followed by her participation in an online workshop of the Biennial conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies on *Exile, Gender and Iran*. On September 9, she presented a

paper in virtual webinar series organized by **the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute**: *Hopa Hopa here It's not Europe: Queer and LGBT in the Middle East*, where she discussed the Mohammad Reza Shah's controversial biography.

On November 19, 2020 she presented a paper on memory and the anesthetization of the Iran-Iraq War in the fifth panel of the virtual series she co-organized with Dr. Ronen Zeidel commemorating 40 years to the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War. In December she gave a lecture on the occasion of **the Sino-Israel Global Network and Academic Leadership (SIGNAL) 10th** anniversary: Online Masterclass "The World will Carry us: Past & Present of Iran-Israel Relations from Socio-Cultural Perspective." She also presented a paper in a joint session of the MDC and the **University of Tokyo** about *Iran and China Relations following the US Presidential elections: East Asia and the Middle East between the Coronavirus and the Sino-American Rivalry*. The same month she also presented a paper on Iran as an Island of Stability in the Middle East at the annual conference of **the Western Galilee College** in Israel which focused on the Gulf region following the signing of Abraham Accords.

In January 2021 Dr. Hendelman-Baavur presented a paper on "Denial, Resistance and Muzzling: The Pandemic and Crises Management in Iran" at the panel of **Forum Bear** on the Corona and Governing in the Middle East. She also participated in an online webinar organized by the **Washington DC- Gulf International Forum (GIF)** on the topic of the JCPOA: A Race to Save Diplomacy. Also, on January 2021, she was a guest speaker at **TAU Alumnae webinar** organized for on the occasion of the US presidential elections.

On March she gave the lecture titles: "Against All Odds: Contesting Women's Rights in Iran," as the guest speaker on the sidelines of the Human Rights Council 46th Session hosted by the permanent mission of Israel to the **United Nations in Geneva**. She also presented the paper: "Royal hype: The Court's Efforts to Popularize the Pahlavis in the Media," in a **UCLA Workshop: Pahlavi State & Society**. On May 5, 2021 she presented a paper on changes and continuity in Tehran as a mega city at the 4th session of the online lecture series **Lunch Break in Tehran**, she co-organized with the Nehemia Levzion Center for Islamic Studies and the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy.

On June 1, she presented a paper titled: "Write to Women, Sell to Men: Gender and Class in Iranian Women Journals" at **the Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI) 44th** annual conference in a panel she co-organized with Prof. Noga Efrati on Women and Newspapers in the Middle.

Alongside these activities, Dr. Hendelman-Baavur organized, co-organized and hosted additional online events, including a book session with Dr. Eric Lob of the University of Miami; a 7-session series marking 40 years to the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War; together with Hadasa-Brandeis a book session hosting award winning writer Jaqueline Saper; with TAU's S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies, she hosted a panel on the 2021 Presidential elections in Iran with guest speaker Alex Vatanka, and later that year hosted the ACIS annual conference on Iranian Jews in Israel.

Publications: Dr. Hendelman-Baavur's paper "A Movement without Leadership, A Leadership without a Movement without: Women and Protest in Iran," was published in the periodical *Zmanin*, which is dedicated to the topic of 40 years to the Islamic Revolution. Another paper she authored on the emergence and celebration of Fatima Zahra as a martyr in Iran, was published in a book volume edited by Meir Hatina and Israel Gershoni, in honor of prof. Immanuel Sivan. She authored two Zman Iran article, in September 2020 on the fashion of the religious leadership in the Islamic Republic, and on April 2021 on the reactions in Iran to the 25-years agreement with China. She also authored the section on Iran in the Annual Report on Worldwide Antisemitism of the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry at TAU.

Teaching: Dr. Hendelman-Baavur is teaching a pre-seminar course on the Modern History of Iran; and a course on Popular Culture in Middle East at the BA program of the Department of Middle East and African History at Tel Aviv University.

This Summer and upcoming Autumn (2022) she was elected to participate in an Exchange Program for Scholars on Foreign Policy, organized by the U.S. State Department, hosted by the University of Delaware.



Professor Meir Litvak



The incumbent of the Parviz and Puran Nazarian Chair for modern Iranian studies

Published: *Know Thy Enemy: Evolving Attitudes towards "Others" in Modern Shi'i Thought and Practice* (Leiden: Brill, 2021)

"Nationalism in Iran from the Pahlavis to the Islamic Republic: Continuity and Change," *Zemanim* 143 (2021)

"God's Favored Nation: The New Religious Nationalism in Iran," *Religions*, 11:10 (October 2020), 1-19.

"The Jews' War on the Shi'a: An Invention of a Past and a New Messianic Vision," in Meir Hatina and Israel Gershoni (eds.) *An Elusive Past: Myth, History and Memory in Islamic Societies and in Israel* (Tel Aviv: Resling, 2021, Hebrew), 203-237.

"Radical Islamist Movements and Antisemitism: Between Old and New," in Armin Lange, Laurence Fishman and Dina Porat (eds.), *Confronting Antisemitism in Modern Media, the Legal and Political Worlds* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020), pp. 133-148.

"Modern Antisemitism in Iran: Old Themes and New Trends," in Armin Lange, Kerstin Mayerhofer, Dina Porat and Lawrence H. Schiffman (eds.), *Confronting Antisemitism in Christianity, Islam, and Judaism* Vol. 2 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020), pp. 301-320.

Submitted a paper: "Justice and Velayat in Post-Revolutionary Iranian Shiism," in the Israeli Society for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies annual conference, June 2021.



Dr. Miriam Nissimov



Miriam Nissimov is the coordinator of the Program of Iranian Jews in Israel established in 2018 under the auspices of The Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York.

Lectures

November 19, 2020, Iran in the Middle East - between internal and regional conflicts - Presentation in M.A seminar in the department of Middle Eastern and African Studies (Tel-Aviv University).

November 19, 2020, *The Islamic Republic and the Cinema of the Sacred Defense* - Symposium marking: Forty Years after the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War (The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies - Tel-Aviv University)

December 13 2020, *Between King Cyrus and Khomeini – Iranian Jews – History and collective memory* - Presentation in a seminar "Making History" – Seminar for history teachers (Tel-Aviv University).

Article

"*King Cyrus as a Symbol in Israel's relation with Iran* ", in David Menashri (ed) *Iranian Jews in Israel* (forthcoming)

Reviewer – for peer review Journals

November 2020, *Journal for Jewish Studies* - Zion before Zionism: A Poem by Rabbi Shlomo Mashiah.

January 2021, *Jewish Quarterly Review* – "The Position of Leading Shi'i Ulema and Fundamentalist Shi'i Groupings in Iran towards the Question of Palestine and the Establishment of the State of Israel, 1917-1949"

Organization of Academic Symposium

May 26 2021, Iranian Jews in Israel – Emigration & Absorption

Other Activities - The Program on the Iranian Jews in Israel

Series of interviews with Iranian Jews in Israel for the purpose of collection of oral history:

Sharona Zilbershtein – August 6, 2020

Shalom Kashi – October 28, 2020

Avner Mor – November 24, 2020

Fereshteh Victory - November 25, 2020

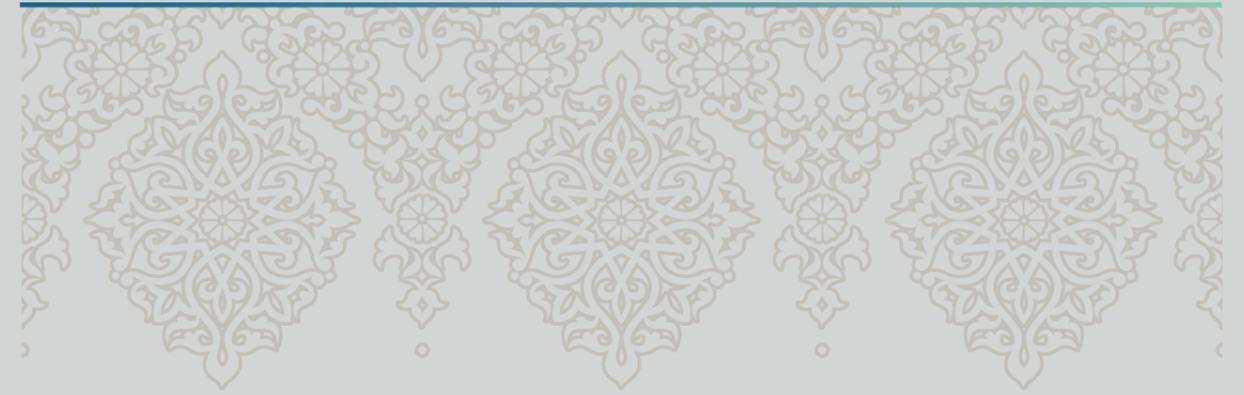
Victoria Ya'qubian – January 18, 2021

Shlomit Tsor – Mofaz - February 3, 2021

David Delbari – February 17, 2021

Active Emeritus:

Professor (Emeritus) David Menashri and Professor (Emeritus) David Yerushalmi continue their research work and participating in the Center's programs.





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