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- Author of major publication on Anglo-American diplomacy and the Arab-Israel conflict (*Cambridge University Press*, Oct 2016)
- Lecturer, mentoring undergraduate students and developing curriculum for the teaching of Nuclear Non-Proliferation and International Security, *Hebrew University* and *Tel Aviv University*
- A Visiting Archival Fellow at the University of Manchester, generating a guide to the archives on Britain's relations with the Zionist leadership during the mandate period.

EDUCATION:

September 2006 – November 2011 *University College, London – PhD*

- Doctoral thesis: '*A Triumph of Pragmatism over Principle: Margaret Thatcher and the Arab-Israel Conflict*'.
- PhD thesis award in January 2012
- As part of research, conducted and recorded interviews with over forty statesmen, politicians and diplomats from Britain, the United States and other countries.

1993 – 1996 *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

- M.A in International Relations
- Scholarship Prize for 1995-1996

1988 - 1992 *London Metropolitan University*

- BA Honours (2:1) - Major in Politics

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Jan 2017 – Mar 2017 **University of Manchester** Archival Fellowship; Anglo-Israel Relations

- An Archival Fellow at the University of Manchester, generating a guide to the archives on Britain's relations with the Zionist leadership during the mandate period. The guide will facilitate future scholarly research in this field. (Link to the guide provided below).

<http://www.manchesterjewishstudies.org/news-blog/2017/6/13/research-guide-anglo-israel-collections.html>

2016 – 18 **Ongoing** International Relations & Overseas School, *Tel Aviv University*.

- Lecturer, mentoring BA students and developing curriculum for the teaching of the History of Nuclear Non-Proliferation and International Security.

2018 Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- Lecturer, running new BA course, 'The Nuclear Challenge and International Security: The Middle East and Beyond'

Nov 2012 – Dec 2015 Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv – Research Fellow.

A Research Fellow for Israel's leading independent think tank dealing with national security affairs.

- Publishing research and analysis on foreign policy and regional security issues. Research interests include Middle Eastern security, missile defence, WMD proliferation and nuclear deterrence
- As well as publishing research and analysis in journals, my articles have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *European Council on Foreign Relations*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Haaretz*. Presenting briefings and interviews to radio, television and the print media on arms control and regional security issues.
- Presenting in my areas of expertise at high-level conferences in Israel and abroad.
- Co-editor with Emily B. Landau of 'The Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime at a Crossroads', an edited volume based upon the INSS 2013 annual arms control conference.
- Initiating, planning and organizing conferences and other events.
- Setting and managing a budget for events.

October 2011 – January 2012 Transparency International UK – Freelance Country Assessor

- Conducted in-depth research and assessments on integrity and transparency within the Israeli defence sector, as part of TI-UK's Anti-Corruption Metric for Governments and Armed Forces.
- Research included exhaustive interviews with experts and officials from the Israeli defence sector, leading journalists and representatives of NGOs.
- Reported research findings within a tight deadline, providing a comprehensive picture of transparency and anti-corruption capability within the defence sector.

July 2007 – September 2008 Just Journalism, London – Senior Analyst

- Played a significant role in the establishment of Just Journalism, an independent not-for-profit think tank specializing in analysis of media coverage of the Middle East.
- Analyzed and monitored media coverage of Israel and the Middle East, and published it on the internet.
- Prepared in-depth reports on trends and themes in media coverage of Israel and the Middle East.

July 1998 – September 2006
Analyst

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem – Writer, translator and

- Wrote English language speeches and letters for the various ministers and officials of the Israeli Government, including the foreign minister, often at short notice.
- Initiated and wrote articles for ambassadors and senior officials that appeared in leading newspapers around the world.
- Analyzed reports by international organizations and formulated carefully crafted and nuanced responses, as well as talking points in English.
- Provided solutions during emergency situations and drafted urgent cables for the attention of world leaders.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Monographs

- “Margaret Thatcher and the Middle East” (Cambridge University Press, Oct 2016)
- “The Russian and Iranian Missile Threats: Implications for NATO Missile Defence” (Institute for National Security Studies and Tel Aviv University, December 2014)

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “The Role of Missile Defence in Deterrence on the Korean Peninsula”, *Survival*, (Currently under review)
- “A Chronicle of Failure Foretold: The UK, Israel and Arms Sales to Argentina in the Era of the Falklands War”, *The International History Review* (Dec 2017)
- “The Impact of the Cold War on the Thatcher Government’s Middle East Policy”, *Israel Affairs* 19, No.4, (October 2013)
- “Britain’s Policy towards Israel under Margaret Thatcher”, *Münchener Beiträge Zur Jüdischen Geschichte Und Kultur* The Munich Journal of Jewish History and Culture, 7, No. 1 (2013)

Selected Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “NATO’s Nuclear Deterrence in the Post-Ukraine Era”, in Emily B. Landau and Anat Kurz (eds) *Arms Control and National Security: New Horizons* (Tel Aviv: Institute for National Security Studies, June 2016)

- “Iron Dome Protection: Missile Defense in Israel’s Security Concept” in Anat Kurz and Shlomo Brom (eds), in *The Lessons of Operation Protective Edge* (Tel Aviv: Institute for International Security Studies, November 2014) with Emily B. Landau (*My contribution: 50 per cent*)
- “Pakistan: Reducing the Risks of a Nuclear Disaster” in Emily B. Landau and Anat Kurz (eds) *Arms Control and National Security: New Horizons* (Tel Aviv: Institute for National Security Studies, April 2014)

Edited Volumes

- *The Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime at a Crossroads*, (Tel Aviv: Institute for National Security Studies, May 2014) Co-edited with Emily B. Landau (*My contribution: 50 per cent*)

Selected Review Articles

- “The Persian Night: Iran Under the Khomeinist Revolution” by Amir Taheri; “Under A Mushroom Cloud: Europe, Iran and the Bomb” by Emanuele Ottolenghi, *The Economist* (May 23, 2009)
- “The Arab Center”, The Promise of Moderation” by Marwan Muasher, *International Affairs* - (January 2009)

Selected Analytical Papers for Government and Think Tanks (INSS, ECFR, RUSI)

- Submission of written evidence to the UK's Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into the Middle East Peace Process which is published on the Parliamentary Committee's website (May 2017)

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/foreign-affairs-committee/the-uks-policy-towards-the-middle-east-peace-process/written/49595.pdf>
- “How Gulf States have Undermined Israel’s Case on Iran”, *ECFR.EU*, (13 August 2015) with Yoel Guzansky
- “What Will the Iran Deal Mean for NATO Missile Defense?”, *INSS Insight*, (17 August, 2015)

Selected Op-Eds and Blogs

- “Why Trump’s Jerusalem Announcement is so Misguided”, *Prospect Magazine*, (7 December 2017)
- “Chaim Weizmann, the Guardian and the Balfour Declaration”, *Fathom Journal*, (Summer 2017)
- “Priti Patel’s private diplomacy with Israel isn’t unique. But her case is the oddest”, *The Guardian* (10 November 2017)
- “North Korea Tests a Hydrogen Bomb and America’s Military Credibility”, *Haaretz*, (6 September 2017)

- “Moving Forward with THAAD: Why Unpopular Deterrence is Still Necessary”, *Foreign Affairs*, (21 August 2017) with Igor Sutyagin
- “Does NATO Missile Defense have a Future?”, *The National Interest* (5 December 2016) with Igor Sutyagin
- “Why Reagan’s Middle East Record Was Dismal”, *The National Interest* (12 October 2016)
- “After Brexit: Azriel Bermant on Israel’s Future Relations with the UK and the EU”, *Fathom Journal*, (Autumn 2016)
- “Theresa May Faces Margaret Thatcher’s Challenges without the Charisma”, *USA Today*, (13 July 2016)
- “The Best of the Worst: Why Iran’s Enemies Support the Nuclear Deal”, *Foreign Affairs*, (13 August 2015) with Yoel Guzansky
- “Does Israel’s US-Funded Iron Dome Make the World Safer”, *The Guardian*, (6 August 2014)
- ‘Hague could learn from Operation Babylon’, *The Daily Telegraph*, (23 March, 2012)

Selected Lectures/Conference Presentations

- UCL, Institute of Advanced Studies, Book Launch: ‘*Margaret Thatcher and the Middle East*’ (30 January 2018)
 - Conference for the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration (IASI), *Britain’s Quiet Mediation – James Callaghan, the EEC and the Camp David Accords* (19 October, 2017)
 - Jewish Book Week Festival, London, Azriel Bermant in conversation with Stephen Pollard, *Margaret Thatcher and the Middle East* (26 February 2017)
- <https://vimeo.com/206337954>
- Durham University, Thatcher and Thatcherism Conference, *The Impact of the Cold War on Mrs. Thatcher’s Middle East Policy* (19 January 2017)
 - Tel Aviv University – University of Maryland, Joint Research Workshop, July 13-14, 2016, Israel and Europe: Probing Mutual Perceptions and Interpretations in the Diplomatic Archives, 1948-1990, *Israel’s perception of the UK in the 1980s*
 - INSS Conference, Missile Defense :Asset or Liability for Regional and International Stability? *What Will an Iran Deal Mean for NATO-Russia Relations?* (Tel Aviv, 15 January 2014)
 - Royal United Services Institute, Missile Defence Conference, *The Dynamics of European Ballistic Missile Defence and Interaction with Russia*, (London, 12 June 2013)