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Education

1995-2000 Ph.D. Geography Middle East, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (Summa cum Laude)

1992-1994 M.A. Geography Middle East, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (Magna cum Laude)

1988-1991 B.A. History (minors in Geography and Archeology), Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (with distinction)

Doctoral Thesis: Provincial Cities in Mamluk Syria 1260-1517

Current Academic Positions

2005 - Lecturer, Western Galilee College, Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University

Research Activities and Interests

As a cultural geographer and a Middle Eastern scholar, I study the multiple and reflexive relations among society, culture (politics), and the built environment of the Middle East, past and present. My initial research interests focused around culture, cities and urbanism in the Middle East. Particularly, I am fascinated with the intricate and reflexive relations among space, society and culture within a rather political context. My recent project is concerned with politics of sacred places in Palestinian communities in Israel and the myriad of phenomena connected to the production, reproduction and experience of these places among Palestinians as part of processes of resistance, collective identity and memory formation and self-empowerment. As of 2000, I am engaged in a project that examines the sociospatial and political aspects of sacred Palestinian places as part of various transformations in Palestinian communities in Israel and against the backdrop of Islamic resurgence worldwide. It is a study that theorize "Landscapes of Fundamentalism" and desecularization of societies. In addition I study contemporary matters related to politics of food and sustainability.

Publications

Books and Monographs

Author:

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Recent Chapters in Edited Volumes:

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Luz, N. (2004) 'Urban Residential Houses in Mamluk Syria. Forms, Characteristics and the Impact of Socio-Cultural Forces', in A. Levanoni and M. Vinter (eds.) *The Mamluks in Egyptian and Syrian Politics and Society*. Boston and Leiden, Brill: 339-358.

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