



**Scholars as Bridge Builders:**  
NYC and Jerusalem Exploring Practices and Policies of Urban Justice

# SCHEDULE

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## Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### 18:30 Introductions and Opening Dinner at La Guta Restaurant

📍 18 Yosef Rivlin street

Welcome and opening remarks, introductions and research interests, getting to know one another.

- **Shahar Sadeh**, Director, Faculty Engagement Program at JCRC-NY
- **Emily Silverman**, Director, the Urban Clinic, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Noga Keidar**, Deputy Director, the Urban Clinic, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

### 20:00 "Translation" of policy and practice: Introduction and getting acquainted exercise.

Jill Gross, Emily Silverman and Noga Keidar.

## Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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### Doing Theory From Jerusalem: Spaces of Wounds and Healing in the Central Business Districts of West and East Jerusalem.

**09:00–10:30 Keynote Speaker: Oren Yiftachel**, Ben Gurion University, *Jerusalem and the concept of "Aleph, the place of all places" as new critical urban theory*. Throughout the workshop, we will be using the Aleph framework to explore Jerusalem through prisms of the city that is colonial, nationalized, gendered, religious, globalizing, and also "a political city of ordinary people" (Yiftachel, 2016). We will also explore tensions of Global North and Global South-East urban theory.

📍 14-15 Auditorium, Arch. Department, Bezalel Institute, corner of Shmuel Hanagid St. and Bezalel St.

**10:30–11:45 Zion Square<sup>1</sup>**: Zion Square in Western Jerusalem, is a key commercial, touristic, cultural, historic as well as a political site. The square, host to numerous events and protests including LGBTQ rights, ethnic equity, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, has been recently redesigned and rebranded as "Tolerance Square". We will explore which 'lenses' are expressed in the redesign and use of the site.

- **Sandra Schmidt**, on the pedagogy of walking.
- **Yudit Oppenheimer**, on Zion Square as the relations between society and space.
- **Tamir Mansour Carmel** and **Maya Atidaya**, on redesigning Zion Square as Tolerance Square.

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<sup>1</sup> if you are not able to attend the keynote, please meet at Bezalel at 10:30 or contact Daniella by WhatsApp or SMS.

**11:45–13:00 Damascus Gate<sup>2</sup>:** Damascus Gate, the daily commercial, and transportation hub for Palestinian East Jerusalem, is also a place for political protests and Israeli surveillance and control. Damascus Gate has been built on historical layers going back to the Roman Empire, and recently redesigned. Here too we will explore the site and the surrounding area through the various lenses.

- **Jay Kaplan**, on the Damascus Gate Bus Depot and the Jerusalem Transport Master Plan for East Jerusalem.
- **Sami Ersheid**, on Damascus Gate as political space.
- **Tamara Kerzhner**, on the gendered experience of East Jerusalem transport.

**13:00–14:15 Lunch at Sarwa Street Kitchen**

📍 Salah Eddin 42

Discussion of insights: what does `Walking the Aleph` contribute? What is unique about Jerusalem, and what is transferable elsewhere? Embedding walking as academic pedagogy? Discussion facilitated by Sandra Schmidt with Emily Silverman.

**14:30–15:45 Translating: Spaces of wounds and healing in other contexts.**

📍 Model Room, Jerusalem Municipal Building, Building One, Safra Square (Floor 0 ,one flight down from entrance).

- **Jill Gross**, facilitating discussion of spaces of wounds and healing elsewhere in the world and issues of 'translation'.
- **Briana Barocas**, on restorative justice.
- **Jeff Maskovsky**, on surveillance and urban justice.

**15:45–16:45 Spotlight on emerging research on Jerusalem**

📍 Model Room, Jerusalem Municipal Building, , Building One, Safra Square (Floor 0 ,one flight down from entrance).

Engaged Scholars Research Group: Cities, Spatial Justice and Diversity, and spotlight on Jerusalem.

Short presentations highlighting early career scholars researching on Jerusalem

- **Noga Keidar**: Chair
- **Nufar Avni**
- **Maliha Zugayer**
- **Ronen Eidelman**
- **Enaya Banna**
- **Lior Lehrs**
- **Yaara Rosner**

Also Participating: Avigail Ferdman, Azri Amram, Daniella Selzter, Hadas Zur, Michal Ziv-Kenet, Nir Barak, Yael Shmaryahu Yeshurun, Yinnon Geva.

**17:00–19:00** Free time, excellent for one-on-one conversations!

**19:00–21:00 Dinner and Guest Lecturer at Anna Italian Cafe:** Prof. Avner De Shalit, Hebrew University, *The Egalitarian City*.

📍 10 HaRav Agan street

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<sup>2</sup> If you are joining us at Damascus Gate, please contact Daniella by WhatsApp or SMS for exact location, we will be walking in small groups.

# Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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## The Neighborhood Scale

**8:30-11:30** **Wadi Joz Neighborhood Walking Tour:** Moving from the micro spaces to the neighbourhood scale, we will learn about the lived experiences of housing, education, transportation, economy and public spaces in an inner East Jerusalem neighborhood. We will discuss the contribution of Global South (East) theory and practice to understanding these issues, in particular different approaches to land ownership and urban planning, and the various perspectives on leadership and capacity building.

Wadi Joz, meaning “Valley of Walnuts”, is an East Jerusalem Palestinian neighbourhood just north of the Old City. It is considered an economic and industrial hub, the site of businesses and shops, schools that serve the broader area, and adjacent to numerous parks. We will be guided by the Wadi Joz master planning team, including architect Yaara Rosner-Manor, who heads the urban planning program at the Urban Clinic and architect Tareq Nasser, leading place-making and participatory planning processes in East Jerusalem. Our walk will explore some of the challenges, opportunities and dilemmas in master planning and education in this area.

**08:30** Departure from Bezalel Hotel (Mesilat Yescharim St 1) or 08:45 pick up at Ammunition Hill (SE corner of Claremont-Ganneau St. and Nablus St.)<sup>3</sup>

**09:00–10:00** **Walk with master-planning team,** from Wadi Joz Street through the neighbourhood

**10:00–10:45** **Discussion: the role of neighborhood community planners, community leadership and activism.**

 Bet David / Anaya el Ahaly Community Council, 7 Baha el Din

- **Murad Natshe**, on the role of community urban planners.
- **Hagai Agmon-Snir**, on activism and neighborhood leadership.
- **Tariq Nasser** and **Liel Maghen** combining research and activism.

**10:45–11:30** Walking tour continues, focus on education and community placemaking with Arch. Tariq Nasser.

**11:30–12:30** **Wrap-up discussion, Education and Leadership**

 Ikhwan e-Safa St 47, Public Library.

- **Ben Shuldiner**, on school and curriculum reforms.
- **Sandra Schmidt**, youth and civic belonging.

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<sup>3</sup> Please confirm to Daniella if you will be awaiting pick-up at 08:45!

## Campus Scale: Inclusion and Diversity on Campus

Mount Scopus, located in the northern-eastern side of Jerusalem, is the largest among the Hebrew University's four campuses. The University was inaugurated in 1918, but students and academic staff left the area during the battles of the 1948 war, and the campus was renovated and reopened only after 1967. Today it is home to the Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Law, as well as the School of Social Work, the Business School, the School of Education and the School of international students.

**13:00–14:00 Dairy lunch at Hebrew University campus**, sponsored by the Davis Institute.

📍 Meirsdorf, Room 404

**14:00–15:30 Vision and Efforts for Improving Inclusivity and Diversity at Hebrew University**

📍 Meirsdorf, Room 501 (through dinner).

- **Mona Khoury-Kassabri**, Dean of the School of Social Work
- **Michal Barak**, Director of the Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity
- **Barak Medina**, Rector, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**15:30–16:00 Break and campus walks and viewpoints (weather permitting)**

**16:00–17:00 The NYC experience in Improving Inclusivity in Higher Education**

- **Michal Barak**, Chair.
- **Sophia McGee**
- **Shyama Venkateswar**
- **Suzanne Strickland**

**17:00–18:00 Panel: Building University Collaborations**

What is the role of the university in promoting urban justice? What collaborations could you imagine? Between NY and HUJI, with other partners including government, philanthropy, civil society?

**19:30 Final Dinner, Cocktails, and Panel Discussion at Touro**

📍 S.U Nachon street, Mishkenot Sha'ananim

Speakers:

- **Dr. Ramadan Dabash**
- **MK Rachel Azaria**

# ORGANIZING TEAM



## Emily Silverman

Dr. Emily Silverman is a faculty member at the Hebrew University Geography Department and founding academic director of the Urban Clinic there. Emily holds a Ph.D. in social policy from the London School of Economics, a master's degree in public policy from Tel Aviv University and a BA from Swarthmore College. She teaches courses on housing and urban regeneration policy, strategic planning studio, spatial justice and policy translation, community planning, and planning for early childhood. Her research often draws from co-producing knowledge practitioner projects, developing localization aspects of international policies and practices. Emily's academic work builds on her previous practice in non-profit management and community development, including working with and for numerous international and Israeli philanthropic foundations, Israeli governmental ministries and municipalities, NGOs and civil society.

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## Noga Keidar

Noga Keidar is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto and the Deputy Director of the Urban Clinic at the Hebrew U. Her dissertation research theorizes some of the current forms in which ideas shape cities, and particularly the interaction between cities and their so-called 'gurus'- the super-star scientists who preach urban regeneration models that have become extremely popular. As part of this project, she evaluates the global scope of the phenomenon, as well as closely documenting the on-the-ground interaction of two cities, Jerusalem and Toronto, with one 'guru' - Richard Florida. At the University of Toronto, Noga is part of the "Urban Genome Project" at the new School of Cities. She is also collaborating in several research projects examining world-wide public-art and cultural policy. In her work at the Urban Clinic she is developing platforms for engaged urban scholars.

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## Shahar Sadeh

Dr. Shahar Sadeh is the Director of the Faculty Engagement Program at the Jewish Community Relations Council of NY. Since 2014 she has been working with faculty members all across NYC to create and enhance nuanced discussions about Israel on university and college campuses. She is a scholar-practitioner in the fields of Environmental Diplomacy and Environmental Peacemaking. She is currently a Visiting Scholar at NYU and an adjunct professor at Columbia University where she teaches environmental politics in Israel. Her research work is focused on environmental peacemaking in the Middle East. She has investigated past and present efforts to develop and implement environmental enterprises along Israeli-Arab borders. Shahar received her degrees from Tel Aviv University.

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## Daniella Seltzer

Daniella Seltzer is currently writing her thesis for a M.A in Cultural Studies at the Hebrew University. Her research is focused on ultra-Orthodox women's walking and reflexivity around walking language. She grew up in Jerusalem and Toronto, Canada where she graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours B.A in Community Engagement and Equity Studies. She works at the Urban Clinic as Projects Coordinator, focusing on walking tours and walking as a pedagogy as well as donor relations. Daniella joined the Urban Clinic because of a passion to bridge between the academy and the broader society. During the rest of her time, she works around issues of food politics and uses food and cooking as mediums through which to explore broader issues of social justice and sustainability through various workshops and events. She is currently involved in various political and food cooperative projects in Jerusalem.

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# PARTICIPANT BIOS

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### Avigail Ferdman

Dr. Avigail Ferdman is the Joint Berlin-Jerusalem Post-doctoral fellow at the Institute for Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin. Her work focuses on public goods, well-being, distributive justice and multiculturalism. In her current research she formulates a political theory of well-being vis-à-vis spatial opportunity structures. Ferdman is the host and screenwriter of "Invisible Cities": a podcast dedicated to uncovering the social and political structures that shape our cities and the way we live in them, by showcasing innovative academic research. Her work is published across a variety of academic disciplines such as *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (CRISPP)*, *Space and Polity*, *Urban Research & Practice* and the *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*.

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### Azri Amram

Azri is doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. His research focuses on the relations between Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel in spaces where food plays a major role. He currently conducting an ethnographic study in Kafr Qasim, a Palestinian city in Israel. Azri holds a BA in General History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and an MA in Conflict Resolution from Tel Aviv University. He also serves as the Secretary of the Israeli Anthropological Association and a board member of "Topaz - enhancing civil society" a non-profit organization for innovation and social entrepreneurship.

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### Bella Kovner

Dr. Bella Kovner is an international counter trafficking and child protection specialist. Dr. Kovner holds an MA in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University and wrote her PhD dissertation on child arrest and juvenile justice in East Jerusalem at the Institute of Criminology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For more than a decade, she has been working in Nepal, China, Albania, Uganda and Cambodia on EC, USAID, USDOL, UNICEF, WFP and Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) funded projects aimed at addressing gender inequality and combating unsafe migration, trafficking in human beings and exploitative child labor. Dr. Kovner is a post-doctoral fellow at the Lafer Center for Women's and Gender Studies at Hebrew University, where she teaches a course on forced migration, gender and vulnerability, as well as the Final Integrative Seminar at the international MA Glocal program at the Hebrew U.

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### **Chaim Fialkoff**

Dr. Chaim Fialkoff has taught at Hebrew University's Institute for Urban and Regional Studies since 1983, including core courses on Planning Theory and a studio ulpan on New Neighborhood. He serves a planning consultant for national agencies, municipalities, civic society organizations and private sector firms. Prior to becoming a consultant, he held a variety of senior planning and policy positions the Israel Ministry of Construction and Housing over thirty years, including as Director-General of the Ministry.

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### **Daniel Felsenstein**



Daniel Felsenstein is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His fields of interest are economic geography and regional science. His work uses the tools of dynamic simulation modeling and spatial econometrics. Current research projects relate to simulating urban resilience to large scale shocks, dynamics of change in housing markets and estimating a spatial general equilibrium model for Israel. He has worked in the areas of local economic development, landuse-transportation modeling, measuring regional income disparities, local labor market processes, dynamics of regional housing markets and agent-based modeling of disasters. He has published over 120 papers and 6 books on these and other related topics. With respect to service in National and International Organizations he served as a member of the National Council of Surveyors and Land Appraisers 2004-2013, Chair of the National Committee for Geography, Ministry of Education, 2012-2016 and is currently consultant/national expert to the OECD Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED).

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### **Dan Miodownik**



Dan Miodownik is an associate professor in the departments of political science and international relations, the director of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, and a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research examines the emergence, unfolding and regulation of anti-regime mobilization, protest behavior, ethnic polarization, and civil wars. Dan also has significant interest in computational modeling and geographic information systems. He teaches graduate and undergraduate classes on ethnic mobilization, civil wars, interstate conflicts: violence and regulation, introduction to political science, honors workshop, social movements, and research methods.

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### **Efrat Cohen-Bar**



Architec Efrat Cohen Bar has worked for over fifteen years with the planning and community team at Bimkom- Planners for Planning Rights. She leads the work of the organization in East Jerusalem, and recetnly joined Bimkom's team for Social Justice in Urban Renewal. She is a graduate of the Architecture Department of Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jerusalem 1995. In the context of her work in East Jerusalem, Efrat Cohen-Bar spearheaded the planning project in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of El-Issawiya; conducted a planning survey in the Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem; wrote reports and studies on Israeli policy planning in East Jerusalem and on the overarching Jerusalem city plan and lead a team in East Jerusalem aiding communities affected by poor or lacking city planning.

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## Enaya Banna-Jeries

Dr. Banna-Jeries has worked for over 13 years as a researcher and professional manager at ACAP – the Arab Center for Alternative Planning. For the last three years, she serves as the Chief Planner and Engineer of the Wadi Ara spatial planning committee (responsible of seven local municipalities). She also teaches a graduate course: “Planning in Arab townships” at the Hebrew University and involved with the University’s Urban Clinic team in urban projects in East Jerusalem. Banna-Jeries holds a PHD and MA in Urban and Regional Planning from the Technion – Israel Institution of Technology, and BSC in Landscape Architecture. Her PHD thesis focused on implementation of procedural justice in decision-making process has won several grants and prizes including the Israel Planning Association, the Technion first award in the name of Ilana Livman, Ministry of Science and Technology grant. Recently, Banna-Jeries was nominated by the US Embassy in Israel to participate in the International Visitor Leadership program on the topic of “Resilience Cities and Urban Growth Challenges” that included visiting five different States in the USA (Oct, 2018). Banna-Jeries’ research and activities focus on: urban and planning issues related to Arab Palestinians in Israel; minorities and indigenous people; planning and social justice; localization of theories and practices in planning.

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## Eran Razin

Prof. Eran Razin holds the Leon Safdie Chair in Urban Studies and is a full professor at the Department of Geography and the Institute of Urban and Regional Studies (the graduate urban planning program) of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (former chair/director of both). With academic degrees in economics, geography and urban studies, he specializes in comparative local government, urban planning, governance and development. He has published/coedited eight books and numerous journal articles, among them a coedited book on Inequality and Governance in the Metropolis, Regimes of Place Equality and Fiscal Choices in Eleven Countries (2017, Palgrave). Razin serves on the board of IPSA Research Committee 05, Comparative Studies on Local Government and Politics, and is honorary member of the IGU Commission on Geography and Governance. He has served in the years 1987-2017 as chair and occasionally member, in over 100 commissions appointed by Israel’s Ministry of Interior.

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## Hadas Zur

Hadas Zur is a researcher and a PhD candidate at the Laboratory of Contemporary Urban Design, at Tel Aviv University. Her research focuses on violence and society in contemporary urban environment. She is also involved in an interdisciplinary research on smart cities, technology and inequality. She is the associate editor of the online journal and podcast Urbanologia. Hadas received her M.A (2016) in Sociology & Anthropology and B.A (2012, Magna Cum Laude) in Women and Gender Studies, and Cinema from Tel Aviv University. Her M.A thesis focused on the spatial history of prostitution in Tel Aviv city. She worked as a conflict group facilitator and led Israeli-Palestinian dialogue seminars in Israel, Germany, and the USA, alongside working as an academic coordinator at the Walter Lebach institute for Jewish Arab relations at TAU. Prior to joining the Lab she worked at the Israeli Green Building Council.

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## Hagai Agmon-Snir

Dr. Hagai Agmon-Snir has been the director of the Jerusalem Intercultural Center since its establishment in 1999. In his work at the JICC, Hagai develops and implements models for making Jerusalem a culturally competent city for all its residents. In 1995-1997, Hagai was a researcher at the U.S National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.) and then returned to Jerusalem, where he graduated the Mandel School for Educational Leadership. During this period, he focused on multicultural models that combine different fields, such as political philosophy, conflict management, dialogue, community development and project management. He holds a Ph.D. in Computational Neuroscience, Hebrew U.

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## Hagit Keysar

Dr. Hagit Keysar completed her PhD at the Politics and Government department, Ben Gurion University, Israel. In her thesis she critically examined the political potential of civic/community science and open-source practices in situations of civic inequalities and human rights violations. Based on her ongoing collaboration with Public Lab (PublicLab.org) she explores the potential role of open-source and DIY scientific instruments for human rights grassroots activism. Her research is practice-based and brings together visual work, activism and critical theory. See her website at: [Cargocollective.com/hagitkeysar](http://Cargocollective.com/hagitkeysar)

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## Hila Bar-Ner

Hila Bar-Ner holds an MA from Hebrew University's program in geogaphy and urban planning. Her master thesis (2016) focused on the practice of "Placemaking" from the perspective of policy translation, examining the role of stakeholders and the local political context in implementing low cost, short term, creative and iterative interventions in public spaces in general, and in Jerusalem in particular.

She works as an urban planner at the firm "Gavrieli-Segal", focusing on urban regeneration and strategic planning in Israeli cities and neighborhoods, and worked previously as projects coordinator at the Urban Clinic.

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## Hila Zaban

Dr Hila Zaban is an urban sociologist and anthropologist and a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the Sociology Department at the University of Warwick, UK. Her research interests are the links between mobilities (immigration and tourism) and urban transformation. She is looking at how people's lifestyle mobilities affect cities and communities. Hila's PhD dissertation (Ben Gurion University, 2014) was an ethnographic work in Baka, a Jerusalem neighbourhood, undergoing gentrification processes combined with privileged migration of Jews from Western countries. She looked at the effects of these processes on the neighbourhood's housing market, commercial and religious spheres and residents' mode of participation in local affairs. Hila's current project looks at the urban effects of British Jews' transnational practices on Israeli cities, focusing on the issue of second home ownership and transnational gentrification - when gentrification forces are external, not local. Hila is also working on displacement in urban renewal projects in a Beersheba neighbourhood. She has published her work in top journals in the fields of urban studies and immigration studies.

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## Jay Kaplan

Jay Kaplan serves as a senior consultant directing transportation planning projects in Israel and abroad (including area-wide transportation policy plans in a number of African nations). In Israel Jay's projects currently include a wide range of transportation plans for special populations including the Transportation Masterplan for East Jerusalem as well as major projects and programs for Bedouin and ultra-orthodox communities. Jay teaches in the transportation cluster at the HUJI Institute for Urban and Regional Studies.

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## Julia Resnik

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## Liat Brix-Etgar

Liat Brix-Etgar is an architect, researcher and lecturer. She is the head of the Arts and Design Teaching Center in Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and the head of Civic Architecture Unit in the department of Architecture. The unit interlaces design studio, political theory, planning and activism. Liat received her B.Arch degree from the Bezalel Academy in Jerusalem and her M.A in philosophy (summa cum laude) from the Tel Aviv University where she wrote her thesis about "The Spatial-Political Lexicon of Jean Luc Nancy". She is an architect and associate in Tehiru Group in Tel-Aviv.

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## Liel Maghen

Liel Maghen is the co director of IPCRI, a shared organization of Israelis and Palestinians focused on forming professional partnerships and impacting policy. Working both in top-down and bottom-up initiatives, his experience includes working with the Israeli Knesset, the United States Congress and the EU together with managing programs for leading peace building organizations such as Seeds of Peace, Givat Haviva, MEJDI Tours, and AIES. Through his role at IPCRI, Liel develops impactful transboundary partnerships mainly through participatory activities, community development and inclusive processes. He holds a M.A degree in International Development and a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies, both from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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## Maliha Zugayar

Architect Maliha Zugayar from East Jerusalem, holds a B.A. in Architecture from Birzeit University in Ramallah and an MA in Geography and Urban Planning at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her MA thesis explores Vertical Informality, a term used to describe market based mid/high-rise housing that is built by developers against planning codes, without building permission, without mortgages or land registration, and is becoming increasingly prevalent in East Jerusalem.

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## Michael Ziv-Kenet

Michael Ziv-Kenet is a PhD student at the department of political science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is interested in democratic theory and cities, specifically, political representation in cities, and the normative challenge of cities to the state's claim of democratic legitimacy. In his research he examines representative claims made by urban political actors, as a method to identify their understanding of the relations between the 'city', urban government, and society, and as a political action of creating and recreating political constituency. As a resident of Jerusalem, he participates in local political action on urban regeneration in Jerusalem, and especially in the working-class neighbourhood of Kiryat Ha-Yovel, in south-west Jerusalem, where he lives; engaging residents and state and local officials in promoting equitable and sustainable processes of urban regeneration. In addition, he is a teaching assistant on the Institute of Urban and Regional Planning's seminar on the topic of urban regeneration.

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## Michal Barak

Michal Barak is the Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Multiculturalism and Diversity at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; she serves as the university's Israeli Hope officer. She holds an LL.B. from the Hebrew University Law Faculty and an M.A. in linguistics from Rutgers University. She has worked extensively in education for democracy, human rights and a shared society at The Gilo Center for Civic Education, The Center for Education and Technology (CET), The Open University, and The Lautman Forum for Education Policy. She is the founder of A Different Lesson, and is active in various social and political initiatives in Israel.

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### **Michal Frenkel**

Prof. Michal Frenkel is an Associate Professor and the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Hebrew U. She has published extensively on organizational aesthetics and space in the context of gender, religiosity and other identity groups; center-periphery relations in organization studies, international management, critical management studies, gender, ethnicity, race and religiosity in and around organizations and in the context of globalization and glocalization. Her papers appeared in journals such as the Academy of Management Review, Organization Science, Organization Studies, Organizations and others. She has been a visiting fellow at Harvard Center for European Studies, a Scholar in Residence at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute and a visiting professor at Smith College. She serves on the editorial boards of Organization Studies and Sociological Theory.

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Dr. Nir Barak is a postdoctoral researcher at the faculty of architecture and town-planning at the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology; previously he was a postdoctoral research fellow at Columbia University after being awarded a Fulbright-ISEF fellowship. His training and background are in political science, urban politics, political theory, and environmental ethics. Nir's doctoral research at the Hebrew

University of Jerusalem analyzed philosophical, political, social and policy-related aspect of transitioning cities to sustainable patterns and ecological citizenship in cities. His current research studies the relationship between national citizenship and urban citizenship (city-zenship) in light of the rising power of cities in international politics (e.g., supranational city-based networks) and growing instances of cities' demand for more political autonomy vis-à-vis the state (e.g., regulations which challenge national laws).

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### **Nufar Avni**

Dr. Nufar Avni is an urban geographer and planner, and a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the Department of Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She earned her PhD at the School of Urban Planning at McGill University, Canada. Her dissertation examined urban redevelopment projects in the US and Israel from a social justice perspective. Her MA thesis compared struggles for the right to the city and gray spaces in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel. At present she is the Principle Investigator of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship that examines divided communities and urban citizenship in East Jerusalem. Nufar's research has been published in leading geography and planning journals and in "A Routledge Handbook on Cities of the Global South". Nufar worked as an urban planner in the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel in the Beersheba Branch, and is a member of the Young Urban Planners Forum in Israel and Cities, Diversity and Spatial Justice research group at the Hebrew University.

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