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Academic profile

Education

- 2019 February - **PhD Sandwich-Scholarship**, Bar-Ilan University, supervised by Dr. Yehuda Halper Senior-Lecturer, Department of Jewish Thought, Bar-Ilan University and Prof. em. Steven Harvey, Department of Jewish Thought.
- 2014 Oktober **Study Visit**, supervised by Prof. Dr. Peter Adamson, Professor of Late Ancient and Arabic Philosophy, LMU Munich.
- 2012 December - **Participant of the doctoral program** *Global Studies*, University of Bern.
2012 January - **PhD-Student**, project: *Sa'adyah Gaons Ethik. Von der Disposition zum vollendeten Glück. (Sa'adyah Gaon's ethics. From the disposition to complete happiness)*; Prof. Dr. Anke v. Kügelgen (1st supervisor), Islamic Studies, University of Bern, Prof. Dr. René Bloch (2nd supervisor), Jewish Studies, University of Bern, Prof. Dr. Peter Adamson, Philosophy of Late Antiquity and Arabic Philosophy, LMU – Munich, Germany.
- 2001-2009 **Licentiate**, *Zur ewigen Reflexion. Das Zeitalter der postsäkularen Gesellschaft. Eine Auseinandersetzung mit Jürgen Habermas' Religionsverständnis in seinen jüngsten Veröffentlichungen. (Perpetual Reflection. The era of the post secular society. An examination of Jürgen Habermas' understanding of religion in his latest writings)*; Major: Religious Studies (social-scientific option), Fribourg/CH. 1st minor: Ethics/Political Phil., Fribourg/CH; 2nd minor: Islamic Studies, Bern.
- 2/2005-1/2006 **Semester Course** at HU Jerusalem, Rothberg International School: *Issues in Contemporary Halacha*. Ulpan Alef at private school.

Working Experiences

- 8/2018-2/2019 **Instructor** at the University of Bern, an interdisciplinary lecture of Islamic and Jewish Studies (instructor: Chaja Dürrschnabel, phd-student): *Wider die Natur? Magie und Wunder in ausgewählten Texten von der Spätantike zum frühen Mittelalter des Nahen und Mittleren Ostens*. Sponsored by FIV (interdisciplinary lectures – innovative teaching), University Bern.
- 2007-2008 **Tutorial assistant** at the Institute of Practical Theology, University of Bern, within the scope of the National Research Program 58, *Religions, the State, and Society*.

Organizational Experiences

- 2014 November **Workshop: *The Reception of Aristotelian Ethics in Latin, Byzantine, Arabic and Hebrew Traditions***. (Planning, Organizing, Realisation with Dr. Georgia Tsouni), University of Berne/CH. Invited Experts: Prof. Dr. Steven Harvey, Prof. Dr. Peter Adamson (Keynote-lecture), Prof. Dr. Dominic O'Meara, Prof. Dr. Christoph Flüeler, Jr.Prof. Dr. Fredr. Musall.
- 2014 July **Workshop: *verstehen und verstehen verstehen – phil. Hermeneutik***. (understanding and to understand understanding - phil. Hermeneutics) (Planning, Organization, Realisation with Dr. Kata Moser and Dr. des. Michael Frey). Invited experts: Prof. Dr. I.U. Dalferth, PD Dr. A. Franzmann, Prof. Dr. D. Thouard, Prof. Dr. K. Weimar.

Papers

- 2019 19th June ***bi-l-ahrā* conclusions in Sa'adyah's *Kitāb Ṭalab al-Ḥikma***. Israel Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS) – Givat Ram, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, research-group *The Reception and Impact of Aristotelian Logic in Medieval Jewish Culture*, co-organized by Prof. Charles Manekin (University of Maryland) and Dr. Yehuda Halper, (Bar-Ilan University).
- 2018 July ***Sa'adyah Gaon's Ethics in the steps of Midrash Mishle? The Kitāb Ṭalab al-Ḥikma in view of the Midrash Mishle***. XIth Congress of the European Association of Jewish Studies – Krakow, Poland.
- 2017 September ***Der Begriff «die zweite Natur» in Sa'adyah Gaons Sprüche-Kommentar*** (The notion «the second nature» in Sa'adyah Gaon's commentary on Proverbs), Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT) – Jena, Germany.
- 2016 December ***Law, Prophecy and Aristotelian Ethics in Sa'adyah Gaon's Commentary on the Biblical Proverbs***, 48th Annual Conference of the American Jewish Studies (AJS) – San Diego, California.
- 2016 April ***Gewöhnung: Ein Aspekt des ethischen Denkens von Sa'adyah Gaon*** (Habituation: An aspect of Sa'adyah Gaon's ethical thought), Nachwuchstagung der Schweiz. Asienwissenschaften – Crêt-Bérard Puidoux, Switzerland.
- 2014 Juli ***Sa'adyah Gaon and al-Fārābī as recipients of the Nicomachean Ethics?*** Xth Congress, European Association of Jewish Studies (EAJS) – Paris, France.
- 2013 August ***Aspekte des Tugendbegriffs bei Yaḥyā ibn 'Adī und Sa'adyah Gaon***, Nachwuchstagung der Jüdischen Studien / Judaistik – Hannover, Germany.

Workshop Participation

- 2019 1st-2nd April **The 2019 Pines Workshop on *The Practice of Philosophy in Fallen Times: Glimpses of the Logical Practice of Abū l-Barakāt al-Baghdādī***, directed by Dr. Tony Street (Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge), at The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.
- 2016 November **Authenticity** (including presentation), Prof. Dr. Mia Mochizuki and Prof. Dr. Christine Göttler, Graduate School of Humanities, University of Bern
- 2012 January **1. Bernese Winter School *TransForming Knowledge and Epistemic Cultures (including Presentation)***,

Publications

- In preparation **Das Vorwort des *Kitāb Ṭalab al-Ḥikma*** (Die Suche der Weisheit) des Sprüche-Kommentars von Sa'adyah Gaon. Übersetzung und Kommentar. In: *JUDAICA*. Beiträge zum Verstehen des Judentums. Zürcher Institut für Interreligiösen Dialog (ZIID).
- 2018 December **Review:** Meri, Josef (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Muslim-Jewish Relations* (2016),. In: *JUDAICA*. Beiträge zum Verstehen des Judentums. Zürcher Institut für Interreligiösen Dialog (ZIID), 74. Jahrg, Heft 3, S. 310-312.
- 2016 Spring ***Sa'adyah Gaons ethisches Denken. Zwischen sinnlicher Erfahrung und prophetischer Weisheit***. In: *Philosophie*. SGMÖIK Bulletin, Kata Moser & Roman Seidel (Gast-Hgg.), Nr. 42, S. 42 u. 52.

Fundings

- 2/2019-1/2020 **Sandwich PhD Scholarship Program, Council for Higher Education Israel** (support of the dissertation project at the Department of Jewish Thought, Bar-Ilan University).
- 11/2017-5/2018. **Dr. Joséphine de Kármán-Stiftung** (support of the dissertation project).
- 2016 **Travel-Grant, SAGW** (Schweiz. Akademie der Geistes-und Sozialwissenschaften) and AJS (American Jewish Studies) for the AJS-Conference, San Diego, Dez 2016.
- 2014 **Fundings** of Berner Burgergemeinde, Center for Global Studies (CGS) and Mittelbauvereinigung University of Bern (mv/ub) for the realization of the

workshop *The Reception of Aristotelian Ethics in Latin, Byzantine, Arabic and Hebrew Traditions. From Antiquity to the Middle Ages.*

2014 **Travel-Grant** of SAGW (Schweiz. Akademie der Geistes- und Sozialwissen.) for the EAJIS-Congress, Paris, Juni 2016.

2013 **Funding** of Center for Global Studies (CGS) for the realization of the workshop «*verstehen und verstehen verstehen*», Philosophical Hermeneutics.