

CURRICULUM VITAE

DR. JOSEF OLMERT

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EDUCATION;

Ph.D -LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS,1984

DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT;

THESIS; BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS THE LEVANT STATES[1940-1945]

SUPERVISOR; PROFESSOR ELIE KEDOURIE

THE MOST VENERATED MIDDLE EAST EXPERT OF HIS GENERATION.

M.A - THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM- MAGNUM CUM LAUDE

DEPARTMENT;

HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

B.A- THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM- MAGNUM CUM LAUDE

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA[USC], Adjunct Professor

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT AT USC;

POLI 333-HONORS COLLEGE-US POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST SINCE 9/11

POLI 391-THE NEWS MEDIA AND FOREIGN POLICY

POLI 391-CIVIL WARS, DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES AND MIGRATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

POLI 433-THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN FOREIGN AND NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY

POLI 449-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST

POLI 483-MIDDLE EAST POLITICS

AWARDS AT USC;

2014-----TWO THUMBS UP AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE EDUCATION OF USC STUDENTS

2015-TWO THUMBS UP AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE EDUCATION OF USC STUDENTS

2019-BEST USC PROFESSOR AWARD BY DAILY GAMECOCK

2018-PRESENT

SENIOR FELLOW-THE PALM BEACH CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC POLICY

2010-2011-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY-DC

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE[SIS] -RANKED IN THE TOP 10 IN THE COUNTRY

2001-2004 BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY AND SAFED COLLEGE , Israel

PROFESSOR OF SECURITY STUDIES

1995-2000 BEMEDIA COLLEGE, TEL-AVIV

PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

1988-1989 ,CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NY

VISITING PROFESSOR, CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

Guest speaker in numerous American and Canadian universities, including Harvard, Columbia, George Washington, Notre Dam, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Wayne State, University of Toronto, University of Wisconsin Madison, and many others.

1985-1986 YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO,CANADA

VISITING PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

COLUMNIST, the Toronto Star

Regular guest at Canada A.M Tv program

December 1985 Much publicized Tv debate with Professor

Noam Chomsky in Tv Ontario

During this time had more than 100 lectures and briefings all over Canada and the US

1985-1986 City College, NYC

VISITING LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

JUNE-JULY 1985-VISITING FELLOW IN THE HIGHLY REPUTED THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE FOR NEAR EAST POLICY.

During this time, regular meetings and briefings with Administration high officials and senior media people.

1981-1989-TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Lecturer, Middle East History , Department of Middle East Studies

Lecture, School of Overseas Students

Head, Syria and Lebanon Desk, The Dayan Center For Middle East Studies

LANGUAGES;

HEBREW

ENGLISH

ARABIC

AREAS OF INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED EXPERTISE;

MODERN SYRIA

MODERN LEBANON

THE PAN-ARAB STATE SYSTEM

MINORITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

NATIONAL IDEOLOGIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

CIVIL WARS IN THE ARAB WORLD

THE GREAT POWERS AND THE MIDDLE EAST

US FOREIGN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

ISRAELI POLITICS

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

THE ART OF NEGOTIATIONS-PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

IRAN UNDER THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC

TURKEY FROM KEMALISM TO ISLAMISM

PUBLICATIONS;

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS;

Minorities in the Middle East; Majority-minority relations in a Changing society[Tel-Aviv, 1986,Hebrew]

Unraveling the knot;Between Arab and Jew[New York, 1989].

Modern Syria[Tel Aviv, 1997, Hebrew].

How Britain Drove France Out of the Levant During World War II , 2023[E BOOK FORMAT]

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS , ACADEMIC ARTICLES, ACADEMIC PAPERS;[PEERS REVIEWED]

Lebanon's Christians and Israel;The Quest For Allies In A Hostile Environment, Research Report, Institute Of Jewish Affairs, London, October 1982.

The Pan-Arab System and Operation Peace For Galilee, Geshet , vol.2/107, Jerusalem, 1982, pp.16-27.[Hebrew].

"LEBANON", in C.Legum, H.Shaked, D.Dishon[eds.], Middle East Contemporary Survey[MECS],VOL.VI, PP.702-734.

"SYRIA", MECS , VOL.VI, PP.845-879.

"LEBANON", MECS, VOL.VII, PP.657-703.

"SYRIA", MECS, VOL.VII, PP.795-830.

"LEBANON", MECS, VOL.VIII, PP.536-578.

"SYRIA", MECS, VOL.VIII, PP.671-710.

"LEBANON", MECS, VO.XI, PP.514-543.

"SYRIA", MECS, VOL.XI, PP.635-659.

"SYRIA", MECS, VOL.XII, PP.726-751.

"The Palestinians In Lebanon", In I.Stockman-Shomron, Israel, the Middle East, and the Great Powers, Shikmona Publishing , 1984, pp.255-264.

"Syria's Involvement in Lebanon", In A.Soffer, G.Warburg, G.Kanazi, S.Smooaha[eds.], Lebanon;War and Reconstruction, Haifa University, 1983, pp.45-56.[HEBREW].

"The Shi'is In Lebanon; From A Marginal Community To A Central Actor", iln M.Kramer, Protest and Revolution In Shi'i Islam, Tel Aviv University, 1987, pp.107-141.[Hebrew].

"Is a stable Internal Lebanese Arrangement Possible?", in J.Alpher[ed.], Israel Lebanon Policy; Where to?, Jaffee Center, Tel Aviv University, 1987, PP.3-9

"Lebanon ;Five years later", in S.Meir[ed.], Lebanon war-A view from 1987, Jaffee Center, Tel Aviv University, 1987, pp.41-50.

"Britain, Turkey and the Levant question During the Second World War", In Middle Eastern Studies, vo.23, 1987, issue 4, pp.437-452.

"The Shi'is and The Lebanese State, In M.Kramer[ed.], Shi'ism, Resistance and Revolution, Routledge, 1987,

"The Lebanese Crisis; The Dangers To Security In the Mediterranean", Adelphi Papers, no.230, vo.28, 1988, pp.21-32.

"Domestic Crisis and Foreign Policy in Syria", In Middle East Review, Spring 1988, pp.17-25.

"Iranian -Syrian Relations; Between Islam and Real Politik", In D.Menashri[ed.], The Iranian Revolution and the Muslim World, Westview, 1990, pp.171-189.

"Syria In Lebanon", In A.E.Levite, B.W. Gentleson, L.Berman [eds.], Foreign Military Intervention; The dynamics of Protracted Conflict, Columbia University Press, 1992, pp.95-129.

Forward to P.Seale, Asad of Syria;The Struggle for the Middle East, Tel Aviv, 1993[Hebrew Edition], pp.7-11.

Towards a Syrian -Israeli Peace Agreement;Perspectives of a Former Negotiator, Monograph, The Washington Institute, Policy Focus, no.25, April 1994.

The Likud and the Peace Process-Ideology and Reality Under Changing Circumstances, Kivunim, vol.7, no.44, Jerusalem, 1994.[Hebrew].

"A False Dilemma ? Syria and Lebanon's Independence During the Mandatory Period" , In Middle Eastern Studies, vo.32, 1996, , issue 3, pp.41-73.

" The Syrian ethos About Occupied Territories", In M.Maoz[ed.], The Golan-Between War and Peace, Hed Artzi Publishing, 1999, pp.53-57.[Hebrew].

On Peace Talks and Fanfare", Jewish Policy Center, 25 August, 2010.

"New School year, Same Anti Israel sentiment", Jewish Policy Center, 1 September, 2010.

"Turkey Then and Now", Jewish Policy Center, 6 October, 2010.

"The Jewish State Debate", Jewish Policy Center, 20 October, 2010.

"Kissinger's Revelations", Jewish Policy Center, 15 December, 2010.

"The Impact Of the Hariri Murder Inquiry on the Middle East", In Gatestone Institute , 6 January 2011.

"One Person , One Vote in Syria?", In The Cairo Review Of Global Affairs/Tahrir Forum, 11 June 2011.

"Israel-Syria;The Elusive Peace", In Domes-Digest Of Middle East Studies, vol.20, no.2, Fall 2011, pp.202-212.

"Israeli-Syrian Peace Talks; A negotiator's perspective", In Intercultural Management Quarterly , Fall 2011, vol.12, no.2, pp.12-15.

Analysis Of the Syrian Problem", In SPME ,Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, 15 May, 2012.

"The Palestinian -Israeli conflict-From Pan-Arabism to Pan-Islam" INSIGHT, VOA NEWS, 21 November 2012.

"Israel and Alawite Syria;The Odd Couple Of the Middle East?", In The Israel Journal Of Foreign Affairs, vol.Seven, 2013, Number One, pp.17-27.

"Is Israel Becoming An International Pariah?", E-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 25 February , 2013.

"Israeli Elections and the Peace Process", In M.M.Aman and M.J.Aman [eds.], New Directions In the Middle East, Westphalia Press, 2014, pp.5-21.

"Jabotinsky-Begin-Lieberman; The Changing Face Of the Likud Party" In The Romanian Journal Of Society and Politics, vol.ix, no.1, issue 17, June 2014, pp.137-153.

" Israel and the Middle East After the Arab Spring-Challenges and Opportunities", In M.M.Aman and M.J.Aman [eds.], The Middle East; New Order Or Disorder?, Westphalia Press, 2016, pp.171-193.

"Eight Years Later; Lessons and Implications of the Syrian Civil War, pt.1" Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Policy Research, 26 February, 2019.

"Eight Years Later; Lessons And Implications Of The Syrian Civil War, Part Two", Palm Beach Center For Democracy And Policy Research, 5 June ,2019.

"Hungary and Israel; The collision of Past and Present", Emerging Europe, 17 August 2017.

"Syria -The Playground Of the Middle East-Again; Iran/Hizballah-Syria", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 29 July, 2019.

"The Regional Playground-Turkey's Role", Palm Beach Center For Democracy And Public Policy, 25 August, 2019.

"Kurds , Syrians and Turks", Palm Beach Center For Democracy And Policy Research, 21 October ,2019.

"Turkey Again Invades The Syrian-Kurdish -Controlled Territories", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 22 October ,2019.

"Protest In The Arab World-The Case Of Iraq", Palm Beach Center For Democracy And Policy Research, 21 November, 2019.

"Protest In the Arab World-The Case Of Lebanon", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 11 January 2020.

"Quo Vadis Turkey?-From Kemalism to Islamism?", in Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Policy Research, 25 February 2020.

"Israeli politics-Confused?-Here are the Answers", In Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 6 March 2020.

"Netanyahu Annexation Plans-How Foreign Policy is Sacrificed For Domestic Considerations", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Public Policy, 24 June 2020.

"You Want To Know About The Middle East?-Go To Libya", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 21 July, 2020.

"Israel and UAE and Israel ideological debates", In Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Policy Research, 25 August 2020.

"Israel and Minority Groups in the Middle East", In Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Policy Research, 16 October 2020.

"Syria in Civil War;The South-the Druze, the Assad regime, and Israel"

South -West Syria-The AS SUWAIDA Governorate", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 25 November, 2020.

"Israel in the Middle East-From Periphery to Center-pt.2-Israel and States-the Case of Iran from a Friend to a foe", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Policy Research, 2 January, 2021.

"US,Iran, Israel and Saudi Arabia-what is going on"?, PalmBeach Center for Democracy and Public Policy Research, 3 MAY,2021.

"Fighting Terrorism;Myths and Realities", Palm Beach Center For Democracy and Public Policy Research, 24 August, 2021.

"Israel and the PA;When no choice is the only choice", Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Public Policy Research, 11 October 2021

"The Paradox of Israel Foreign Policy-Growing Outreach and Isolation on Iran", Palm Beach Center For Public policy Research, 16 December, 2021.

"Iran-The Beast is on the Attack", Palm Beach Center for Democracy and Policy Research", 21 January, 2022.

"United States and Saudi Arabia-How actual interests and morality collide", Palm Beach center for Democracy and Public Policy Research, 26 June , 2022

ACADEMIC BOOK REVIEWS;

Hezbollah;From Islamic Resistance to Government

Africa and Israel; A Unique Case In Israeli Foreign Relations

The Gaza Strip ;The political Economy of De-Development

The Planning and Building of the Hebrew University, 1919-1948

Zionism In Damascus; Ideology and Activity in the Jewish Community at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century

A history of Stability and Change in Lebanon; Foreign Intervention and International relations

The Two -States Solution;The UN Partition Resolution of Mandatory Palestine

In Search of Israel; The History of an Idea

The Hebrew Republic; Israel's Return to History

Syria and Lebanon; International Relations and Diplomacy in the Middle East

Divided Loyalties; Nationalism and mass politics in Syria at the Close of Empire

The Secret War For The Middle East, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/6 November, 2013.

The Syrian Dilemma, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com, 2 December 2013.

State Formation and Identity in the Middle East and North Africa, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 16 April 2014.

Enemy On The Euphrates, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 27 May, 2014.

Ethnic Minorities and the Media in the Holy Land, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 18 August 2014.

The Kurds of Syria; Political Parties and Identity in the Middle East, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 8 June 2015.

The Routledge Handbook on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, In MiddleEastReviewsonline.com/membr, 23 June 2016.

Syria-Making and Unmaking of a Refuge State, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 27 March 2018.

How Long Will Israel Survive, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr review, 19 March 2018

New Middle East;What Everyone Needs to Know, In Middleeastreviewsonline.com/membr, 21 July 2018 .

War Is Coming;Between Past and Future Violence In Digest Of Middle East Studies, vol.27, issue 1, pp.161-163.

A Half Century Of Occupation; Israel,Palestine , and the World's Most Intractable Conflict, In The Israel Journal Of Foreign Affairs, vol.Twelve , 2018, Number One, pp.113-117.

The Decline of the Left Wing In Israel , Middle East Journal , Autumn 2020[Vol.74,no.2]

ARTICLES IN MEDIA OUTLETS-NOT PEERS REVIEWED -ONLY FROM RECENT YEARS;

HUFFINGTON POST;

Abbas and Hamas break the rules, 15 January, 2018

Iran and Obama's folly, 31 December 2017

Israel in 2017-Look back in anger? Not really,28 December 2017

Putin declares victory and withdrawal from Syria-not so fast, 11 December 2017

MEDIA-ELECTRONIC AND WRITTEN;

Have been a well-known and popular participant in TV programs in Israel and all over the world. Appeared in ABC,NBC,CBS, FOX, CNN, C-SPAN, BBC, ITV, SKY, CTV, RT, Australian ABC, Irish RTE, SABC, and many others. Participated in famous TV debates, such as with Noam Choski on 28 December 1985.In the US was frequently interviewed by CNN, FOX, NBC, ABC, CBS, And met and was interviewed by Ted Kopell, Dan Rather, Tom Brakow , Peter Jennings, Phil Donahue and many other famous broadcasters. Was the first Israeli official to debate on TV with the well-known Hanan Ashrawi. Altogether was interviewed many hundreds of times.

Has a huge volume of written media interviews, articles, quotations, including the NYT, WP, LA TIMES, TIMES OF LONDON, FINANCIAL TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES, TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, AND NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Have had blogs in Times of Israel, Jerusalem Report, Jerusalem Post, Fair Observer, Your Middle East, News Max, Medium.com, and for 7 years in the Huffington Post where over 200 articles by me were published. My articles were widely quoted and were the source of intense media discussions.[SEE ABOVE LIST OF IMPORTANT ARTICLES].

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES;

Have participated in numerous academic conferences during my long career. Below only relates to most recent ones

MOST RECENT CONFERENCES;

SPME, MIAMI , 16-18 JANUARY, 2011

FIFTY YEARS OF THE SPECIAL US-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP , 1962-2012

PAPER; THE US-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP-THE POLLS AND BEYOND THEM

AIS, BOSTON, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY , 13-15 JUNE 2011

ISRAEL AS A JEWISH AND DEMOCRATIC STATE

PAPER; THE EVOLUTION OF RIGHT-WING THINKING

ABOUT ARABS IN ISRAEL-JABOTINSKI-BEGIN-LIEBERMAN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLUMBIA, 28-30 OCTOBER 2011;

NEW HORIZONS IN CONFLICT SYSTEM ANALYSIS;APPLICATIONS TO THE MIDDLE EAST

I WAS THE CONCLUDING DISCUSSANT OF THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS.

POLICY STUDIES ORGANIZATION , DC, YEARLY CONFERENCE, 2013

Panel -Israel and Palestine, session 2

POLICY STUDIES ORGANIZATION, YEAR, DC, LY CONFERENCE, 2015

Paper; Past and Present;The Role of Historic Narratives in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict

POLICY STUDIES ORGANIZATION, YEARLY CONFERENCE, DC, 2016

Paper;Blaming Self and not the Other-A New Middle East Discourse

POLICY STUDIES ORGANIZATION, DC, YEARLY CONFERENCE, 2017,

Paper;Israel-Palestine-Egypt-Jordan-ME Alliance as a Regional Solution

ARTICLES IN MAGAZINES-NOT PEERS REVIEWED[ONLY FROM RECENT YEARS...]

ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT BY ME DURING MY YEARS IN THE ACADEMIC
WORLD[SEMINARS, PROSEMINARS, EXERCISES, FRONTAL CLASSES]

Modern Lebanon

Modern Syria

Political Parties in the Arab world

National Ideologies in the Middle East

Minorities in the Middle East

The international powers and the Middle East

International relations of the Middle East

Middle East politics

The News Media and Foreign policy

DIPLOMATIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE;

1989-1992

Director of Government Press Office In Jerusalem

In this capacity I met many world leaders, and was an official guest of many foreign governments. I was sent by the government for diplomatic missions in many countries, including US, UK, RUSSIA, CHINA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, IRELAND, LEBANON AND SOUTH AFRICA. I was the first Israeli official to meet with Nelson Mandela press officer.

OCTOBER -NOVEMBER 1991-Interim Head Of Israeli delegation to the Madrid Peace Conference. A member of the Israeli delegation to this conference. A member of the delegation for peace talks with SYRIA.

DECEMBER 1991-APRIL 1992-A member of the Israeli delegation for peace talks with Syria in DC , participating in 4 rounds of talks with the Syrian delegation.

10-12 OCTOBER 1993-A negotiator with Syrians in unofficial and at the time secret talks in OSLO , NORWAY.

1999-Policy Advisor to Defense Minister Arens. In this capacity I met with Secretary Of Defense Cohen and Secretary Of State Olbright, Senators and Congressmen.

December 2002-Working dinner with Senators BIDEN and HAGEL with US Israel Ambassador Kerzer in Tel Aviv to discuss the impending Iraq war.

PROFESSIONAL NON ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE;

2004-Present Middle East Affairs Public speaker , consultant, writer, Washington,DC, New York City, Toronto, Canada Columbia SC, and many other places.

In this capacity I lectured in many think tanks, policy – making

Centers, Global and Foreign Affairs councils, Chambers of

Commerce,Professional organizations , Jewish, Christian,Muslim and Arab groups.

1992-2004

Policy and press consultant; public and private sectors in Israel

Participant in numerous international conferences on the Middle East, many of which UN-sponsored.

Advisor to and participant in Radio and Television programs about the Middle East in Israel and abroad.

Political Columnist for Yedioth Aharonot, Jerusalem Post, Israel.

1999-2004 Member of the Executive Committee, The Abraham Foundation, which is dedicated to the Promotion of understanding between Jews and Arabs in Israel

1997-1998

Executive Director and founding member of the Council

For Parliamentary Democracy, which led the successful

Struggle for the repeal of the Direct Election of Prime Minister In Israel

1995-1997 Anchor of Public Affairs program on Channel 33, Israel, “The weekly Column”.

1989-1992 Director of communications, Government of Israel

Prime Minister Office, Advisor to Prime Minister Shamir

Was chief Government spokesman to the foreign press corps In Israel and abroad

Secured press relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China

Established a network of Jewish press in Russia[1992]

Coordinated the visit by Mikhail Gorbachev to Israel

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1992-1996---- WELL KNOWN MEDIA PERSONALITY

COLUMNIST, FREQUENT PARTICIPANT IN POLITICAL TALK SHOWS

JUNE 1984 Official guest of the US State Department

1983-2000

Scholar in Residence Jafi[Jewish Agency for Israel] for two-weeks terms in; Hartford, San-Francisco, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Columbus.

1976-78

Middle East Commentator, Voice of Israel, Radio weekly program-Middle East Juncture

1976-77

Research fellow at the Truman Center, Hebrew University Jerusalem

