

## **LIV HALPERIN, Ph.D.**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**New York University** – Tel Aviv campus: 30.08.2023 - current, Tel Aviv & online  
Lecturer on the History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

**PeaceWomen across the Globe:** 01.09.2024 - current, Bern, Switzerland  
Senior Advisor for Peacebuilding during Peace Negotiations

**Hebrew University:** 10.2022 – 07.2023, Jerusalem  
Lecturer in International Relations, course title: “The role of women and gender in nonviolent resistance and conflict transformation”

**ECF Policy Think Tank:** 04.2021 – 06.2024, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Director, Research & Policy

- Developed policy designed to create the conditions for a successful resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.
- Coordinated drafting of holistic strategy for “day-after in Gaza” : identified & supervised local/regional/international experts, provided analysis, contributed to drafting & advocacy to decision-makers.
- Coordinated Israeli-Palestinian Track II dialogues focused on development of confederal model (Holy Land Confederation), on pragmatic measures to de-escalate tensions in Jerusalem’s Holy Basin, and on policies to strengthen the Palestinian Authority.
- Designed regional Track II dialogue focused on role that regional players (Jordan, Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia and more) could play in helping resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Embassy of Switzerland:** 08.2011 - 03.2021, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Senior Advisor (Political & Legal Affairs)

- Advised Ambassador & Deputy Head of Mission on political and legal issues. Maintained comprehensive knowledge of Israeli political and legislative landscape, key players and emerging trends.
- Built & maintained relationships with relevant Israeli and Palestinian partners/NGOs, for cooperation in Embassy-led and other gender/women’s rights, environment, peace promotion and human rights initiatives.
- Contributed to design, development and implementation of strategies of the Embassy, the Representative Office in Ramallah, and the Swiss Development Agency in East Jerusalem.
- Contributed to developing the 2020 “Wake Up: Diplomacy towards a Healthy Future” campaign.

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR):** 01.2009 - 07.2011, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Community Services Associate, 02.2011 - 07.2011**

- Built & coordinated UNHCR's "Community Services" Unit dealing with asylum seekers/refugees' access to basic rights and services in Israel; managed staff of four.
- Supported Israeli authorities and partner organizations to increase services for asylum seekers/refugees. Developed UNHCR's strategy related to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), child protection, and psycho-social health.

**Protection Associate, 01.2009 - 01.2011**

- Oversaw the establishment of a national asylum procedure and facilitated the handover of Refugee Status Determination responsibilities from UNHCR to the Government of Israel.
- Coordinated training activities for external stakeholders: military and detention authorities, judges, lawyers and NGOs.
- Prepared legal assessments, defended cases before National Status Granting Body.
- Engaged in protection activities in detention centers.

**International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC): 2004 - 2008**

**Protection Delegate/ Regional Protection Coordination, 02 - 06.2008, Medellin, Colombia**

- Promoted respect for IHL: visited detained persons and affected civilian population, oral/written interventions to relevant authorities;
- Liaised with weapon carriers and regional authorities, negotiated access to restricted areas and evacuation of wounded combatants.

**Protection Field Delegate, 09.2006 - 12.2007, Port-au-Prince, Haiti**

- Represented ICRC to Haitian authorities, as well as NGOs, media and donors. Negotiated with gang leaders and UN peacekeepers.
- Coordinated programs in violence-affected shantytowns; monitored treatment/conditions of detention in civilian prisons and police stations; oral/written interventions at all levels.

**Tracing Field Delegate, 07.2005 - 07.2006, Lubango, Angola**

- Coordinated ICRC tracing programs (unaccompanied minors, family reunifications).
- Promoted tracing and International Humanitarian Law to traditional, local and religious authorities, political parties and members of Army and Police.

**Research Assistant, 04.2004 - 04.2005, Geneva, Switzerland**

- Conducted research and analysis on various geographical and thematic conflict-related issues. Organized seminars on International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

**International Center for Migration & Health: 11.2003 - 03.2004, Geneva, Switzerland**

**Project Manager**

- Managed a study on migrants/refugees' access to social and health services.
- Moderated focus groups; interviewed health/social workers and migrants.

**UNICEF: 01.09.2003 – 31.10.2003, Geneva, Switzerland**

Intern – attended and reported on 34th session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

**World Relief – Fundo de Credito Comunitario:** 06 - 08.2003, Maputo/Nampula, Mozambique  
Program Auditor - evaluated micro-credit programs targeted at refugee populations

**American Red Cross:** 12.2002 - 06.2003, Boston, USA

International Tracing Services Intern - designed & organized IHL seminars for Red Cross staff

**International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC):** 07.2001 - 10.2001, Lima, Peru

Research Assistant

- Reviewed archived protection material to identify cases of disappearances during civil war.
- Created “Missing People” database to support Peruvian Truth Commission.

## EDUCATION

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**Hebrew University, Jerusalem:** Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024

Post-Doctoral Fellow on Gender, Conflict Resolution & Peace, Institute for International Relations

**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel,** Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2022

Ph.D., Conflict Management & Resolution Program, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

Thesis: The Meaning of Hope in Peace Movements: The Case of Standing Together & Women Wage Peace

Recipient of 2021 Dan Bar-On & 2022 Walter Lebach Prizes

**The Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, USA,** Aug. 2002 – Jun. 2003

Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy, Certificate in Human Security

Fields of study: Conflict Resolution, Human Rights Law & Forced Migration

Thesis: The Physical Security of Refugees in Kenyan Camps: Legal & Human Rights Implications

**Geneva Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland,** Oct. 1998 – Jun. 2002

BA & MA in International Relations

International Law, Political Sciences, International Economics & Contemporary History

## SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

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- Halperin, L. (2023): Beyond clueless mothers: Israeli “Women Wage Peace” activists’ perceptions of why women are key to peacemaking, *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society*.
- Halperin, L. (2023): The meaning of hope for Israeli peace activists: consolidation of collective identity, antidote to despair and spiritual resource, *Emotions and Society*.
- Halperin, L. (2022): Combining emotions: hope, anger, joy, and love in Israeli peace movements, *Social Movement Studies*.

## LANGUAGES

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French	native	German	highly proficient
English	fluent (UN certificate)	Portuguese	highly proficient

Spanish	fluent (UN certificate)	Arabic	basic
Hebrew	fluent	Russian	basic

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES**

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- Member of the OSCE Mediation Expert Roster since Dec. 2023
- Member of the Swiss Women in Peace Processes (SWiPP) network since 2021
- Jury Member in International Humanitarian Law Competition organized by ICRC for Israeli university students, 28-31 Oct. 2019, Jerusalem
- Swisspeace Gender, Conflict & Peacebuilding Course, 5-6 Apr. 2019, University of Basel
- Elected Board Member of Bona Terra Foundation since Jun. 2018, Geneva
- Certificate of General Mediator, Tel Aviv Uni. Conflict Resolution & Mediation, Jun.- Aug. 2016
- UNHCR/IRC Professional Program (Protection & Law), 2012, Budapest
- UNHCR Refugee Status Determination Learning Program, 2009, Amman
- UN National Competitive Examination 2005 (Humanitarian Affairs)
- European Human Rights Competition/moot court « René Cassin », 2002, Strasbourg