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Academic Appointments

The Hamilton School, University of Florida, Gainesville

Assistant Professor of Middle East Studies, 2026–present

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida

Assistant Professor of Security Studies and International Affairs (2020–2026)

Tel Aviv University, Israel

Research Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies (2015–present)

Research Fellow, Alliance Center for Iranian Studies (2010–2018)

Lecturer, Tel Aviv University International (2018–2019)

Education

Ph.D., Middle East History, Tel Aviv University, School of History (2016)

M.A., Middle East History, Tel Aviv University International (2008)

B.S., English Professional Education and Christian Studies, Crown College, Minnesota (2002)

Publications

Monograph

The Origins of the Arab-Iranian Conflict: Nationalism and Sovereignty in the Gulf between the World Wars
(New York: Cambridge University Press, June 2020).

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

“The Palestinian Issue and the Struggle for Primacy in the Gulf from 1948 to the October 7 Gaza War,” *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* (forthcoming).

“Jerusalem between the Global and the Local: The 1969 al-Aqsa Mosque Fire,” *Journal of Israeli History* (forthcoming).

“Global Power Impact on the Middle East Region: The Abraham Accords and the Changing, International System,” *Contemporary Review of the Middle East* (forthcoming).

“Memory Politics in Bahrain: The Invocation of the Early-Modern Past in the aftermath of the 14 February 2011 Uprising,” *History and Memory*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (2023).

“Changes, Challenges and Transitions in the Persian Gulf, 1919–1939,” *The Journal of Arabian Studies*, Vol. 8, Is. 2 (2018).

“The Geopolitics of Sectarianism in the Gulf,” with Uzi Rabi, in *The Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (2018).

“The Gulf Arab States and Israel since 1967: from ‘no negotiation’ to tacit cooperation,” with Uzi Rabi, *The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 4, Is. 4 (2017).

“Anglo-Iranian Treaty Negotiations: Reza Shah, Teymurtash and the British Government, 1927-1932,” *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 49, Is. 4 (2016).

“From Arab-Palestine to Arab-Islamic Palestine in the Palestinian Educational Philosophy and Curriculum of the Palestinian National Movement,” *Middle East Studies*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (2012).

Chapters in Books

Ha-Hutim: ha-Oyev she-Gimru lelo Hatzdaka ve-Hifti‘a [The Houthis: An Unjustly Minimized Threat that Surprised],” in *Be-‘Eynayim ‘Atzumot u-Meqorot Petuhim: Milhemet 7 be-Oktohar* [Closed Eyes and Open Sources: The October 7 War], ed. Amos Nadan and Jonathan Franco (Tel Aviv: Maarachot, 2026).

“Nationalist Representations of the Persian Gulf under Reza Shah Pahlavi,” *Constructing Nationalism in Iran from the Qajars to the Islamic Republic*, ed. Meir Litvak (Routledge, 2017).

“Egyptian and Saudi Intervention in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2006-09): Local Powers Mediation Compared,” with Joseph Kostiner, in *International Intervention in Local Conflicts: Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution since the Cold War*, ed. Uzi Rabi (I.B.Taurus, 2010).

Other publications

“Weaponizing Commercial Airspace Disruption: An Emergent Strategy for Iran and the Houthis,” with Brianne Bernhardt, *Small Wars Journal*, 7 June 2025.

“Saudi Arabia’s Neom Project, the Howeitat Conflict and Tribe-State Relations,” with Helena Schmidt, e-International Relations, 24 August 2023.

“Saudi-Israeli Relations: Progress, Risks and Opportunities,” *Transatlantic Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No. 3, 2022.

“The Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Textbooks on the Modern Middle East: A Critical Survey,” Working Paper No. 2, The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, 29 July 2019.

“A Critical Survey of Textbooks on the Arab-Israeli and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Working Paper No. 1, The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, 23 April 2017.

“The Revolutionary Guards, the Persian Gulf and the Nuclear Deal,” *Iran Pulse*, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 24 May 2016.

“Arab-Iranian Relations in the Persian Gulf after the Geneva Interim Agreement,” *Iran Pulse*, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 5 March 2014.

“The Nationalist Value of War Games: Iran's Naval Exercises in the Persian Gulf,” *Iran Pulse*, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 23 January 2012.

“Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the Syrian Uprising,” with Uzi Rabi, *TA Notes*, The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, 10 September 2012.

“Egypt's Recent Achievements in Conflict Mediation,” *e-International Relations*, 31 October 2011.

“Iranian-Arab Relations in Light of Wikileaks Disclosures,” *Iran Pulse*, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 16 January 2011.

Conference Presentations

“*Global Power Impact on the MENA Region: The Abraham Accords and the Changing International System*,” with Michalis Kontos, Abraham Accords Conference, Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, Abu Dhabi, UAE, November 22–26, 2025.

“The 1969 al-Aqsa Fire: A Transnational and Transcultural Perspective,” 57th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 3 November 2023.

“Reza Shah’s Persian Gulf Policy,” Pahlavi Workshop: Pahlavi State and Society, UCLA Iranian Studies, 9 March 2021.

“Critical Skills for the Fake News Age: Active Pedagogies in Middle East Studies,” Roundtable Discussant, 54th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 14 November 2020.

“Surveilling the Arabian Frontier in Late Qajar and Early Pahlavi Iran,” 53rd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 14 November 2019.

“Memory Politics in Bahrain: The Invocation of History during the 2011-2014 Protests,” 52nd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 17 November 2018.

“Contesting the Persian Gulf; Iran’s Naval Vision Past and Present,” 51st Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 20 November 2018.

“Nationalist Representations of the Persian Gulf under Reza Shah Pahlavi,” (Hebrew) Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel, 38th Annual Meeting, 5 June 2014.

“Nationalist Representations of the Persian Gulf under Reza Shah Pahlavi,” Constructing Nationalism in Iran from the Qajars to the Islamic Republic, International Workshop, The Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel-Aviv University, 10-22 June 2013.

“Features of Reza Shah's Persian Gulf Policy,” (Hebrew) The Third Annual Israeli Persian Gulf Studies Conference, The Ezri Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, University of Haifa, 4 May 2011.

Invited Talks

“Operation Roaring Lion: Understanding the Region and Israel’s Role: US-Israel Relations,” panelist, Moshe Dayan Center webinar in cooperation with the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 5 March 2026.

“The Iran-Israel War and its Implications,” panelist, Moshe Dayan Center webinar in cooperation with the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University, 17 June 2025.

“Syria and the Druze Crisis: Local and Regional Perspectives,” panelist, Moshe Dayan Center webinar, Tel Aviv University, 22 July 2025.

“Saudi Arabia’s Iran Calculus: Navigating the Impact of 7 October 2023,” Moshe Dayan Center Annual Seminar, Tel Aviv University, 7 January 2025.

“Context panel: Iran,” Applied Research Inquiry on Strategic Competition, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in conjunction with Joint Special Operations University, 8 April 2022.

“The Day After the Israeli Elections: What Next?” Tel Aviv University Bar Talks, Abraham Hostel, Tel Aviv, 23 September 2019.

“Nationalism in Bahrain: From the Rise of Popular Politics to the Arab Spring,” Moshe Dayan Center Annual Seminar, Tel Aviv University, 29 April 2019.

“The Nuclear Deal and the Persian Gulf: Why do Iran’s Military Generals Connect the Two?” MAMES forum, Tel Aviv University, 28 March 2016.

“The Nationalist Value of War Games: Iran's Recent Naval Exercises in the Persian Gulf,” MAMES forum, Tel Aviv University, 18 August 2015.

Teaching

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL, 2020-2026

The Modern Middle East in World Affairs

History and Politics of the Gulf Region

International Conflict Resolution

Advanced Topics (Great Power Rivalry in the MENA Region)

International Studies (theme: Judaic and Israel Studies)

Introduction to the Middle East/ Mediterranean World

Introduction to International Relations

World History Since 1500

Tel Aviv University International, Israel, 2018-2019

Arabs and Israelis: Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East

Service to the Profession

Co-Editor, *Israel Affairs*, Taylor & Francis (with Amos Nadan and Neil Rogachevsky)

Guest Editor, special issue in the *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*

“The Middle East Before and After 7 October: Change and Continuity” (forthcoming, 2026)

Peer Review

Cambridge University Press, the Austrian Science Fund, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Digest of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Global Security Studies*, *International Politics, Enterprise and Society*, *Global Change, Peace and Security*, *Security and Defence Quarterly*.

Languages

English (mother tongue)

Modern Hebrew (fluent)

Levantine Spoken Arabic (advanced)

Modern Standard Arabic (read and translate)

Persian (read and translate)