

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty (PhD)

Doctor in the field of Sociology of Medicine and Bioethics

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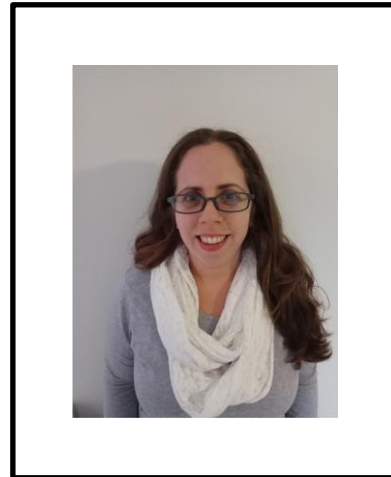
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Educational History

- Post-Doctoral Fellowship** August 2016-present
University Medical Center Göttingen, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine
Title of research project: *The construction of time, timing and planning – a comparative case study of the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel*. The Minerva Stiftung Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship** 2015-2016
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Lower Saxony - Israel Research Projects: *Organized Patient Participation in Health Care: Collective Advocacy, Representation and Autonomy in Socio-Ethical Perspective*.
PIs: Prof. Aviad E. Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz
- Ph.D.** 2007-2014
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Advisors: Prof. Aviad E. Raz and Prof. Yael Hashiloni-Dolev
Title: *The influence of new medical technologies on perceptions of the “fetus” and “parenthood” among Israeli parents*
Maternal leaves during doctoral period: March 2008-September 2008; May 2013- October 2013.
- M.A.** 2005-2007
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Sociology of Organizations (*magna cum laude*)
Advisor: Prof. Aviad E. Raz
Title: *Attitudes towards ambivalence, eugenics and parental responsibility in abortion committees’ deliberations regarding selective abortion following mild or likely embryopathy*
- B.A.** 2001-2004
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Behavioral Sciences (*summa cum laude*)
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Honours / Awards / Fellowships

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| Feb 2018-Jan 2020 | Marie Sklodowska-Curie | The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (IF) of the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation program [agreement No. 749889] |
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| August 2016- Jan 2018 | Minerva Stiftung | The Minerva Stiftung Post-Doctoral Fellowship for outstanding German/Israeli post- doctoral researchers(Duration of Fellowship: 18 months) |
| 2007- 2011 | Ben-Gurion University of the Negev | The Negev fellowship for Outstanding Doctoral Students |
| 2004 | Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Department of Behavioral Sciences | academic excellence award |
| 2003 | Achva Academic College, Department of Behavioral Sciences | academic excellence award |
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Independent Research Projects

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| 2015-2017 | Research coordinator, Lower Saxony - Israel Research Projects: <i>"Organized Patient Participation in Health Care: Collective Advocacy, Representation and Autonomy in Socio-Ethical Perspective"</i> . (principal investigators: Prof. Aviad E. Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz) |
| 2010-2012 | Research assistant, GIF (The German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development) research project: <i>"Cross-cultural ethics of health and responsibility: Expert and lay perspectives regarding bioethical dilemmas in Germany and Israel"</i> (principal investigators: Prof. Aviad E. Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz) |
| 2002-2004 | Research Assistant, the Cognitive Psychology Laboratory, Ben- Gurion University of the Negev |

Academic Cooperation Partners

Prof. Aviad E. Raz- Dept. for Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Prof. Yael Hashiloni-Dolev- School of Government and Society, Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo, Israel

Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz - The Dept. for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

Prof. Alan Jotkowitz- The Jakobovits Center for Jewish Medical Ethics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Dr. Mark Schweda- The Dept. for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

Dr. Melanie Mordhorst-Mayer- Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Marburg, Germany

Dr. Julia Inthorn- Department of History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine, University Medical Center, Mainz, Germany.

Dr. Karin Jongma- The Dept. for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany.

Membership in Academic Forums and Societies

2017- present **The Göttingen Centre for Gender Research (GCG)**- Göttingen University

2014-2016 **"Bio-Israel" research group**- The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

Methodological Knowledge

- Expert in qualitative research method
- Excellent proficiency in qualitative research tools and methods including: In depth semi-structured interviews, participant observation, focus groups and text analysis
- Excellent proficiency in qualitative content analysis (i.e. systematic Inductive thematization processes)
- Skilled with the operation of Atlas.ti software for qualitative content analysis
- Experienced in conducting comparative cross-cultural research and analysis

- Experienced in conducting inter-disciplinary socio-empirical research (i.e. a research framework that combines several fields of knowledge: sociology of medicine, medical ethics and philosophy).
 - Profound knowledge regarding the relevant epistemological and philosophical foundation of the methodology
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Publications

Refereed articles in scientific peer-reviewed journals

1. Inthorn, J., Schicktanz, S., Rimon-Zarfaty, N. & Raz, A. (2015). "What the patient wants": Lay attitudes towards end-of-life decisions in Germany and Israel. *Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy*, 18(3): 329-340.
2. Mordhorst-Mayer, M., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., & Schweda, M. (2013). "Perspectivism" in the Halakhic debate on abortion between Moshe Feinstein and Eliezer Waldenberg: Relations between Jewish medical ethics and socio-cultural contexts. *Women in Judaism*, 10(2), 1-55.
3. Rimon-Zarfaty, N., & Jotkowitz, A. (2012). The Israeli abortion committees' process of decision making: An ethical analysis. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 38(1): 26-30.
4. Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A., & Hashiloni-Dolev, Y. (2011). When does a fetus become a person? An Israeli viewpoint. *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Healthcare*, 37(4), 216-224.

Chapters in collective volumes

1. Raz, A., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Inthorn, J., & Schicktanz, S. (2014). Making responsible life plans: Attitudes towards the use of genetic testing for late-onset diseases. In G. Werner-Felmayer, S. Schicktanz, & B. Prainsack (Eds.), *Genetics as social practice: Transdisciplinary views on science and culture* (pp. 181-198). London, UK: Ashgate.
2. Rimon-Zarfaty, N., & Raz, A. (2010). Abortion committees as agents of eugenics: Medical and public views on selective abortion following mild or likely fetal pathology. In D. Birenbaum-Carmeli & Y. Carmeli (Eds.), *Kin, gene, community: Reproductive technology among Jewish Israelis* (pp. 202-225). Oxford, UK: Berghahn Books.

Unrefereed professional publications

1. Rimon-Zarfaty, N. (2010). The moral standing of the embryo/fetus. Bioethics Wiki. http://wiki.bioethics.uni-goettingen.de/wiki/index.php/The_moral_standing_of_the_embryo/fetus (accessed 12 June 2015)
2. Rimon-Zarfaty, N. (2010). Prenatal Parenthood in the technological era. Bioethics Wiki. http://wiki.bioethics.uni-goettingen.de/wiki/index.php/Prenatal_parenthood_in_the_technological_era (accessed 12 June 2015)

In preparation

Guest editor of a special issues of an international journal:

- Journal of Bioethical Inquiry (forthcoming), special issue: “Collective representation in health care policy” (Guest editors: Karin Jongsma, , Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty, Prof. Aviad Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz).

Articles

- Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A., Bar-Nadav, B., Vaintropov, E. Collective Representation and the Founders’ Culture in the Israeli National Association for Autism. Submitted to: *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* (20.11.2017).
- Schicktanz, S., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A. and Jongsma, K. Patient representation and advocacy for Alzheimer disease in Germany and Israel: The relevance of stigma and disease conception. Submitted to the *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* (31.7.2017).
- Raz, A., Jongsma, K., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Spaeth, E., Bar-Nadav, B., Vaintropov, E. and Schicktanz, S. Ideologies and practices of collective representation in German and Israeli associations for and of autistic people. Submitted to *Social Science & Medicine* (5.7.2017).

Book chapter

- Rimon-Zarfaty, N. Parochial Altruism – Insights from a religion sensitive analysis of the Israeli surrogacy and egg-donation legislations. A chapter submitted to: S. Mitra, T. Patel, & S. Schicktanz (Eds.) *Cross-cultural perspectives on surrogacy and gamete donation: the entanglements of macro- and micro-politics in India, Israel and Germany*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Talks- international conferences and workshops

- October 2017: *Reproductive Timing: A comparative analysis of temporality constructions and the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel*. Paper presented at the conference: Frozen: Social and Bioethical Aspects of Cryo-Fertility, Tel-Aviv, Israel (cfp).

- April 2017: *Representation in a Trap*: Parents organization for persons with Autism as an illustrative case study of the founders' culture and the founder's trap. Paper presented at the workshop: Political Representation of People with Autism. Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine of the University Medical Centre Göttingen and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Göttingen, Germany (Invited talk).
- March 2017: *TIMING FERTILITY- A Gender Sensitive Analysis of Time Constructions and the Social Practice of Egg-Freezing in Israel*. Paper presented at the conference: Politiken der Reproduktion – Politics of Reproduction, Hannover, Germany (cfp).
- November 2016: A round-table co-host. Table Topic: "*Optimizing the Body: From Health Protection to Genetic Embryo Modification*". WeberWorldCaf'e- "Diversity- Limits and Opportunities". Max Weber Stiftung, Göttingen, Germany (Invited host).
- October 2016: *Organized Patient/ People with disabilities Participation in Health Care – Collective Advocacy, Representation and Autonomy in Socio-Ethical Perspective*. Paper presented along with Prof. Aviad Raz at the Workshop: One for All, All for One? Self-representation and representation by others in Health Policy, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine of the University Medical Centre Göttingen and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Göttingen, Germany (Invited talk).
- December 2012: *PGD and selective abortions following PND: A comparative analysis of views and experiences of prospective Israeli parents*. Paper presented at the conference: Selective Reproductive Technologies: Routes of Routinisation and Globalisation, Copenhagen, Denmark (cfp).
- July 2010: *When does human life begin?* Paper presented at the 17th International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden (cfp).
- December 2009: German-Israeli Workshop for Young Scholars: "*Culture and Ethics of Biomedicine*", Department of Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center, Göttingen, Germany (cfp).

Talks- national conferences and colloquia

- April 2017: The construction of time, timing and planning: A comparative case study of the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Minerva Stiftung Fellowship Program- as the representor of fellowships' holders, the Max Planck institution, Munich, Germany (Invited talk).
- January 2017: The construction of time, timing and planning- a comparative case study of the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel. Paper presented at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Colloquium, University Medical Center Gottingen, Germany (Invited talk).
- January 2017: Medical technologies at the beginning of life, the construction of the fetus and the experience of parenthood: Applying relational approach to lay moralities of prospective Israeli parents. Paper presented at the "GenderLabor" Colloquium, Göttingen Center for Gender Research, Gottingen, Germany (cfp).
- May 2016: Medical and genetic technologies at the beginning of life: Perceptions of the embryo/fetus and prenatal parenthood - lay moralities of prospective Israeli parents. Paper presented at the seminar: Genetics, Ethics, Bio-Politics and everything in between, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel (cfp).
- January 2016: "Everyone around me raised an eyebrow": Attitudes and experiences of parents who oppose or challenge the use of pre-natal diagnosis (PND) in Israel. Paper presented at the 47th annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society (ISS), The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Tel-Aviv, Israel (cfp).
- March 2015: The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethic, Tel Aviv University: *Moral pioneering in the context of PND: Parent's experiences and positions* (Invited talk).
- March 2011: Psychiatry Division, Soroka University Medical Center: *Selective abortions: views and experiences of Israeli parents* (Invited talk).

- March 2010: The department of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic College: *Prenatal diagnosis, the perception of the fetus and the experience of parenthood among Israeli parents* (Invited talk).
- December 2009: *Prenatal diagnosis, the perception of the fetus and the experience of parenthood among Israeli parents*. Paper presented at the conference: Between the Personal and the Familial: Social and Emotional Aspects of Medical Genetic Information, International Center for Health Law and Ethics, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel (Invited talk).
- November 2009: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: *When does human life begin? The moral standing of the Israeli fetus*.

Teaching Experience

Courses taught

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| Revisiting the historical and social debates around In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)- A Geschichte, Theorie & Ethik der Medizin I Course | A co-lecturer. Medical Students, University Medical Center Gottingen (2017, a single-semester course) |
| Global Health: Current challenges in Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine and health systems – a project seminar | A co-lecturer (Leading lecturer: Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz). M.A Students, University Medical Center Gottingen (2016-2017, a single-semester seminar) |
| Organizational Culture | B.A. students, Sapir Academic College (2012-2016, two classes per year) |
| Introduction to Sociology | B.A. students, Sapir Academic College (2012-2016) |
| Philosophical Foundations of Research in the Social Sciences | B.A. students, Achva Academic College (2008-2009; 2010-2015) B.A students, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev- Eilat Campus (2012) |

Teaching history:

- 2017 A Co-Lecturer for the course: Revisiting the historical and social debates around In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)- A Geschichte, Theorie & Ethik der Medizin I Course, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Gottingen.
- 2016-2017 A Co-Lecturer for the seminar: "Global Health: Current challenges in Ethics, History and Theory of Medicine and health systems – a project seminar", Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Gottingen.
- 2012-2016 Lecturer for the class: "Introduction to Sociology", Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College (As part of my role and in light of the students' teaching assessment surveys, I was elected "**Outstanding Lecturer**" in the academic years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016)
- 2012-2016 Lecturer for the class: "Organizational Culture", Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College (As part of my role and in light of the students' teaching assessment surveys, I was elected "**Outstanding Lecturer**" in the second semester of the academic year 2012- 2013, in the first and second semesters of the academic year 2014-2015 and in the first semester of the academic year 2015-2016)
- 2008-2009
2010-2015 Lecturer for the class: "Philosophical Foundations of Research in the Social Sciences", the program of Sociology and Anthropology and the program of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic College
- 2012 Lecturer for the class: "Philosophical Foundations of Research in the Social Sciences", the program of Sociology and Anthropology and the program of Behavioral Sciences, Eilat Campus- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- 2008- 2012 Teaching Assistant for the class: "Philosophical Foundations of Research in the Social Sciences", the program of Sociology and Anthropology and the program of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic College (As part of my role and in light of the students' teaching assessment surveys, I was elected

outstanding teaching assistant", in three academic years (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010- 2011)

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| 2007-2009 | Teaching Assistants' coordinator and Teaching Assistant for the class: "Philosophical Foundations of Research in the Social Sciences", Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev |
| 2008 | Teaching Assistant for the class: "Organizational Culture", Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College |
| 2005-2007 | Teaching Assistant for the class: "Introduction to Sociology", the program of Behavioral Sciences and the program of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College |
| 2005 | Teaching Assistant for the class: "Classical Sociological Theories", the program of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic College |

Languages

Hebrew - mother tongue

English- excellent proficiency (mother tongue level)

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