

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty (PhD)

Doctor in the field of Sociology of Medicine and Bioethics

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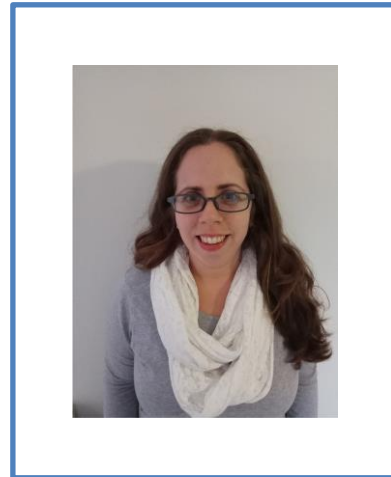
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Educational History

- Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship** February 2018-Present
 University Medical Center Göttingen, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine
 Title of research project: *TIMEGG: TIMING FERTILTY- A Comparative Analysis of Time Constructions and the Social Practice of Egg-Freezing in Germany and Israel*. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (IF) of the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program [agreement No. 749889]
- Minerva Post-Doctoral Fellowship** August 2016-January 2018
 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 Project: *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

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]
August 2016- Jan 2018	Minerva Stiftung	The Minerva Stiftung Post-Doctoral Fellowship for outstanding German/Israeli post-doctoral researchers (Duration of Fellowship: 18 months)
2017- 2018	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program for Female Postdoctoral Researchers (Project management, Leadership & Career coaching)- selected mentee
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
2002	Achva Academic College, Department of Behavioral Sciences	Academic excellence award

Independent Research Projects

- 2015-2017 Research coordinator, Lower Saxony - Israel Research Project: *“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)
- 2010-2012 Research assistant, GIF (The German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development) research project: *“Cross-cultural ethics of health and responsibility: Expert and lay perspectives regarding bioethical dilemmas in Germany and Israel”* (PIs: Prof. Aviad E. Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz)
- 2002-2004 Research Assistant, the Cognitive Psychology Laboratory, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
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Academic Cooperation Partners

Prof. Aviad E. Raz- Department of 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 – Department of 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

Prof. Dr. Mark Schweda- Department of Health Services Research, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany

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

Dr. Julia Inthorn- The Zentrum für Gesundheitsethik (Centre for Health Care Ethics), the Protestant Academy of Loccum, Hannover, Germany

Dr. Karin Jongsma- Department of Public Health, Health Technology Assessment and Medical Humanities (PHM), University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands

Dr. Johanna Kostenzer- Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Membership in Academic Forums and Societies

- 2018- Present **The International Sociological Association (ISA)**
- 2018-Present **The European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS)**
- 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
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Supervision

- April 2018-present Co-Supervision (Along with Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz) of a Medical-Doctoral Thesis: Ms. Lisa-Katharina Sismuth. Title: Knowledge and Reproductive Decision- Making: The transparency of medical information and users' awareness in the context of EEF (Elective Egg Freezing). Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany
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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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Conference Organization

October 2018 **Stakeholders' Conference:** Social Egg Freezing. Stakeholders' perspectives on the practice and its implications; Tel Aviv, Israel.

Publications

Guest editor of a special issues of an international journal:

- Journal of Bioethical Inquiry (2018), special issue: "Collective representation in healthcare policy" (Guest editors: Dr. Karin Jongsma, Dr. Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty, Prof. Aviad Raz and Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz).

Refereed articles in scientific peer-reviewed journals

1. Rimon-Zarfaty, N. and Schweda, M. (Forthcoming) Biological clocks, biographical schedules and generational cycles: Temporality in the ethics of assisted reproduction. *Bioethica Forum* - accepted for publication.
2. Schicktanz, S., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A. and Jongsma, K. (2018). Patient representation and advocacy for Alzheimer disease in Germany and Israel. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, 15(3): 369-380.
3. Jongsma, K., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A. and Schicktanz, S. (2018). One for all, all for one? Collective representation in healthcare policy. *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, 15(3): 337-340.
4. Raz, A., Jongsma, K., Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Spaeth, E., Bar-Nadav, B., Vaintropov, E. and Schicktanz, S. (2018). Representing autism: Challenges of collective representation in German and Israeli associations for and of autistic people. *Social Science & Medicine*, 200: 65-72.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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. Rimon-Zarfaty, N. (2018). Parochial Altruism – Insights form a religion sensitive analysis of the Israeli surrogacy and egg-donation legislations. In: S. Mitra, T. Patel, & S. Schicktanz (Eds.), *Cross-Cultural Comparisons on Surrogacy and Egg Donation: Interdisciplinary perspectives from India, Germany and Israel* (pp. 371-393). Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan.
2. 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.
3. 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.

In preparation**Articles (available upon request)**

- Rimon-Zarfaty, N., Raz, A., Bar-Nadav, B., Vaintropov, E. Collective Representation and the Founders' Culture in the Israeli National Association for Autism. Under review at *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*.
- Rimon-Zarfaty, N. On "Fetuses" and "Parenthood": A comparative analysis of views and experiences of Israeli pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and selective abortions users.

Talks- international conferences and workshops

- December 2018: Parochial Altruism – A Religion-Sensitive Analysis of the Israeli Surrogacy and Egg-Donation Legislation. The 14th World Congress of Bioethics, Bangalore, India (cfp).
- July 2018: The Medicalization of reproduction, reproductive timing and the labor market- The Israeli experts' Debate on social egg-freezing. The 19th ISA world congress, Toronto, Canada (cfp-DP).
- July 2018: Parochialism and fertility related legislation – Insights form a religion sensitive analysis of the Israeli surrogacy and egg-donation laws. The 19th ISA world congress, Toronto, Canada (cfp).

- June 2018: Collective representation and the founders' culture in the Israeli national association for autism. The ESHMS 17th Biennial Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (cfp).
- June 2018: Reproductive temporalities, late motherhood and the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel. The ESHMS 17th Biennial Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (cfp).
- October 2017: Reproductive Timing: A comparative analysis of temporality constructions and the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel. 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. Workshop: Political Representation of People with Autism. Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine of the University Medical Centre Göttingen, Germany (Invited talk).
- March 2017: Timing fertility- A gender sensitive analysis of time constructions and the social practice of egg-freezing in Israel. Conference: 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). Workshop: One for All, All for One? Self-representation and representation by others in health policy, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Centre Göttingen and the department of Sociology and Anthropology, 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. Conference: Selective Reproductive Technologies: Routes of Routinisation and Globalisation, Copenhagen, Denmark (cfp).
- July 2010: When does human life begin? the 17th ISA World Congress, 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

- October 2018: Collective representation and the founders’ culture in the Israeli national association for autism. Colloquia: Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College, Israel (Invited talk).
- October 2018: TIMING FERTILITY- A comparative analysis of time constructions and the social practice of egg-freezing in Germany and Israel. Stakeholders’ conference: Social Egg Freezing. Stakeholders’ perspectives on the practice and its implications (a self-organized conference).
- September 2018: Reproductive temporalities, gender and clinical labor– Experts’ debates on social egg-freezing in Germany and Israel. The 39th Congress of the German Sociological Association, the Georg-August-University of Göttingen, Germany (cfp).
- June 2018: Reproductive temporalities – Experts’ debates on social egg-freezing in Germany and Israel. Colloquia: Institute of History, Theory and Ethics of Medicine, University Medical Center Mainz, Germany (Invited talk).
- February 2018: Social egg freezing and reproductive temporalities – A comparative study of experts’ debates in Germany and Israel. Colloquia: The Institute of Medical History and Science Research, Lübeck University, Germany (Invited talk).
- January 2018: Grounded Theory: Empirical analysis and application in bioethics. Workshop: Empirical analysis methodologies. Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Centre Göttingen, Germany (Invited talk).
- April 2017: The construction of time, timing and planning: A comparative case study of the social practice of egg freezing in Germany and Israel. The annual meeting of the Minerva Stiftung Fellowship Program, 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. Colloquia: The Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, 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. Colloquia: The “GenderLabor”, Göttingen Center for Gender Research, Göttingen, 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. Conference: 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. The 47th annual conference of the Israeli Sociological Society (ISS), the Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Tel-Aviv, Israel (cfp).
- March 2015: Moral pioneering in the context of PND: Parent's experiences and positions. Colloquia: The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethic, Tel Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel (Invited talk).
- March 2011: Selective abortions: views and experiences of Israeli parents. Colloquia: The Psychiatry Division, Soroka University Medical Center, Beer-Sheva, Israel (Invited talk).
- March 2010: Prenatal diagnosis, the perception of the fetus and the experience of parenthood among Israeli parents. Colloquia: The department of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic College, Israel (Invited talk).
- December 2009: Prenatal diagnosis, the perception of the fetus and the experience of parenthood among Israeli parents. 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: When does human life begin? The moral standing of the Israeli fetus. Conference: The department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel (cfp).

Reviewer

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Teaching Experience

Courses taught

Ice-Age: Historical, ethical and social aspects of freezing eggs, sperm, and embryos for reproduction	Lecturer. Medical Students, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, 2018- present
Revisiting the historical and social debates around In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)- A History, Theory & Ethics of Medicine Course	Co-lecturer. Medical Students, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, 2017
Global Health: Current challenges in ethics, history and theory of medicine and health systems – a project seminar	Co-lecturer (Leading lecturer: Prof. Dr. Silke Schicktanz). M.A Students, Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University Medical Center Göttingen, 2016-2017
Organizational Culture	Lecturer. B.A. students, Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College, 2012-2016 (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) Teaching Assistant. B.A. students, Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College, 2008
Introduction to Sociology	Lecturer. B.A. students, Department of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College, 2012-2016 (I was elected "Outstanding Lecturer" in the academic years 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016) Teaching Assistant. B.A. students. the program of Behavioral Sciences and the program of Human Resource Management, Sapir Academic College 2005-2007

Philosophical Foundations of
Research in the Social Sciences

Lecturer. B.A. students, the program of
Sociology and Anthropology and the program
of Behavioral Sciences, Achva Academic
College, 2008-2009; 2010-2015

Lecturer. B.A students, the program of
Sociology and Anthropology and the program
of Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University
of the Negev- Eilat Campus, 2012

Teaching assistant. B.A. students, the program
of Sociology and Anthropology and the
program of Behavioral Sciences, Achva
Academic College, 2008-2012 (**I was elected
"Outstanding Teaching Assistant"**, in the
academic years: 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-
2011)

Teaching Assistants' coordinator and Teaching
Assistant. B.A. Students, Department of
Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion
University of the Negev, 2007-2009

Languages

Hebrew - Mother tongue

English- Excellent proficiency (mother tongue level)
