

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Degrees

- 1970 Baccalaureat (Philosophy and Classical Studies), Paris, France.
1974 BA Sociology and Psychology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1976 MA Sociology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1979 MA Phil. Sociology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1987 PhD Sociology (summa cum laude), Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Academic Appointments

- 1980-83 Assistant, Dept. of Sociology, Hebrew University
1983-86 Instructor, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University
1986-88 Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard University
1987-88 Lecturer, Social Studies, Harvard University
1988-89 Fellow, Truman Institute, Hebrew University
1990-92 Fellow Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University
1992-97 Lecturer, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University
1994-95 Visiting Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, Princeton University
1998 Guest, Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University.
1999 Guest Lecturer, Graduate Program of the Rothberg School for Foreign Students, the Hebrew University.
1999-2006 Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology; the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Interpretative Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
1998-2010 Senior Lecturer (tenure 2003), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University
2010-2019 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University
2013-2014 Visiting Scholar, The Center for Cultural Sociology, Department of Sociology, Yale University
2019 Visiting Fellow, Guest of the Principal, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies. March-June.

Departmental Functions

- 2001 Chair of the Committee for Undergraduate Studies
2002-2008 Chair of the Graduate Program Society and Community.
2002- 2008 Chair of the Phd Committee
2004-2006 Department Chair-Elect

Other Professional Functions

1. Editorial Activities:

- 1998-2001 Editorial Board, *Teoria ve-Bikoret (Theory and Critique)*.
1999 Adviser, *Encyclopedia of Monasticism*, ed. by W.M. Johnson, Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers.
2005-to date Member, Editorial Board, Journal *Third Sector and Civil Society in Israel*, Ben Gurion University.
2010-2014 Member, Editorial Board, *Soziologia Israelit (Israeli Sociology)*, Tel-Aviv University
2016- Member, Editorial Board, *The Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Economics, History and Political Science*.
2021- Coeditor-in-chief, *MAUSS International: Anti-Utilitarian Interventions in the Social Sciences*.
2025- Member, Editorial Board, *Philanthropia*.

2. Memberships in Research Groups and Honorary Affiliations:

- 1998 Project Director, Research Program on Collective Identity, Public Sphere and Political Order, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
1998 Member of the M.A.U.S.S (Anti-Utilitarian Movement in the Social Sciences)
2001 Participant, Discussion Group on Rethinking Political Theology, The Israeli Democracy Institute.
2002 Lecturer, The First Spring School in Comparative History, The Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (May 5-9)
2004 Member, Steering Committee, National Mapping Study of Food distributions organizations in Israel.
2006 Fellow, Research Group on “Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages,” Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University. Fall Semester
2007-2008 Member, Research Group Morality, Body, Society. The Jerusalem Van Leer Institute
2008 Member, Research Group Economics and Sociology, The Jerusalem Van Leer Institute
2014- Faculty Fellow, The Center for Cultural Sociology, Department of Sociology, Yale University
2017- Research Associate, Center for Global Generosity.
2018- Co-Director, Center for Cultural Sociology, Bar-Ilan University.
2019- Elected Member of Academia Europae (MAE).

3. Peer-Reviewing:

- Peer-reviewer for the journals; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*; *Crusades*; *Current Sociology*; *Disasters*; *Distinktion*; *European Journal of Social Theory*; *European Journal of Political and Cultural Sociology*; *Journal of Classical Sociology*; *Journal of Urban History*; *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*; *Philanthropy and Education*; *Social*

Problems; Sociological Theory; Theory and Society; Theory, Culture and Society; Bitahon Soziali (Social Security); Kriot Israeliot, Soziologia Israelit (Israeli Sociology); Teoria veBikoret (Theory and Criticism).

- Peer reviewer of books and books proposals for Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, the University of Chicago Press.
- Peer reviewer of research proposals for the Israel Science Foundation, the Bi-National Israel-US Foundation, the Rotschild Caesarea Fund.
- Chair, Sociology Committee, Israel Science Foundation
- Member of the Jury, President's Office, Emet Award.
- Member of the Jury, 2022 Falling Walls Award.

Awards

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| 1982 | Alex Berger Prize, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University |
| 1985-1986 | Israeli Research Foundation Fellowship |
| 1987-1988 | Pearlman Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University |
| 1988 | The Alex Berger Prize for an Outstanding PhD Dissertation in the Social Sciences, Hebrew University |
| 1989-1990 | Lady Davis Fellowship |
| 1991 | Faculty of Social Sciences Research Award, Hebrew University. |
| 1992-1993 | Golda Meir Award |
| 1994-1995 | USIEF Fulbright American Research Fellowship |
| 2001 | Research Grant from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Bar-Ilan University |
| 2001-2003 | Research Grant from the Israeli Science Foundation (\$28.000, Grant No .4617). |

Publications

Book

- 1995 *Religious Virtuosity, Charisma and Social Order: A Comparative Sociological Study of Monasticism in Theravada Buddhism and Medieval Catholicism. Cambridge Cultural Social Studies.* New York, Cambridge : Cambridge University Press. x + 250 p.
Republished in paperback edition by Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Books Edited

- 2017 B.Z. Kedar, I.F. Silber and A. Kline-Oron, eds. *Dynamics of Continuity, Patterns of Change Between World History and Comparative Historical Sociology--In Memoriam of S.N Eisenstadt.* Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of Sciences and the Jerusalem Van Leer Institute.
- 2005 *Marcel Mauss: Essai sur le Don*, translation from the French by Hila Karas, with introduction by Ilana F. Silber. Tel-Aviv: Resling (Hebrew)
- 1988 S.N. Eisenstadt and I.F. Silber, eds. *Cultural Traditions and Worlds of Knowledge: Explorations in the Sociology of Knowledge.* Philadelphia: JAI, Studies in Knowledge and Society. 238 pages.

Journal Issues Edited.

- 2021 with F. Gauthier and F. Vandenberghe, *Opening Gift, MAUSS International* no. 1.
- 2022 with F. Gauthier and F. Vandenberghe, *The Gift in Movement, MAUSS International* no. 2.
- 2023 with F. Gauthier and F. Vandenberghe, *The Unconditional Share, MAUSS International* no. 3.
- 2024 with F. Gauthier and F. Vandenberghe, *MAUSS International* no. 4.

Articles: Chapters in Books

- 2023 "Afterword: Gifts, Dangers and their Performative Context," in Alexandra Urakova, Tracey A. Sowerby, Tudor Sala eds. *The Dangers of Gifts from Antiquity to the Digital Age.* London: Routledge, pp. 210-216.
<https://www.routledge.com/The-Dangers-of-Gifts-from-Antiquity-to-the-Digital-Age/Urakova-Sowerby-Sala/p/book/9781032298542#>
- 2019 "The Gift as Deep Play: A "Note" on Performance and Paradox in the Theatrics of Public Giving," in I. Hentschel ed. *Die Kunst der Gabe / The Art of Gift-Giving: Theater between Autonomy and Social Practice.* (Berlin: Transcript Verlag), pp. 125-145.
- Reprinted in French translation: Le don comme "jeu profond": Note sur la dramaturgie du don public et ses paradoxes. *Revue du MAUSS* 52 (2018): 108-131.

- 2018 "Ponts dialogiques et alliances anti-utilitaristes," ["Dialogical Bridges and Anti-Utilitarian Alliances"] in A. Caillé, P. Chanial, S. Dufoix and F. Vandenberghe eds. *Des sciences sociales à la science sociale: Fondements anti-utilitaristes* (Paris: Aube), pp. 339-352. Rep. in English version in *MAUSS International* no. 1, 2021.
- 2016 "The Cultural Worth of Economies of Worth: French Pragmatic Sociology from a Cultural Sociological Perspective," in D. Inglis and A. Amila (ed.) *The Sage Handbook of Cultural Sociology*. (London: Sage), pp. 159-177.
<http://sk.sagepub.com/reference/the-sage-handbook-of-cultural-sociology/i1438.xml>
- 2014 "Boltanski and the Gift: Beyond Love, Beyond Suspicion...?" in Simon Susen and Bryan Turner ed. *The Spirit of Luc Boltanski: Essays in the "Pragmatic Sociology of Critique."* (London, New York: Anthem Press), pp. 485-500.
- 2013 "Neither Mauss nor Veyne? Peter Brown's Interpretative Path to the Gift." In Michael Satlow (ed.), *The Gift in Antiquity*. Studies in the Ancient World: Comparative Histories. London: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 202-220.
- 2011 "L'intérêt de Bourdieu au désintéressement: un cas de double vérité?" in M. de Fornel and A. Ogien (ed.), *Bourdieu, théoricien de la pratique*. (Paris: Editions de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, collection Raisons Pratiques 21), pp. 223-250. Modified French version of "Bourdieu's Gift to Gift Theory: An Unacknowledged Trajectory," *Sociological Theory* 27, 2 (2009): 173-190.
- 2007 "Registres et répertoires du don: avec mais aussi après Mauss?" in Eliana Magnani (ed.), *Don et sciences sociales. Théories et pratiques croisées*. Dijon: Editions de l'Université de Dijon, pp. 124-144.
- 2007 "Charisma and Institution-Building in an Organizational Field in Formation: The Case of Israeli Philanthropy," in Hana Herzog and Tal Kokhavi (ed.), *Generations, Spaces and Identities: Perspectives on the Construction of Society and Culture in Israel* (Jerusalem: The Van Leer Institute), pp. 261-282. (Hebrew)
- 2005 "Introduction: On Marcel Mauss and the Gift's Charms and Paradoxes. " (in Hebrew). Introduction to Marcel Mauss's *Essai sur le Don*, translated from the French by Hila Karas, ed. and with introduction by Ilana F. Silber. Tel-Aviv: Resling.
- Republished in French translation: "Prologue: Sortilèges et paradoxes du don," *Revue du M.A.U.S.S.* 27, 1 (2006): 39-56.
- 2004 "Pour une approche non-unitaire de la théorie générale," in Alain Caillé and Stéphane Dufoix (eds.), *Une théorie sociologique générale est-elle pensable?* (Paris: La Découverte), pp. 85-101.

- 2002 "Echoes of Sacrifice?: Repertoires of Giving in the Great Traditions," in A. Baumgarten (ed.), *Sacrifice in Religious Experience*. Numen Book Series: Studies in Religion (Leiden: E.J. Brill and Co.), pp. 291-313.
- 2001 "The Gift-Relationship in an Era of 'Loose' Solidarities," in Eliezer Ben-Rafael (ed.), *Identity, Culture and Globalization. The Annals of the International Sociology Institute*. n.s., vol. 8 (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers), pp. 384-400.
- 2000 "Beyond Purity and Danger: Gift-Giving in the Monotheistic Religions," in Toon Vanderveelde (ed.), *Gifts and Interests* (Louvain: Peeters), pp. 115-132.
- 1998 "Modern Philanthropy: Reassessing the Viability of a Maussian Perspective," in Nick Allen and Wendy James, eds. *Marcel Mauss Today* (Oxford, New York: Berghahn), pp. 134-150. Reprinted in French translation as "La philanthropie moderne à la lumière de Mauss," in French translation in *Revue du M.A.U.S.S* 15 (2000): 133-149. Second reprint in French translation as "La philanthropie moderne à la lumière de Mauss," in P. Chanial ed., *La société vue du don: manuel de sociologie anti-utilitariste appliquée*. Paris: Editions de la Découverte, 2008, pp. 364-380
- 1994 "The 'Spirit' of Capitalism: Max Weber and Recent Trends in Comparative Historical Sociology" (In Hebrew) in *Religion and Economy*, M. Ben-Sasson and N. Gross eds. Jerusalem: Merkaz Shazar, pp. 89-100.
- 1988 "Soteriology and Knowledge: Some Issues in the Structuration of Symbolic Domains." In S.N. Eisenstadt and I.F. Silber, eds. *Cultural Traditions and Worlds of Knowledge: Explorations in the Sociology of Knowledge*. Philadelphia: JAI, Studies in Knowledge and Society, pp. 225-238.

Entry in Book

- 2024 "Mauss," in A. Gautier and al. eds. *Les mots qui disent la philanthropie*. Paris: Odile Jacob.

Articles in Periodicals

- Forthc. "Natalie Z. Davis and the registers of giving," *MAUSS International* 4.
- 2024 "Natalie Z. Davis et les registres du don," *Revue du MAUSS* 63, pp. 190-207.
<https://www.cairn.info/revue--2024-1-page-190.htm>
- 2022 "Gift Research Across Disciplines (2000-2022): A Compilation and Open Invitation," *MAUSS International* 2022/1 (No 2), pp. 534-560
<https://www.cairn-int.info/journal-mauss-international-2022-1-page-534.htm>

- 2021 "Dialogical Bridges and Anti-Utilitarian Alliances," in *MAUSS International* 1.
English original version of: "*Ponts dialogiques et alliances anti-utilitaristes* in A. Caillé, P. Chanial, S. Dufoix and F. Vandenberghe eds. *Des sciences sociales à la science sociale: Fondements anti-utilitaristes* (Paris: Aube, 2018), pp. 339-352.
- 2021 Chanial P. and Ilana F. Silber, "Reconciling Spirit and Contract? Marshall Sahlins and the *Essai sur le don*," in M. Cedrini and R. Marchionatti eds. Marshall Sahlins's *Stone Age Economics: A Semicentenary Estimate*. A monographic issue of the *Annals of the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi. An Interdisciplinary Journal of Economics, History and Political Science* 55 (1): 87-106. Open access.
<https://www.annalsfondazione.luigieinaudi.it/browse/reconciling-spirit-and-contract-marshall-sahlins-and-the-essai-sur-le-don/>
- 2020 "S.N. Eisenstadt's Theory of Culture," *European Journal of Social Theory* 23, 2: 125–145.
- 2018 "Gifts in *Rites of Passage*, or Gifts as Rites of Passage?: Standing at the Threshold between Van Gennep and Mauss." *Journal of Classical Sociology* 18, 4: 348-360.
- 2018 "Le don comme 'jeu profond': Note sur la dramaturgie du don public et ses paradoxes." *Revue du M.A.U.S.S.* 52: 108-131.

* Reprint in French translation of: "The Gift as Deep Play: A "Note" on Performance and Paradox in the Theatrics of Public Giving," in I. Hentschel ed. *Die Kunst der Gabe / The Art of Gift-Giving: Theatre between Autonomy and Social Practice*. Berlin: Transcript Verlag, 2018, pp. 125-145.
- 2012 "The Angry Gift: A Neglected Facet of Philanthropy," *Current Sociology* 60, 3: 317-334.

* Republished in abridged, version as "Civic Anger among Major Donors," in B. Breeze and M. Moody (ed.), *The Philanthropy Reader*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- 2011 "Deciphering Transcendence and the Open Code of Modernity: S.N. Eisenstadt's Comparative Hermeneutics of Civilizations," *Journal of Classical Sociology* 3: 269-280.
- 2011 "Emotions as Regime of Justification? The Case of Philanthropic Civic Anger," *European Journal of Social Theory* 14, 2: 301-320.
- 2010 "Mauss, Weber et les trajectoires historiques du don," *Revue du MAUSS*. 36: 539-561.
- 2009 "Bourdieu's Gift to Gift Theory: An Unacknowledged Trajectory," *Sociological Theory* 27, 2: 173-190.

Republished in modified French version as "L'intérêt de Bourdieu au désintéressement: un cas de double vérité?" in M. de Fornel and A. Ogien ed., *Bourdieu, théoricien de la pratique*. (Paris: Editions de l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, collection Raisons Pratiques 21, 2011).

- 2009 Gelernter, L. and **I.F. Silber**, "Bourdieu's Reception in Israeli Sociology: The Fragmented Imprint of a Grand Theory," *Sociologica* 1. 28 pp.
- 2008 "A New Era for Philanthropy? The Case of Israel." *Civil Society and Third Sector in Israel* 2, 1: 9-32. (Hebrew)
- 2007 "Towards a Non-Unitary Approach to Sociological Theory," *European Journal of Social Theory* 10, 2: 220-232.
- Also in French: "Pour une approche non-unitaire de la théorie générale," in Alain Caillé and Stéphane Dufoix (eds.), *Une théorie sociologique générale est-elle pensable?* (Paris: La Découverte, 2004), pp. 85-101.
- 2004 "Entre Mauss et Veyne: pour une sociologie historique comparée du don," in *Sociologie et sociétés* 36, 2: 189-205.
- 2003 "Pragmatic Sociology as Cultural Sociology: Beyond Repertoire Theory?" *European Journal of Social Theory* 6 (4): 425-447
- 2003 Gidron, Benjamin., Hagai Katz, Hadar Bar-Mor, Yossi Katan, **Ilana F. Silber**, Motti Telias. Through a New Lense: The Third Sector and Israeli Society," *Israel Studies* 6, 1: 20-59.
- 2001 "Critiquing Critical Sociology: From Pragmatic to Cultural Sociology," (In Hebrew) *Teoria vebikoret (Theory and Critique)* 19: 189-211.
- 2000 "Marcel Mauss's *Essai sur le Don*: A Review Essay," (In Hebrew) *Soziologia Israelit (Israeli Sociology)* 2, 2: 685-694
- 1995 "Space, Fields, Boundaries: The Rise of Spatial Metaphors in Contemporary Sociological Theory," *Social Research* 62, 2: 323-355.
- 1995 "Gift-Giving in the Great Traditions: The Case of Donations to Monasteries in the Medieval West," *European Journal of Sociology* 36, 2: 209-243.
Reprinted in shorter version and in French translation in *Revue du M.A.U.S.S.* 8 (1996): 243-266.
- 1993 "Monasticism and the 'Protestant Ethic': Asceticism, Ideology and Wealth in the Medieval West," *British Journal of Sociology* 44, 1: 103-123.
- 1985 "'Opting Out' in Theravada Buddhism and Medieval Catholicism: A Comparative Look at Monasticism as Alternative Structure," *Religion*, 15: 251-277
- 1981 "Dissent through Holiness: The Case of the Radical Renouncer in Theravada Buddhist Countries," *Numen* 28, 2: 164-193
Reprinted in S.N. Eisenstadt, R. Kahane, D. Shulman, eds., *Orthodoxy, Heterodoxy and Dissent in India*. Berlin: Mouton, 1984, pp. 85-110.

Book Reviews in Periodicals:

- 1999 Review of Lutz Kaelber 1998, *Schools of Asceticism: Ideology and Organization in Medieval Religious Communities*. University Park, Penn.: The Pennsylvania State University Press, in *American Journal of Sociology* 105 (2): 592-594.
- 1997 Review of Colin Campbell 1996, *The Myth of Social Action* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) in: *Contemporary Sociology* 26 (5): 657-659.

Other Publications:

- 2024 Silber, I. F. 2024 "Mauss," in Gautier, A. eds. *Les mots qui disent la philanthropie*. Paris: Odile Jacob
- 1999 Silber, I. F. and Z. Rozenheck, *The History of the Nonprofit Sector in Israel*. (Beer Sheva: The Israel Center for Research on the Third Sector, Ben Gurion University), 53 pages.
- 1999 S.N. Eisenstadt, L. Roniger and **I.F. Silber** (ed.), *Collective Identity, Public Sphere and Political Order* (Jerusalem: The Van Leer Institute), 81 pages.

Papers delivered (since 1998):

1. 1998 "Beyond Purity and Danger: Some Issues in the Comparative Sociology of Religious Giving." Paper presented at the colloquium on "Gifts and Interests," Université Catholique de Louvain, April 3-4.
2. 1999 "Echoes of Sacrifice? Religious Giving in the Monotheistic Traditions." Paper presented at the conference on "Alternatives to Sacrifice," Minerva Center for Religious Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University, February 14-19.
3. 1999 "The History of the Nonprofit Sector in Israel." (with Zeev Rozenhek). Paper presented at the conference on "Characteristics of the Third Sector in Israel," Israel Center for Third Sector Research, Ben Gurion University, March 10-11.
4. 2001 "Convergences and Cleavages in the Study of Cultural Repertoires: Theorizing the Inner Structure of Tool-kits, Symbolic Boundaries and Regimes of Justification." Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, Ca. August 18-22. A 900-words summary was published in *Comparative and Historical Sociology* (official newsletter of the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association) vol. 13, fall 2001 and in *Culture* (official newsletter of the Sociology of Culture section of the ASA).
5. 2002 "Generations and Processes in the Formation of the Philanthropic Field in Israel," Paper delivered at the conference "Generations, Spaces and Identities: Perspectives on the Construction of Society and Culture in Israel," in honor of S.N. Eisenstadt's eightiethth birthday. December 23-4, The Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem.

6. 2003 "Towards a Non-Unitary General Sociological Theory." Paper prepared for the Symposium "Does the Prospect of a General Sociological Theory Still Mean Anything in Times of Globalization? CNRS- Geode (Group for the Study and Observation of Democracy, June 9-10, Paris.
7. 2003 "Issues and Developments in Bourdieu's Theory of the Gift," Paper delivered at the symposium "The Social World as seen by Bourdieu," at the Van Leer Institute, November 26-27.
8. 2004 (with Netta Bashan) "NGO's Active in the Field of Food Distribution in Israel: a Survey Comparison of Trends in the Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv Area." Presented at the ICTR Annual Spring Meetings, Ben-Gurion University.
9. 2004 "Religion and Philanthropy in Israel: A Multifaceted and Changing Relationship," Workshop on "Philanthropy in the Mediterranean Area. Religions and Civil Society between Past and Present," Program for International Studies in Philanthropy, University of Bologna, October 15th.
10. 2005 "Bourdieu's Gift to Gift Theory: An Unacknowledged Trajectory." The 37th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Stockholm, July 5th.
11. 2006 "Registre(s) et Repertoire(s) du don: Avec mais aussi après Mauss,? Paper delivered at the Symposium "Don et sciences sociales. Théories et pratiques croisées." Auxerre, Centre d'études médiévales, January 27-28 .
12. 2007 "Fields of Giving: Historicizing and Theorizing the Gift in the Great Religions," Paper delivered at the conference "Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, " Institute of Advanced Studies, Jerusalem. February 10-12.
13. 2007 "Introduction: Soteriology and Knowledge in Monastic Traditions," delivered at the workshop on "Monachisme et érudition," CNRS-EHESS, Paris, September 28.
14. 2008 "On the Gift's Power and its Contexts: Reflections on *The Culture of Giving: Informal Support and Gift Exchange in Early Modern England* by Ilana Ben Amos," Roundtable, Department of General History, Ben Gurion University. Beersheva, May 24.
15. 2008 "The Angry Gift: A Neglected Facet of Philanthropy." Paper delivered at the 38th Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Budapest (June 26-29).
16. 2008 "A Rising Tide of Philanthropy? Israeli Fund Raisers as Gift Narrators and Interpreters." Paper delivered at the International Society for Third Sector Research and EMES European Research Network 8th International Conference (July 9-12, Barcelona, Spain).
17. 2008 Discussant, Session on New Christian Global Communities, in "New Directions of Religiosity: Religions and Virtual Global Communities," International Workshop, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, December 14-16.

18. 2009 “Emotions as Regime of Justification? The Uncharted Case of Philanthropic Anger. “ Paper delivered at the International Workshop on Body, Moral Discourses and Society: Theoretical and Implemental Issues, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem 8-9th January 2009.
19. 2009 “Angry Giving: A Unique Facet of Israeli Philanthropy?,” International Conference on "The Role of Philanthropy in the Formulation of Public Policy," Center for the Study of Philanthropy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem May 26.
20. 2009 “Mauss, Weber and the Historical Trajectories of a Total Social Fact.” International Colloquium *Mauss Vivant*, Cerisy-la-Salle, June.
21. 2010 “Philanthropic Times? The Case of Israel.” Third Meeting of the European Research Network on Philanthropy, Budapest, February 1, 2010.
22. 2010 “Neither Mauss, nor Veyne? Peter Brown’s Interpretative Path to the Gift in Late Antiquity.” International workshop *The Gift in Late Antiquity*, Brown University, May 2-4.
23. 2010 “Deciphering Transcendence and the Open Code of Modernity: S.N.Eisenstadt’s Interpretative Approach to Multiple Modernities.” Symposium *In memory of S.N. Eisenstadt*, Jerusalem Van Leer Institute, December 9, 2010.
24. 2011 "Religious Traditions and Modern Philanthropy: A Qualitative Exploration of Fundraisers' Perspective," International Conference on *Philanthropy and Civil Society: European and Transnational Perspectives*, "European Research Network on Philanthropy International Conference, WU Vienna University of Business and Economics, June 7.
25. 2014 "Justifying the Gift? Beyond Suspicion and Recognition," Guest lecture, Workshop of the Center for Cultural Sociology, Department of Sociology, Yale University.
26. 2014 "The Cultural Worth of 'Economies of Worth": French Pragmatic Sociology from a Cultural Sociological Perspective," 10th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Cultural Sociology on *Advancing Cultural Sociology*, Yale University, April 25-27
27. 2014 “Asymmetric Giving and the Public Sphere,” Masterclass on *Gifts of Cooperation*, Center for Global Cooperation Research Essen, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Duisburg, Germany, September 22-26.
28. 2015 "Anti-Structuralisms, Anti-Utilitarianisms and the Sociology of Morality: A Case of Dialogical Alliance," Paper delivered at the international colloquium on the *Non Utilitarian Foundations of the Social Sciences*, Cerisy -la-Salle, France, May 17-23
29. 2015 "Discussion: Breeze and Jollymore, 'Understanding Soliciting: Beyond the Binary Variable Solicited/Unsolicited', European Research Network on Philanthropy conference, Paris July 9-10.

30. 2016 "S.N. Eisenstadt's Theory (ies) of Culture: A Case of Continuity and/or Change?," *International Conference Legacies of S.N. Eisenstadt: From Philology to Sociology*, Université Sorbonne-Paris-Cite, January 16, Paris.
31. 2016 "Gifts in *Rites of Passage*, or Gifts as Rites of Passage?: Standing at the Threshold between Van Gennep and Mauss," International Workshop on *Reclaiming Van Gennep's Rites of Passage*, The Martin Buber Society of Fellows, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 15-16.
32. 2016 "Gift, Philanthropy and Civil Society," CISTAS seminar on *Civil Society and Pragmatism*, Department of Business and Politics, Copenhagen Business School, June 28-29.
33. 2017 "A Gift of Civility?: Elite Philanthropy as Cultural Conundrum and Democratic" Dilemma," International Conference *Civilizing State and Society in the 21st Century: Rethinking the Dynamics between State, Market and Civil Society*. Department of Business and Politics, Copenhagen Business School, 23-24 May 2017.
34. 2017 "The Gift as Deep Play: A "Note" on Performance and Paradox in the Theatrics of Public Giving," International Workshop *Theater as Exchange and Gift: Theoretical Prospects*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Bielefeld University. October 26-28, 2017
35. 2018 "The Gift as Cultural Repertoire: A Comparative-Historical Perspective," Keynote Paper (Hebrew), Israel Historical Association, The Open University, March 13, 2018.
36. 2018 "How Axial was the Axial Age to S.N. Eisenstadt's Theory of Culture?" Karlgren-Eisenstadt Symposium *Re-examining the Idea of the Axial Age and Axial Civilizations*, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, Uppsala, April 5-7.
37. 2019 "Repertoires of Public Giving: Elite Philanthropy in Gift Theoretical and Comparative Perspective," Seminar Lecture, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, Uppsala, April 9, 2019.
38. 2019 "Besieged Philanthropy: Justifications and Critiques of Mega Giving from a Cultural Pragmatic Sociological Perspective," *ERNOP International Conference*, Basel, July 4-5.
39. 2020 "Damned if you do, damned if you don't": Mega Giving as Cultural and Democratic Conundrum," *Understanding Voluntary Action: Past, Present and Future*. Center for Philanthropy, Civil Society Research Cluster Event, School of Social Policy, Sociology & Social Research, Kent University, June 22.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=180&v=8gUnd6U5CkM&feature=emb_logo
<https://research.kent.ac.uk/philanthropy/civil-society-research-cluster-event/>
40. 2021 "Mega Philanthropy as Web of Justifications, Critiques and Engagements: The Case of the Giving Pledge." International Sociological Association Forum, Session *The Sociology of Engagement in Dialogue/RC16 Sociological Theory*, February 23-27.
41. 2021 "The Ambiguous Gift of Wealth: Weber, Mega Philanthropy and the New Spirit(s) of Capitalism," Israel Academy of Sciences, June 2021--postponed/cancelled.

42. 2022 "Mega-Philanthropy as Multilayered Connective Process: The Case of the Giving Pledge," International Workshop *Theorizing National Solidarity: Mechanisms, Models and Paradoxes*, Bar-Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology and The Azrieli Center for Israel Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, May 23-24.
43. 2023 "The Gift Paradigm: Strengths, Dilemmas and Future Lines of Research," Session Author Meets Critics: *The Gift-Paradigm: A Short Introduction to the Anti-Utilitarian Movement in the Social Science* by Alain Caillé. Prickly Paradigm Series, University of Chicago Press, 2020, ISA XX World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, June 26.
44. 2024 "The Multiple Voices of S.N. Eisenstadt...and Some Areas of Silence," *The Legacy of Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt*, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, May 8.

Current Projects

- Mega Philanthropy as Elite Formation: The Case of the Giving Pledge (article)
- Repertoires of Mega-Giving: For a Comparative Historical and Sociological Perspective. Meanings, Institutions, Contexts (articles and book in progress)
- Elite Philanthropy as Cultural and Democratic Conundrum (article)
- Promoting Philanthropy: Institutional Forms and Regimes of Justification (research in progress).

Teaching: Courses (Compulsory and Elective) and Seminars

- B.A. Sociology of the Gift, Sociology of Religion, Sociological Theories, Sociology of Gift-Relationships, Max Weber Today, Nonprofit Organizations and Civil Society, Culture of Giving in the Era of Market Economy
- M.A. Issues in Sociological Theory, Issues in Comparative Historical Sociology, Civil Society, Readings in Contemporary Cultural Analysis, Meaning of Money and Culture of Giving, Theories of Culture: Anthropological and Sociological Perspectives, Cultures of Giving in a Market Economy, NPO's and Civil Society, The Sociology of Morality, Philanthropy and Society, Advanced Sociological Theory.

Supervision of Ph.D. Theses

1. Semadar Kanyon (with Prof. Michael Harrison), "The Impact of the Legal System upon the Medical Profession in Israel: The Case of Suits for Medical Malpractice". Completed 2004
2. Ana Butir, "Wedding Rituals in Israel: A Comparative Performative Perspective." Completed 2006
3. Orit Ilan, Looking out of the House: Perceptions of the Homeless in Israeli Society. Proposal accepted. Interrupted
4. Karmit Haber, "Israeli Humanitarian Aid Abroad: A Field of Civic Action in Formation." Completed Fall 2008. Summa Cum Laude.

5. Kinneret Lahad (with Prof. Haim Hazan, "Rethinking Singlehood: The Discursive Construction of Intimacy, Time and Choice." Completed February 2010.
6. Ilana Goldberg (with Prof. Haim Hazan), "Hunger and the Social Imaginary in Times of Disparity: An Ethnographic Study of the Creation of a National Food Bank in Israel." Completed September 2010.
7. Riki Toledano, "From Welfare Capitalism" to "Business for Social Responsibility": An Historical and Ethnographic Case-Study of an Israeli Bank. Completed October 2010.
8. Hagai Bar, *The Question of Trust in Gift Relationships: The Case of Philanthropic Giving to Israeli Social Change Organizations*. Completed May 2012.
9. Lior Gelernter, *A New Epistemic Culture? Wikipedia as a Case in the Production and Reception of Knowledge*. Completed 2014
10. Asaf Stein, *From High-Tech Culture to Venture Philanthropy: A Case Study in the Mentoring of Social Entrepreneurship*. Completed 2014.
11. Michelle Shir, *Time, Freedom and the Self: A Cultural Sociological Study of Free Time in Israel*. Completed, November 2016.
12. Iris Cohen, *"Feed the Body and Nourish the Soul": Religion, Morality and Emotions in Israeli Food Assistance Organizations*." Completed, August 2020.

Short Biography:

Ilana F. Silber's major fields of interest are sociological theory and the sociology of gift-giving and philanthropy to which she also brings a cross cutting engagement with comparative historical and interpretative cultural analysis. Current research projects explore cultural and institutional aspects of elite philanthropy, and changing patterns of charity and philanthropy in past and present contexts.

She has studied Sociology and Psychology and did her Ph.D. in Sociology at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was professor sociology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Bar-Ilan University until 2019, and has been a visiting fellow at Harvard University, Princeton University and Yale University, and the Swedish Collegium of Advanced Studies in Uppsala (SCAS). She is Faculty Fellow of the Center for Cultural Sociology since 2014 and co-director of the new Center for Cultural Sociology at Bar-Ilan University, Research Associate of the Center for Global Generosity since 2017, elected member of the Academia Europea since 2019, a member of the M.A.U.S.S (Anti-Utilitarian Movement in the Social Sciences) since 1998, and co-editor in chief of the new journal *MAUSS International* (launched early Fall 2021).

She is generally engaged in furthering dialogue between various branches of the human sciences (history, cultural studies, religion in particular), as well as between alternative branches of sociological theory and gift theory, while herself privileging a comparative and cultural sociological perspective. Theoretical currents she has written about in such vein include Bourdieu's theory of practice, Boltanski and Thévenot pragmatic sociology of critique, Lamont's comparative sociology of valuation, Alexander's strong program in cultural sociology, Eisenstadt's comparative sociology of civilizations, Weber's comparative historical sociology, Mauss's gift theory and Caillé's gift paradigm. She has also conducted empirical research on elite philanthropy in Israel, written on the history of the nonprofit sector in Israel, and supervised several Phd dissertations on various facets of the philanthropic sector in Israel.

