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## EDUCATION

1. Tel Aviv University; B.A. Cum Laude in Philosophy and in the "General Studies Programme", 1986.
2. Oxford University, Magdalen College; D.Phil. in Philosophy, 1990.

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

I work primarily on normative and applied ethics, the free will problem, and meaning in life. Beyond free will, I am particularly interested in moral paradoxes and other forms of "crazy ethics" where matters seem true (or at least plausible) yet absurd, moral theory, justice, the role of self-deception and illusion in our lives, population ethics, punishment, egalitarianism, moral complaint and hypocrisy, the influence of technology on the future of morality, gratitude, and the significance of contribution.

## OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Political philosophy; philosophy of history; philosophy of religion.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1. Undergraduate Tutorials, Worcester College Oxford; 1987 and Christ Church College Oxford; 1990.
2. Lecturer, Tenure Track, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa; 1991-4.
3. Senior Lecturer, with Tenure, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa; 1994-9.
4. Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa; 1999-2003.
5. Full Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa; from 2003.
6. External Member, The Karel Čapek Center for Values in Science and Technology; Prague; from 2018.

## PUBLICATIONS

### # BOOKS:

***Free Will and Illusion.*** Oxford University Press (Oxford) 2000 (Hardback); 2002 (Paperback).

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14. "Is There a Moral Obligation to Have Children?", *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 12 (1995): 41-53.

15. "May We Stop Worrying About Blackmail?", *Analysis* 55 (1995): 116-120.

16. "Who Should a Utilitarian Be?", *Iyyun* 44 (1995): 91-98.

17. "Nagel on the Grounds For Compensation", *Public Affairs Quarterly* 9 (1995): 63-73.

18. "Responsibility and Desert: Defending the Connection", *Mind* 105 (1996): 157-163.

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19. "The Connection Between Responsibility and Desert: The Crucial Distinction", *Mind* 105 (1996): 385-386.

20. "The Ethical Dangers of Ethical Sensitivity", *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 13 (1996): 13-20.

21. "Egalitarian Justice and the Importance of the Free Will Problem", *Philosophia* 25 (1997): 153-161.

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23. "Should I Be Grateful to You For Not Harming Me?", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 42 (1997): 585-597.

24. "Moral Accountancy and Moral Worth", *Metaphilosophy* 28 (1997): 123-134.

25. "Preferring Not to Have Been Born", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 75 (1997): 241-247.

26. "Free Will and the 'Turn-Around' Argument", *Public Affairs Quarterly* 14 (2000): 329-336.

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73. "Reflections on Equality, Value and Paradox", special issue in honor of Juha Räikkä, *Res Cogitans* 10 (2015): 45-60.

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76. "Parfit on Free Will, Desert, and the Fairness of Punishment", *Journal of Ethics*, special issue on moral responsibility, 20 (2016): 139-148.

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82. "Free Will Denial and Deontological Constraints", in Elizabeth Shaw, Derk Pereboom, and Gregg D. Caruso, eds. *Free Will Skepticism in Law and Society*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019.
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## # SELECTED ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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5. "Free Will", in Giuseppe Veltri, ed. *Encyclopaedia of Scepticism and Jewish Tradition*, Brill, forthcoming.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (A SELECTION)

1. "The Impossibility of Implementing Justice and the Ethical Necessity of Illusion". In the conference "Dilemmas of Justice: Rawlsian Theory and the Arab-Israeli Conflict", Tel-Aviv University, 30 May 1993.
2. "I Will Do So Only If Others Join". American Philosophical Association / Eastern Division conference, Atlanta, Georgia; 29 December 1993.
3. "The Utilitarian Identity Problem". American Philosophical Association / Pacific Division conference, Los Angeles, California; 1 April 1994.

4. "Nagel on the Grounds for Compensation". American Philosophical Association / Central Division conference, Kansas City, Missouri; 5 May 1994.
5. "Should I Be Grateful To You For Not Harming Me?" American Philosophical Association / Eastern Division conference, Boston, Massachusetts; December 1994.
6. "Philosophical Reflections on the Intimate Connection Between 'Academic' and 'Freedom'". In the conference "Academic Freedom: Limits, Rights, Obligations", University of Haifa, 20 November 1995.
7. "Moral Legitimacy: Between Reason and Rhetoric". In the conference "Ethics, Law and Communication in an Era of Political Violence and Extremism", University of Haifa, 29 January 1997.
8. "Is Justice Binary?", invited paper. Morrell Studies in Toleration biannual working-group conference "Political Theory and Punishment", York, England U.K.; 10-12 September 1997.
9. "Free Will: The Positive Role of Illusion". Invited Session on Free Will, Panel together with John Martin Fischer and Robert Kane, 20th World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, Massachusetts; 10 August 1998.
10. "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion". Aristotelian Society, London, Invited Address, 20 November 2000.
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25. "The Paradox of Non-Punishment", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 22 February 2007.
26. "When Does Morality Win?", Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Bristol, England UK; July 6-9 2007.
27. "Reflections on Equality, Value, and Paradox". Equality conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; 12 June 2008.
28. "Moral Paradoxes and the Idea of a Crazy Ethics", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder; August 8-10 2008.
29. "Something Odd about Morality and Rules", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 22 October 2008.
30. A respondent in a symposium on "Human Freedom and the Brain and Behavioural Sciences". American Philosophical Association / Central Division conference, Chicago, Illinois; 20 February 2009.
31. "Should We Be Sorry That We Exist?", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 6 April 2009.
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33. "How Repugnant is the Repugnant Conclusion: A Reply to Huemer", Rocky Mountain Ethics conference, University of Colorado, Boulder; August 6-9 2009.

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35. "Hard Determinism and Punishment: A Practical Reductio", Bled Workshop in Normative Ethics, Bled, Slovenia; June 7-11 2010.
36. "Should We Be Sorry That We Exist?", British Society for Ethical Theory annual conference, Nottingham, UK; 7-9 July 2010.
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38. "A Hostage Situation", British Society for Ethical Theory annual meeting, Oxford, UK; 11-13 July 2011.
39. "A Hostage Situation", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder; August 4-7 2011.
40. "Forgiving the Germans: An Israeli Perspective", A workshop on political and collective forgiveness, Turku, Finland; 2-3 September 2011.
41. "Life is Good", A workshop on Contemporary Anti-Natalism: The work of David Benatar, Johannesburg, South Africa; 23-4 November 2011.
42. "A Problem about the Moral Evaluation of Past Tragedies", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 14 February 2012.
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44. "Can An Egalitarian Be Very Good?", A workshop on egalitarianism and feasibility, Turku, Finland; 25-6 October 2012.
45. "Is Overpunishment Just as Bad as the Punishment of the Innocent?", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 18 February 2013.
46. "The New Free Will Problem: (Mostly) Moral and Political, Not Metaphysical?", Workshop on free will and politics, London School of Economics, 13-15 June.
47. "Parfit on Punishment?", Society for Applied Philosophy annual conference, Zurich; 28-30 June 2013.
48. "The Moral Evaluation of Past Tragedies: A New Puzzle", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder; August 5-8 2013.
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50. "Free Will, Time and Illusion", "Freedom, Determinism and Responsibility" conference, Oxford Brookes University and Queens College, Oxford, 7-8 March 2014.
51. "Free Will, Time and Illusion", "Skepticism about Freedom and Responsibility" workshop, University of Chicago Law School, 11-12 April 2014.
52. "Designer Ethics: Should We Sacrifice the Utilitarians First?", Bled Workshop in Normative Ethics, Bled, Slovenia; June 2-7 2014.
53. "Is Overpunishment as Bad as the Punishment of the Innocent?" Society of Applied Philosophy annual conference, Oxford, 27-29 June 2014.

54. "Is Overpunishment as Bad as the Punishment of the Innocent?", Justice: Private and Public conference, Turku, Finland; 22-24 October 2014.
55. "Why is Distributive Justice a Difficult Problem?", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 18 February 2013.
56. "In Defence of the Importance of the Nonidentity Problem", Bioethics Workshop, NYU Center for Bioethics, New York; May 22-23 2015.
57. "Free Will, Time and Illusion", Gothenburg Responsibility Project; 18-19 September 2015.
58. "Free Will, Time and Illusion", Zagreb Institute of Philosophy conference; 26-28 January 2016.
59. "Is there a Moral Obligation to Vote in Elections?", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 17 February 2016.
60. "Nonidentity, Indignation and Individualism", Nonidentity problem workshop in Stockholm, Sweden; 10-11 May 2016.
61. A symposium on David Shoemaker's book Responsibility from the Margins, Gothenburg Responsibility Project, Sweden; 24-27 September 2016.
62. "The Hard Determinist Escape from Justice", Symposium on free will and punishment, Human Dignity conference; Utrecht, Netherlands; 11-13 October 2016.
63. "The Hard Determinist Escape from Justice", workshop on free will, Czech Institute for Philosophy and Law ; Prague; 24 May 2017.
64. "The Free Will Problem and My Strange Views on It", Public address, Czech Academy, Prague; 25 May 2017.

65. "Determinism and the Problem of the Individuation of Responsibility", Free Will and Moral Responsibility in Historical and Cultural Perspective" Conference, Bonn, Germany; 22-25 June 2017.
66. "*Scepticism, Dualism and Illusionism: themes on Smilansky*", an international workshop, Gothenburg-Lund Responsibility Project, Lund, Sweden; 6-7 October 2017.
67. "Intellectual Honesty", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 20 February 2018.
68. "Between Parfit and Benatar", in a workshop on the work of David Benatar, Prague; 30 May 2018.
69. "Black Magic and Respect for Persons - Some Paradoxes", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 13 February 2019.
70. "Autonomous Vehicles and Normative Pluralism", in "Autonomous Vehicles: Beyond the Trolley Problem", Prague; June 27-28th 2019.
71. "Suicide, Organ Donation and the Meaning of Life", in the "Second International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life", Tokyo; October 7-9 2019.
72. "Can Egalitarians Complain?", in "G.A. Cohen's Legacy After a Decade", Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 10-11 December 2019.
73. "The Paradoxicality of Self-Sacrificing Altruism", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 26 February 2020.
74. "Can Egalitarians Complain?", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder; August 13-16 2020 (online).
75. "The Uses of Meta-Desert", The Centre for Moral & Political Philosophy Annual Conference, on "Desert", Hebrew University of Jerusalem; 21-24 June 2021.

76. "Contribution, Replaceability and the Meaning of Our Lives", Israeli Philosophical Association Annual Meeting; 8 July 2021.

77. "Worship for Atheists", in "Worship and the Human" conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 19-21 2021.

78. "The Outrageous Neglect of Gratitude and Some Reasons Behind It", Gratitude workshop, Stockholm University; October 15-16 2021 (online).

#### COLLOQUIUM TALKS AND OTHER INVITED ADDRESSES (A SELECTION)

1. Neve Ilan, September 12th. 1991: "Morality", a talk in a seminar for Justices of the Peace.

2. Department of Philosophy, Bar-Ilan University, November 17th. 1992: "Should We Be Grateful to Those Who Do Not Harm Us?"

3. Public Lecture, Student Union, the Technion, December 30th. 1992: "Knowledge and Happiness".

4. Department of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, December 14th. 1994: "The Strange Value of Morality".

5. The "Philosophical Forum of Haifa", 18 February 1996: "What Is Permitted In War?" (panel participant).

6. Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, 30 April 1996: "Free Will".

7. Faculty of Law, University of Haifa, 8 May 1996: "Should I Be Grateful to You For Not Harming Me?".

8. The Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel-Aviv University, 18 November 1996: "Free Choice: Two Difficult Choices on the Road to a Solution".
9. The "Philosophical Forum of Haifa", 5 January 1998: "Religious and Secular Values" (panel participant).
10. Mishkenot Sha"ananim/Brandies University, 26 February 1998: "Military Ethics" (joint seminar leader).
11. The "Faculty Seminar For Applied and Professional Ethics", University of Haifa, 3 June 1998: "The Trouble With Blackmail".
12. "Ockham Society", Oxford University, 27 October 1998: "Free Will and the "Turn-Around" Argument".
13. Department of Philosophy, University of Reading, 3 November 1998: "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion".
14. Department of Philosophy, University of Cardiff, 7 December 1998: "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion".
15. Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow, 15 December 1998: "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion".
16. Political Theory Workshop, Nuffield College Oxford, 18 January 1999: "Is Justice Binary?"
17. Department of Philosophy, University of Kent at Canterbury, 27 January 1999: "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion".
18. "Jowett Society", Oxford University, 10 May 1999: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".



19. Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois, Urbana, 24 September 1999: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".
20. Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, New York, 25 September 2001: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".
21. Department of Philosophy (Ethics Discussion Group), Stanford University, California, 1 October 2001: "Free Will: From Nature to Illusion".
22. Department of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside, 3 October 2001: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".
23. Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin, 5 October 2001: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".
24. Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, 25 September 2002: "Free Will and Illusion".
25. The Graduate School, CUNY, New York, 2 October 2002: "Free Will and Illusion".
26. The Graduate School, CUNY / Cognitive Science Group, New York, 4 October 2002: "Reflections On the Free Will Problem".
27. Department of Government, LSE, London, 11 February 2003: "Free Will, Egalitarianism and Justice".
28. Department of Philosophy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 13 May 2003: "Free Will, Equality and Justice: Some Doubts".
29. Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College, NY, 23 October 2003: "Free Will, Moral Responsibility and Time".

30. Department of Philosophy, University of Copenhagen, Denmark: 5 December 2003: "Free Will, Equality and Justice: Some Doubts".
31. Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 19 February 2004: "Free Will: Two Radical Proposals".
32. Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa, 1 November 2004: "The Paradox of Moral Complaint".
33. Department of Philosophy, Ben-Gurion University, 10 January 2006: "Reflections on the Paradoxicality of Morality".
34. Department of Philosophy, University of Manchester, 22 February 2006: "Contributivism: A Proposal".
35. Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, mid-April 2006, two invited talks: "The Paradox of Moral Complaint"; "Contributivism: A Proposal".
36. The Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy, Cambridge University, 8 February 2008: "The Good Absurd: Some Surprising Lessons of Moral Paradoxes".
37. Department of Philosophy, Bar-Ilan University, 26 February 2008: "Good Moral Paradoxes".
38. Department of Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, 14 May 2008: "Good Moral Paradoxes".
39. Department of Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland, 13 & 14 January 2009, two invited talks: "Moral Paradoxes and the Idea of a Crazy Ethics"; "Should We Be Sorry That We Exist?".
40. Seminar in Moral Philosophy, Oxford University, 1 March 2010: "Should We Be Sorry That We Exist?".

41. Scripps College, California, 4 November 2010: "A Hostage Situation".
42. Department of Philosophy, University of California San Diego, 5 November 2010: "Hard Determinism and Punishment: A Practical Reductio".
43. Department of Philosophy, University of California Riverside (a free will seminar), 8 November 2010: "Hard Determinism and Punishment: A Practical Reductio".
44. Department of Philosophy, University of Southern California, 9 November 2010: "A Hostage Situation".
45. Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield, 10 December 2010: "Morally, Should We All Be Sorry That We Exist?"
45. Department of Philosophy, University of Nottingham, 24 January 2011 "Can An Egalitarian Be Very Good?".
46. Department of Philosophy, University of Durham, 27 January 2011: "A Hostage Situation".
47. Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds, 3 March 2011: "A Hostage Situation".
48. Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham, 21 March 2011: "Can An Egalitarian Be Very Good?".
49. Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Oxford University, 4 May 2011: "Why Moral Paradoxes Matter: 'Teflon Immorality' and the Perversity of Life".
50. Department of Philosophy, University of St. Andrews, 11 May 2011: "A Hostage Situation".

51. Centre for Law, Ethics, and Public Affairs, Warwick University, 17 May 2011: "Why Moral Paradoxes Matter: 'Teflon Immorality' and the Perversity of Life".
52. Joseph Butler Society, Oxford University, 26 May 2011: "A Problem about the Morality of Some Common Forms of Prayer".
53. Department of Philosophy, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1 December 2011: "Why Moral Paradoxes Matter: 'Teflon Immorality' and the Perversity of Life".
54. Department of Philosophy, Central European University, Budapest, 26 November 2013: "Moral Evaluation of Past Tragedies: A New Puzzle".
55. Law and Philosophy Workshop at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 9 January 2019: "Should We Sacrifice the Utilitarians First?".
56. Department of Philosophy, University of Turku, 29 November 2019: "The Paradoxicality of Self-Sacrificing Altruism".
57. Council For Higher Education, Israel, 7 December 2020; Round-table participant on publications in the humanities (online).

#### AWARDS AND HONOURS

1. "Overseas Research Student Award" (Committee of Vice-Chancellors, Universities of the United Kingdom); 1988/9, 1987/8, 1986/7.
2. "AVI Fellowship" (Rothschild Foundation); 1988/9.
3. "ALLON Fellowship" (Council For Higher Education, Israel); 1991-1994.

4. "CHEVENING Foreign and Commonwealth Office Research Scholarship" (British Council); Oxford, Summer 1997.
5. Visiting Professor; Oxford University. Senior Associate Member, St. Hugh's College, Oxford. 1998-9.
6. Visiting Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University; 2003-4.
7. Visiting Professor, Oxford University. Honorary Member, Senior Common Room, Keble College, Oxford. Associate of the Oxford Centre for Ethics and Philosophy of Law. 2010-11.
8. Featured Author for the month of November 2012, *Flickers of Freedom* free will blog.
9. *Scepticism, Dualism and Illusionism: Themes on Smilansky*, an international workshop, Gothenburg-Lund Responsibility Project, Lund, Sweden; 6-7 October 2017.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

Partner, special funded research project of the Czech Academy of Sciences on "The Ethics of Autonomous Vehicles"; 2018-21.

## ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

The American Philosophical Association (life member)

The Aristotelian Society (life member)

The Israeli Philosophical Association

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION (*University of Haifa*)

Member, Curriculum Revision Committee, Department of Philosophy, 1996.

Chairperson, Appointments Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, 1997.

Member, Ethics Committee of the University of Haifa, 1996-8.

Member, Ph.D. Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2000-3; 2018-.

Chairperson, MA Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2000-3.

Chairperson, PhD Committee, Department of Philosophy, 2004-2010.

Elected member, Senate of the University of Haifa, 2005-6; 2009-10; 2013-17; 2020-2024.

Member, Constitutional Committee, University of Haifa, 2005-6.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee for the Reexamination of the BA, Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa, 2006.

Representative of the Faculty of Humanities, University Committee for the Allocation of Student Research Grants, 2007-9.

Elected as a member of the General University Appointments Committee (the central 10 member academic committee deciding all senior academic university appointments), University of Haifa, 2007-10; 2013-16.

Elected as a member of the three-member University Appointments Appeal Committee (the three-member central committee reviewing all appeals of decisions by the General University Appointments Committee not to grant academic tenure), University of Haifa, 2011-13.

Member of the University committee for choosing the "Dusty and Ettie Miller Prize for Outstanding Young Scholars", University of Haifa, 2012.

Chairperson, Department of Philosophy, 2012-2017; 2022-.

Chairperson, committee for writing the University of Haifa's Code of Ethics, 2016-7.

Chair, Ad-hoc Committee for Examining The Humanities Convened by the President and Rector; 2017-8.

Representative of the University Senate in the University of Haifa Board of Directors; 2017-8.

Member of the Permanent Committee (Senate representative), University of Haifa; 2020-2023.

Member of the Committee for the Selection of the Rector of the University of Haifa; 2020-2021.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION (*Israel*)

Member, committee on publishing in the humanities, the Israeli Science Foundation; 2011-2012.

Member, Ad-hoc committee for evaluating publishing in the humanities, Israel Council for Higher Education, 2013-17; chair of the committee from 2015.

Member, Rothenstreich national PhD grants committee; 2018-2022.

Member, Ad-hoc international three-member committee for evaluating Philosophy in the Open University of Israel, The Open University & Israel Council for Higher Education, 2021.

Member, Ad-hoc international three-member committee for evaluating Philosophy in Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv University & Israel Council for Higher Education, 2022.

## REFeree FOR PHILOSOPHICAL PUBLICATIONS OR BODIES

### ANALYSIS

AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY

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CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY

CONSCIOUSNESS AND COGNITION

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DIALECTICA

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ERGO

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INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

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JOURNAL OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY

JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH



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LEGAL THEORY  
MEGAMOT (Hebrew)  
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MIND  
MIND AND LANGUAGE  
MONIST  
NOUS  
PACIFIC PHILOSOPHICAL QUARTERLY  
PHILOSOPHIA  
PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATIONS  
PHILOSOPHICAL FORUM  
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SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY  
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ROUTLEDGE

Member, INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ETHICS Review Board.

Referee for the CANADIAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION, THE ISRAELI PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION.

Referee for the ISRAEL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (ISF) of the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Referee for the NETHERLANDS ORGANIZATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Referee for the SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA.

Referee for the TURKU INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, Turku, Finland.

Referee for the WELLCOME TRUST (UK).