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### 1. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Doctorate of Philosophy in War Studies (Pass/Pass).

University of London, King's College (October 2006).

Thesis Title: *Dilemmas of a Conventional Army: The Israel Defence Forces during the Two Intifadas.*

Thesis committee: Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman (King's College London), Professor Caroline Kennedy-Pipe (University of Sheffield) and Professor Clive Jones (University of Leeds).

Master of Letters (Research), International Relations with Distinction.

University of Aberdeen (October 2001).

Thesis Title: *'Till death do us part?' The US-Israeli Special Relationship.*

Supervisor: Mr. James H. Wyllie.

Dissertation examiners: Dr. Magnus Ranstorp (St. Andrews University) and Dr. Alistair MacLean (University of Aberdeen).

Master of Arts (Honors) in Political Studies (First Class).

University of Aberdeen (July 2000).

Dissertation Title: *External and Internal Threats to Israeli National Security.*

Supervisor: Mr. James H. Wyllie.

### 2. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Visiting Fellowship Grant, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv (Aug. 2008), \$20,000 (declined).
- Winner, Third Annual Dissertation Award, Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (American Political Science Association), Chicago, Sept. 2007.
- Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence (Sept. 2007-Aug. 2008), € 26,400.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, E-Tutor of the Year Award, *The Times Higher*, The Higher Education Academy, The Association for Learning Technology, UK, Sept. 2006.
- School of Social Science and Public Policy PhD Studentship, King's College London (2001-2003), £ 40,800.
- Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations & Strategy Grant, Columbia University, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (2006), US\$3,500.
- Canadian Defence Academy Research Grant (2004), CDN\$3,000.

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- American Political Science Association International Scholar Travel Grant (2004), US\$700.
- War Studies Department Student Research Fund Grant, King's College London (2004), £175.
- School of Social Science and Public Policy Travel Award, King's College London (2003), £250.
- War Studies Department Student Research Fund Grant, King's College London (2003), £200.
- Department of Politics and International Relations Graduate Student Award, University of Aberdeen (2000).

### 3. ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

#### **Current position**

Sept. 2007-Aug. 2008

Max Weber Fellow, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute.

Post-Doctoral Representative on the University Academic Council.

Mentor: Professor Pascal Vennesson, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies.

#### **Previous positions**

Nov. 2004-Aug. 2007

Lecturer, Department of War Studies, King's College London.

Duties: Tutoring, lecturing, course development (e-learning program), marking assessments, BA and MA dissertation supervision and marking, BA candidate interviewing.

Sept. 2003-Jan. 2005

Teaching Assistant, Department of War Studies, King's College London.

Duties: Tutoring, mentoring, marking assessments.

### 4. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

#### **Research Interests/Areas of Expertise**

International Relations and history of Israel and the Middle East (Arab-Israeli conflict, Israeli national security, diplomacy and civil-military relations, Islamism, Persian Gulf-GCC relations, decolonisation, Inter-Arab state relations), security and strategic studies (asymmetric warfare, terrorism, military organisations), and theories of International Relations (norms and constructivism).

#### **Books**

*Israeli Counter-Insurgency and the Intifadas: Dilemmas of a Conventional Army* (Routledge, 2008).

#### **Journal Articles**

'The Security Imperative in Counterterror Operations: The Israeli Fight against Suicidal Terror', *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 17, No. 1-2 (Spring-Summer 2005), pp. 245-264.

'The Strategic Impasse in Low-Intensity Conflicts: The Gap between Israeli Counter-Insurgency Strategy and Tactics during the *Al-Aqsa Intifada*', *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (February 2005), pp. 57-75.

'Motivating Soldiers: The Example of the Israeli Defence Forces', *Parameters* (US Army War College Quarterly), Vol. 34, No. 3 (Autumn 2004), pp. 108-121.

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'Israel Defence Forces Organizational Changes in an Era of Budgetary Cutbacks', *The Royal United Services Institute Journal*, Vol. 149, No. 5 (October 2004), pp. 72-76.

### **Chapters in Edited Collections**

'Israeli Counterinsurgency', in Carter Malkasian & Daniel Marston (eds.), *Counterinsurgency in Modern Warfare* (Oxford: Osprey, April 2008): pp. 201-217.

'Leadership in Low-Intensity Conflicts: The Israeli Case Study', in Allister MacIntyre & Karen Davis (eds.), *Dimensions of Military Leadership* (Kingston, ON: Canadian Defence Academy Press, 2007), pp. 157-182.

With Eitan Shamir, 'Mission Command and *Bitsuism* in the Israeli Defence Forces: Complementary or Contradictory in Today's Counter-Insurgency Campaign?', in Allister MacIntyre & Karen Davis (eds.), *Dimensions of Military Leadership* (Kingston, ON: Canadian Defence Academy Press, 2007), pp. 185-214.

'The Israel Defence Forces' Strategic and Tactical Adaptation to "Intercommunal Warfare" and Its Effect on Troop Morale', in Christopher R. Bullock and Jean-Pierre Marchant (eds.), *Perspectives on War: New Views on Historical and Contemporary Security Issues* (Calgary, AT: Society for Military and Strategic Studies, 2003), pp. 39-57.

### **Works in progress**

Catignani, Sergio and Fathalla, Hadeya (Submitted on 31 January 2008 to *American Political Science Review*). 'Terror in the Land of the Two Holy Mosques: *Jihad* Terrorist Recruitment in Saudi Arabia'.

Catignani, Sergio (In progress - to be submitted by May 2008 to *Security Studies*). 'U.S. Army Adaptation to Low-Intensity in the Post-Cold War Era: Testing the Variable of Organisational Culture'.

Co-edited with Professor Clive Jones, *Israel and Lebanon 1976-2006: An Interstate and Asymmetric Conflict in Perspective* (Routledge, 2009).

### **Book Reviews**

Zvi Shtauber and Yiftah S. Shapir (eds.), *The Middle East Strategic Balance 2005-2006* (Sussex Academic Press/Institute for National Security Studies, 2007) in *Israel Studies Forum* (accepted for publication).

Anthony H. Cordesman and Khalid R. Al-Rodhan, *Gulf Military Forces in an Era of Asymmetric Wars*, Vols. I&II (London: Praeger, 2007) in *Journal of Strategic Studies* (under review).

Anthony H. Cordesman, *Arab-Israeli Military Forces in Era of Asymmetric Wars* (London: Praeger, 2007) in *Journal of Strategic Studies* (under review).

Ze'ev Drory, *Israel's Reprisal Policy 1953-1956: The Dynamics of Military Retaliation* (London: Frank Cass, 2005) in *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 6 (December 2005), pp. 1084-1086.

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Shlomo Gazit, *Trapped Fools: Thirty Years of Israeli Policy in the Territories* (London: Frank Cass, 2003) in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 2, (March 2004), pp. 423-425.

### **Op-Ed Articles**

The Islamic Nexus and the Future of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, *Global Strategy Forum*, February 2007, <http://www.globalstrategyforum.org/upload/upload32.pdf>.

The Israeli-Hezbollah Rocket War: A Preliminary Assessment, September 2006, *Global Strategy Forum*, <http://www.globalstrategyforum.org/upload/upload26.pdf>.

## 5. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### **Professional association**

Fellow of the British Society of Middle Eastern Studies and of the Inter-University Seminar (IUS) on Armed Forces and of the Society. Member of the Association of Israel Studies, the American Political Science Association (APSA), the International Studies Association, the British International Studies Association, the International Institute of Strategic Studies, the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies and the Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy - affiliated to ASPA.

Sept. 2007-Present

Programme Chair, Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (APSA).

Duties: Establishing working relationships and liaising with other major academic associations; deciding upon and submitting call for papers for various panels at international academic conferences (APSA, ISA, and IUS); participating in executive decisions regarding future CAMOS programmes and activities.

### **Conference/Workshop Activities**

Panel Chair, 'Counter Insurgency: Unravelling the Paradox of Asymmetry' and paper presenter, 'Post-Cold War Low-Intensity Conflicts: A Comparative Organisational Study of the U.S. and British Armies', 49<sup>th</sup> Annual International Studies Association (San Francisco, 26-29 March 2008).

Paper presenter, 'Organisational Culture and Hypocrisy: Explaining U.S. Army Adaptation to Low-Intensity Conflict in Iraq', British International Studies Association (University of Cambridge, 17-19 December 2007).

Panel organizer, 'Comparative Case Studies on Counter-Terrorism', American Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, 20 Aug. - 2 Sept. 2007).

Panel chair and discussant, 'Comparative EU Case Studies on Counter-Terrorism', 4<sup>th</sup> European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (University of Pisa, 6-8 September 2007).

Invited speaker, 'Dialogue and Confrontation between Europe and the Middle East' Workshop, National Research Council (Rome, 16 February 2007).

'Mission Command and *Bitsuism* in the Israeli Defence Forces: Are they Complementary or Contradictory in the new Counter-Insurgency Environment?' Chair of two panels, 'The Israel

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Defence Forces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century I & II', Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society Biennial Conference (Chicago, 21-23 October 2005).

'Leadership in Low-Intensity Conflicts: The Israeli Case Study', Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., March 2005).

'The Strategic Impasse in Low-Intensity Conflicts: The Gap between Israeli Counter-Insurgency Strategy and Tactics during the *Al-Aqsa Intifada*', Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society Canada Annual Conference (Toronto, 1-3 October 2004) and American Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, September 2004).

'The Security Imperative in Counterterror Operations: The Israeli Fight Against Suicidal Terror', Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence's International Conference on Terrorism & Human Rights (St. Andrews University, July 2003).

'The Israel Defence Forces' Strategic and Tactical Adaptation to "Intercommunal Warfare" and Its Effect on Troop Morale', Society for Military and Strategic Studies 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (University of Calgary, 14-15 February 2003).

### **Professional Courses**

13-21 June 2007

Workshop on University Teaching of the Arab-Israeli Conflict in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The International Center for University Teaching on Jewish Civilization, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Workshop director: Professor Efraim Inbar (Bar-Ilan University).

9-28 July 2006

Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations & Strategy. Columbia University, hosted at Cornell University. Program conveners: Professor Richard K. Betts (Columbia University) and Dr. Steven Biddle (Council of Foreign Relations).

### **Journal Activities**

Referee, *Journal of Strategic Studies*.

Referee, *Security Studies*.

### **Media Experience**

*Al Jazeera*, BBC World, CNN, CNBC, Canadian Broadcasting Channel, Sky News: interviews relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israeli civil-military relations, current war in Iraq, global war on terror, UK-based Islamism and aviation terrorism.

BBC and LBC London Radio, Italian Swiss Radio: same as above.

Bloomberg, *Pravda*, New York Newsday, Newsweek, and The Media Line: interviews for paper and/or online editions on themes mentioned above.

## 6. TEACHING, SUPERVISION AND ADMINISTRATION

### **Teaching Skills Development**

9/2003 - Introduction to Learning & Teaching in Higher Education

2-day workshop organised by King's Institute of Learning and Teaching, King's College London.

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Seminars attended: 1) Small group teaching; 2) Large group teaching; 3) Evaluating practice; 4) Presentations; 5) Setting questions and marking; 6) Discipline-based teaching; 7) Specific issues in teaching and learning.

### **Postgraduate Teaching**

*Module 8 - Regional Security: The Middle East*

Course author, convenor and E-tutor, Fall 2006-2007

This module covers the region of the Middle East from the break-up of the Ottoman Empire at the end of the First World War until the present day. All the countries of the Middle East are touched on and those of North Africa as they impinge on the region's history. The Arab-Israeli conflict is analyzed in detail, looking at how pan-Arabism, Zionism and Islamism have influenced Arab-Israeli and inter-Arab relations. The Persian/Arab Gulf region, including the Iran-Iraq war, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the subsequent efforts to contain Saddam Hussein and other 'rogue' states in the Middle East are examined. The internal as well as inter-state stability concerns that have arisen with the advent and development of Islamist terror and WMD proliferation within the Middle East are a particular focus.

*7SSWM117: The Conduct of Contemporary Warfare*

Tutor, Fall & Spring 2005-2007

Course Convenors: Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman and Professor Michael Clarke.

The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding of contemporary military operations, in the light of economic, social, technological and political changes affecting the environment in which these operations take place. Upon successfully completing the module, students will be familiar with: 1) Contemporary debates on the changing character of armed conflict, and in particular the importance of resources and identity; 2) The changing technology of warfare and the impact of the 'information age'; 3) Questions of legitimacy and the role of the media and international law; 4) Issues of casualty intolerance and asymmetry.

*Module: History of Contemporary Warfare 1945-1991*

E-tutor, Fall & Spring 2005-2007.

Course convenor: Dr. David Betz.

This module covers the development of conflict and diplomacy from 1945 to 1991 - from World War II until the end of the Cold War. It covers the origins of the Cold War in Europe and in Asia, the arms race and nuclear deterrence, the Berlin and Cuba crises and the Vietnam War. It also examines relationships between the Soviet Union and China and between the Soviet Union and its satellites, the impact of the Cold War on the Third World, and non-Cold War conflicts between India and Pakistan, Israel and the Arab world, and Britain and Argentina. It concludes by examining different viewpoints on the end of the Cold War.

### **Undergraduate Teaching**

*4SSW 2019: Art of War Studies*

Tutor, Fall 2003-2005

Course convenors: Dr. David Betz and Dr. Jan Willem Honig.

The course aims at enabling students to be aware of the range of academic disciplines that may be brought to the study of war and at understanding the multi-disciplinary nature of War Studies as a practical, philosophical and methodological issue. It helps students explore

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*SW1004: Contemporary Security Issues*  
Tutor, Spring 2004

Course convenor: Professor Mats Berdal.

The course aims to provide students with a theoretical framework within which to consider the changing problem of security in the twenty first century. It examines the security issues that have come to prominence in the post-Cold War period against the backdrop of the major traditions of thought within International Relations (IR) as an academic discipline (e.g., Realism, Liberalism, Critical Theory, Constructivism).

### **Service Personnel Teaching**

I teach once a year on the Tri-Service Short Course Programme on Middle East history and security issues for members of the British armed forces (St. Andrews University, 2005-Present).

### **Dissertation Supervision**

I have supervised and marked both BA and MA dissertations on a range of topics in international history and security (e.g., Middle East Security, Islamist terrorism, and low-intensity conflicts): 5-8 BA dissertations and 5 MA dissertations per academic year (2005-07).

### **Course Development**

Online course development of the Middle East Security Module and parts of the Strategy Module for the e-learning MA War in the Modern World programme.

### **Administration**

Post-Doctoral Representative on the Academic Council, European University Institute (2007-2008).  
Duties: liaising between Academic Council and post-doctoral fellows, representing post-doctoral fellows' suggestions, grievances and requests.

BA candidate interviews (2005-06), Department of War Studies, King's College London.

## 7. LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS

### **Languages**

English (mother tongue), Italian (fluent), Portuguese (fluent), Spanish (basic), Hebrew (basic).

### **IT**

Excellent knowledge of all Microsoft Office software packages, Macromedia Contribute web content software package, WebCT and Blackboard online content delivery systems, and research databases (e.g., Athens, JStor, Project Muse, Lancaster Index, etc.)

## 8. REFEREES

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*Samples of written work and references available upon request.*