

Ilit Ferber | Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020–present Associate Prof., Philosophy Department, Tel-Aviv University
2010–2020 Assistant Prof., Philosophy Department, Tel-Aviv University (tenured 2015)

EDUCATION

- 2005–2006 Princeton University, German dept. (Guest scholar)
2004–2005 Princeton University, German dept. (visiting research collaborator)
2003–2008 Tel-Aviv University, Philosophy dept. (Ph.D. *Summa Cum Laude*)
2000–2002 Tel Aviv University, Philosophy dept. (M.A. *Summa Cum Laude*)
1998–2002 Tel Aviv University, Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students

AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2023–2026 “The Irreversible: Resentment and Forgiveness,” Israeli Science Foundation 3-year grant
2020 Kadar Family Award for outstanding research
2019–2023 “Jean Amery: A Philosophy of Time,” Israeli Science Foundation 4-year grant
2021 “The Language of Space and the Space of Language: Between 1900 and 1930,” joint project with Northwestern University. Funded by Northwestern University
2018 “The Language of Love and Loss” funded by Tel Aviv University- Goethe Universität Frankfurt research workshops fund
2017 “Lament and Revenge: On the Violence of Language,” funded by Goethe Universität, Minerva Institute for German History Tel-Aviv and Freunde und Förderer der Goethe-Universität
2016–2018 “Writing and violence: From the Violence of Language to the Promises of Writing (philosophy, literature, politics),” CONICYT joint research project: TAU and Diego Portales University, Santiago Chile (Co-Director)
2015 Dean best teaching award
2014–2015 “Suffering, Ecstasy and Reason: Modalities and Images,” research grant TAU and Monash University (Co-Director)
2013 Center for Culture and Literature Research (ZFL), Berlin (Visiting scholar)

2011–2013	“Sprachdenken und politische Theorie. Jüdisch deutsche Beiträge vom 18. bis 20. Jahrhundert,” DFG 3-year research grant (Co-Director)
2010	University of Chicago (Visiting scholar)
2009	Center for Culture and Literature Research (ZFL), Berlin (Visiting scholar)
2008–2010	Yad-Hanadiv (Rothschild) (Post-Doc. Fellowship)
2007–2008	Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Center, Jerusalem (Post-Doc. Fellowship)
2007–2008	Leo Baeck Institute (Jerusalem) Prize
2006–2007	Dan-David Prize
2004–2005	Princeton University (Fulbright Fellow)
2003–2006	The Colton Foundation (three-year Ph.D. Scholarship)
2002–2003	Tel Aviv University, President-Rector Scholarship for Ph.D.
2001–2002	Tel Aviv University, Humanities Scholarship for academic achievements
2001	Wolf Foundation grant for academic achievements
1998–2002	Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, 4-year Scholarship

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

2023-present	<i>Responsible A.I. Research Center</i> (Tel-Aviv University), Academic committee
2023-present	<i>Martin Buber Society of Fellows</i> , Academic committee
2022-present	<i>New Benjamin Studies</i> , co-editor (refereed journal), published by Brill
2022-present	<i>Dan David Society of Fellows</i> , Advisory Board member
2021-present	<i>Healthy Longevity Research Center</i> , Tel-Aviv University, Academic committee
2021-present	<i>Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy</i> (refereed journal), editorial board member
2021-present	<i>Iyun</i> (refereed journal), editorial board member
2017-present	<i>Interpretation and Culture</i> (book series, Carmel Press [Hebrew]), scientific committee member
2015-present	<i>International Walter Benjamin Society</i> , executive board member
2013-present	<i>Philosophical Projections</i> (book series, Rowman & Littlefield Press), editorial board member
2013-present	<i>Walter Benjamin Studies series</i> (Continuum-Bloomsbury Press), editorial Board member

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING (seminars taught abroad, or in cooperation with universities abroad)

- 2024 "Thinking and Dreaming," cooperation with Goethe University, Frankfurt (co-taught with Prof. J. Kasper)
- 2023 "Language, Trauma, Expression: German-Jewish Thought After World War II 1945-1975," cooperation with Goethe University, Frankfurt (co-taught with Prof. J. Kasper and Dr. C. Sauter)
- 2022 "Language and Trauma in German-Jewish Thought 1895-1945," cooperation with Goethe University, Frankfurt (co-taught with Prof. J. Kasper and Dr. C. Sauter)
- 2022 "Acoustics and Lament in Jewish Thought" (two-day seminar), MALAGOLA, Ravenna, Italy
- 2020 "Walter Benjamin and the Five Senses" (block seminar), Goethe University, Frankfurt [visiting lecturer]
- 2014 "On the Relationship Between Language and Pain" (block seminar), Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile [visiting lecturer]

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2023 *Theories of Technology and Concepts of Experience Around the Work of Walter Benjamin*, Northwestern University (Co-Organizer)
- 2023 International Walter Benjamin Society meeting, Warsaw, Panel Organizer
- 2023 Silence And/In The Public Sphere, International Workshop, Goethe University (Normative Orders Project), Frankfurt (Co-Organizer)
- 2021 Isolation, international workshop (Co-Organizer)
- 2018 Love and Loss, Goethe University, Frankfurt (Co-Organizer)
- 2017 Violence and Silence, Tel-Aviv University (Co-Organizer)
- 2017 Lament and Revenge: On the Violence of Language, Goethe University, Frankfurt (Co-Organizer)
- 2016 "Disruptions," International workshop, Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin (Co-Organizer)
- 2016 "'The Time is out of Joint': Melancholy as Poetics" Conference, Ben-Gurion University in the Negev (Co-Organizer)
- 2015 "Passion/Affect on the edge: Suffering, Ecstasy and/beyond the Limits of Representations," Tel-Aviv University (Co-Organizer), international workshop
- 2015 Space and Violence in Philosophy and Literature, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw (Co-Organizer), international workshop

- 2015 International Walter Benjamin Society meeting, Tel-Aviv University and Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Co-Organizer), international conference
- 2014 Violence and Literature, Tel-Aviv University, international workshop
- 2013 Intersections between the philosophy of language and political philosophy in German-Jewish thought, Tel-Aviv University and Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem (Co-Organizer), international conference
- 2013 Mourning and Silence: On the Translation of Laments and Dirges, Between Scholem and Rosenzweig, Tel-Aviv University (Co-Organizer)
- 2007 Philosophy's Moods, Tel Aviv University (Co-Organizer), international conference

TALKS (SELECTION)

- 2023 "On Time and the Fissured-I: Old Age and the Problem of Identity," *Silence and/in the Public Sphere*, Normative Orders Project, Goethe University, Frankfurt
- 2023 "Améry's time and the end of life," Sarah Lawrence College, NY
- 2023 "Benjamin and Acoustics," *Theories of Technology and Concepts of Experience Around the Work of Walter Benjamin*, Northwestern University
- 2023 "On Being Nailed to One's Past: Jean Améry and the Time of Resentment," *Metaphors in Political Philosophy Project*, University of Innsbruck
- 2023 "On Pain and Empathy", DIGNITY Center, Copenhagen
- 2023 "The Weight of Time: Améry on Aging, Regret and Irreversibility," Center for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen
- 2023 "On Lament and Revenge: A Tale of Two Sisters," Psychotherapy Program, Tel-Aviv University
- 2023 "Jean Améry on Resentment, Forgiveness and the Future," Dan-David Fellows Program Colloquium, Tel-Aviv University
- 2022 "Jean Améry on Resentment and Responsibility," Philosophy Department, University of Haifa
- 2022 "Améry and Jankélévitch on the Crisis of Jewish Identity," *The Moment of Crisis and Jewish Thought: Interpretation, Messianism and Heresy*, International Conference, University of Haifa
- 2022 Invited Talk: "Jean Améry and Skepticism," *Maimonides Center for Advanced Studies*, University of Hamburg
- 2022 Invited Talk: "Jean Améry on Resentment and Forgiveness," University of Hamburg

- 2022 Invited Talk: "Jean Améry on Old age, Suicide and the end of Life"
- 2021 Invited Talk: "Herder on Language, Attention and Hearing," Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 2021 Invited Talk: Tel-Chai College
- 2021 "On the (Im)possibility of Listening to Oneself," *Isolation* (online international workshop)
- 2021 Invited Talk: "On Uncertainty and Acknowledgement," Polish Academy of Sciences
- 2021 Invited Talk: "Jean Améry and the Impossibility of Forgiveness", Lafayette College, Pennsylvania
- 2021 Invited talk: Holocaust Remembrance Day public lecture: Lafayette College, Pennsylvania
- 2021 Invited talk: "Walter Benjamin and the Five Senses", College of William and Mary, Virginia
- 2020 Invited talk: *Language Pangs: On Pain and Acknowledgement* (book presentation), French and Italian department, Emory University
- 2020 Invited talk: *Language Pangs: On Herder and the Sense of Hearing* (book presentation), German department, Brown University
- 2020 "Language Pangs," *Denkbar* Goethe Universität, Frankfurt
- 2020 " "In Voice Land": Walter Benjamin's Radio work for Children," *Sound-Knowledge*, Goethe Universität, Frankfurt
- 2019 "The Inner Word of the Soul: Herder on Language and Translation," *Critique, Commentary, Translation*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2019 Invited Talk: ""Herder's reading of Sophocles: On Pain, Language and Sympathy," University of Utrecht
- 2019 "Mother Tongue: Lamentation and Expression," *European Association for Israel Studies*, Charles University, Prague
- 2019 Keynote speaker: "Walter Benjamin Radio-Plays," *Forces of Education: Benjamin and the Possibility of a Global Pedagogy*, Walter Benjamin Archiv und Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin
- 2019 "Benjamin and Barthes: Love and Loss," *Loss and Love*, Goethe University, Frankfurt
- 2019 "Herder on language and the Importance of Hearing," Franz Rosenzweig Minerva research center, Hebrew University

- 2018 "Herder on Language: The Sheep and The Ear," *Human Voice – Animal Voice*, Tel-Aviv
- 2018 "On Aging: Jean Améry on Time," Tel-Chai College
- 2018 "On Lament and Revenge," *Lament, Reading and Therapy*, department of religious studies, Oriel college, Oxford University
- 2018 Keynote speaker: "On Pain and the Problem of Sympathy: Herder and Sophocles," *(Anti-) Idealism & (Anti-) Classicism: Workshop Literature and Philosophy*, University College Cork
- 2018 "A Language of Pain: Herder and the Origin of Language," *Violence INC.*, University of Chicago
- 2018 Walter Benjamin: Seminar on my *Philosophy and Melancholy: Walter Benjamin's Early Writings on Theater and Language*
- 2017 A Tribute to Werner Hamacher, International Walter Benjamin Society Annual Meeting, Oxford University
- 2017 Keynote speaker: "Jean Améry on Violence and Language," *The Critiques of Violence*, Institute of Philosophy, University of Leuven
- 2017 "Pain's Echo: Lament and Revenge," *Lament and Revenge: The Violence of Language*, Goethe University, Frankfurt
- 2016 "Hearing is the Organ of Language: Herder," *German Desires*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2016 "The First Blow": Jean Améry on the Experience of Pain," *Ethics of Pain: Secular and Religious Suffering*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2016 "A World Disrupted: Jean Améry on Torture," *Thinking and Writing – Disruption*, Berlin
- 2016 "Sense and Hearing in Herder's Theory of Language," *Imagination and Affectivity*, University of Pisa
- 2016 "Violence as Yardstick: The Case of Jean Améry," *Violence*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2015 "Pain and its Representation in Sophocles' Philoctetes," *Figures of Affect: Suffering, Consolation and Care*, Monash University, Melbourne
- 2015 "Moral Imagination in Sophocles' Philoctetes," *Moral Imagination: An International Symposium*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2015 "Language Failing: The Reach of Lament," ICI, Berlin
- 2014 "Wandering About Language," *Werner Hamacher: Gesture, Performativity, Language*, Royal College of Arts, London
- 2014 "Rosenzweig on the Homelessness of Language," *Dialogical Textures*, Workshop, Tel-Aviv

- 2014 "The Problem of Compassion in Sophocles' Philoctetes," *Compassion as a philosophical and religious concept*, University of Oslo
- 2014 "On Pain, Language and Healing in Benjamin's Berlin Childhood," *Israeli Philosophical Association annual conference*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2013 "Memory, Pain and Storytelling," International Walter Benjamin Society Annual Meeting, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 2013 "Walter Benjamin: Pain and Storytelling," University of Wuppertal
- 2013 "Love, Pain, and Storytelling in Benjamin's Berliner Kindheit," *Allegorien des Liebens*, Gutenberg University, Mainz
- 2013 "Sadness and Photography: Barthes and Benjamin," *Exposures: Phenomenology and Photography*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2013 "On Language and Instability: Scholem and Bialik," *On the Intersection between Philosophy and Language and Political Theory*, Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 2013 "Scholem on lament as an un-answerable question," *Klage/ Eicha: Lament in Modern Jewish Thought*, Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp
- 2012 "Sickness: A Childhood Memory," *Memory: Between Experience and Meaning, Philosophy and Psychotherapy*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2012 "Rousseau and the pain of linguistic expression," *What does suffering mean?*, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
- 2012 "Lament and Linguistic Violence: Benjamin and Scholem," *Religion, Violence, Language*, Institute of Advanced Study, India
- 2011 "Lament and the Theory of Language: Benjamin and Scholem," *International Walter Benjamin Society Conference*, Princeton University
- 2011 "Freud On Beauty, Nature and War," *Naked Skin and the Evolution of Visual Arts*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2011 "A Language of the Border: Scholem on Lament," *Rhetorics of Religion*, Princeton University
- 2010 "Revelation and Silence in Scholem's Diaries," *German-Jewish Contribution to modern linguistic and cultural theory (II)*, Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 2010 "Pain as an origin of language," invited lecture, Literature dept. lecture series, University of East Anglia
- 2009 "Aphasia and Lost Pain", *Freud and his Early References*, Center for Literary and Cultural Research, Berlin
- 2008 "Language and Affectivity: Freud on Aphasia", *German-Jewish Contribution to modern linguistic and cultural theory (I)*, Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem
- 2008 "World War One: Experience and Silence in Freud and Benjamin", *Philosophy and Literature*, University of Sussex

- 2008 "Pain and the Origin of Language: the case of Herder", Israeli Forum for the Study of Emotions, University of Haifa
- 2008 "Herder and Benjamin: Pain and the Origin of Language", Ben-Gurion University
- 2007 "Leibniz's Monad: Melancholy and Harmony", Philosophy's Moods, Tel Aviv University
- 2006 "Ghosts and Figures of the Un-dead in Benjamin's Trauerspiel book", *ACLA Annual Conference*, Princeton University
- 2005 "Melancholy turns to Sorrow", *Discourses of melancholy*, Université de Provence
- 2004 "Interruptions: Brecht and Benjamin", *Brecht: Life and Work*, Tel Aviv University
- 2003 "A Footnote to Kant", *New Voices*, Tel Aviv University