

Dr. ILIT FERBER
Short Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015–present Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Tel-Aviv University
- 2011-2014 Senior Lecturer, Philosophy Department, Tel Aviv University

EDUCATION

- 2008–2010 Yad-Hanadiv (Rothschild) (Post-Doc. Fellowship)
- 2007–2008 Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Center, Jerusalem (Post-Doc. Fellowship)
- 2003–2008 Ph.D. Philosophy *Summa Cum Laude*, Tel-Aviv University
- 2000–2002 M.A. Philosophy *Summa Cum Laude*, Tel Aviv University
- 1998–2002 B.A. Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University

AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019-2021 “Jean Amery: A Philosophy of Time”
— Israel Science Foundation 3-year Research Grant
- 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 University, 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)”
— Funded CONICYT joint research project: TAU and Diego Portales University, Santiago Chile (Co-Director)
- 2015 Dean best teaching award
- 2014 Inclusion in Tel-Aviv University’s ‘hundred best teachers’ list
- 2014–2015 “Suffering, Ecstasy and Reason: Modalities and Images”
— Funded by TAU and Monash University research grant (Co-Director)

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| 2013 | Center for Culture and Literature Research (ZFL), Berlin (visiting scholar) |
| 2011 | Inclusion in Tel-Aviv University's 'hundred best teachers' list |
| 2011–2013 | “Sprachdenken und politische Theorie. Jüdisch deutsche Beiträge vom 18. bis 20. Jahrhundert” — Funded by DFG (Co-Director) |
| 2010 | University of Chicago (Visiting scholar) |
| 2009 | Center for Culture and Literature Research (ZFL), Berlin (visiting scholar) |
| 2007–2008 | Leo Baeck Institute (Jerusalem) prize |
| 2006–2007 | Dan-David Scholars prize |
| 2004–2005 | Fulbright Fellow at Princeton University |
| 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 |

SEMINARS TAUGHT OUTSIDE OF TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

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| 2020 | “Walter Benjamin and the Five Senses” (block seminar), Goethe University, Frankfurt |
| 2014 | “On the Relationship Between Language and Pain” (block seminar), Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile |

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

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| 2017-present | Interpretation and Culture, book series (Carmel Press) (in Hebrew], Scientific Committee |
| 2015-present | International Walter Benjamin Society, Executive Board member |
| 2013-present | Philosophical Projections book series (Rowman & Littlefield Press), Editorial Board member |

2013-present Walter Benjamin Studies series (Continuum-Bloomsbury Press), Editorial Board member

ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 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”
—Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin (Co-Organizer)
- 2016 ““The Time is out of Joint”: Melancholy as Poetics”
—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)
- 2015 “Space and Violence in Philosophy and Literature”
— Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw (Co-Organizer)
- 2015 International Walter Benjamin Society meeting
— Tel-Aviv University and Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Co-Organizer)
- 2014 “Violence and Literature”
— Tel-Aviv University
- 2013 “Intersections between the philosophy of language and political philosophy in German-Jewish thought”
— Tel-Aviv University and Van-Leer Institute, Jerusalem (Co-Organizer)
- 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)

PRESENTATION IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (SELECTION)

- 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”
Utrecht University
- 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,
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 Lament and Revenge”
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*
Northwestern University
- 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, 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
- 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
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