

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Short bio:

Rachel Levi Herz is a doctoral candidate at the Gender Studies Program, Bar Ilan university. She is a project manager and a lecturer in Tel Aviv university (the Unit of Social Involvement) and she specializes in education for gender equality, social activism, adolescence and early adulthood, sexuality, agency and subjectivity of young women. She is a member of the steering committee of the National Young Women Parliament and education committees for gender equality in several municipalities and organizations in Israel. Her research, under the supervision of Dr. Miriam Rozmarin, focuses on sexual subjectivity and sexual agency of young women in vulnerable social spaces. This research uses vulnerability as an analytic term to enable a deeper understanding of gender and social power relations.

Education:

2016-current Bar-Ilan University

PhD candidate (Summa cum laude) The Gender Studies Program.

Thesis title: *'Subjectivity and Agency of young women in spaces of Sexual Vulnerability'*. Supervisor: Dr. Miriam Rozmarin

2017 Training of **the Department of State, USA**, in *'Education and Activism of young women'*, Washington DC, Seattle (Washington State), Pensacola (Florida State), Minneapolis (Minnesota State).

2001-2003 Tel Aviv University

M.A (Summa cum laude) Cohen Institute for Philosophy and History of Sciences and Ideas. Thesis title: *'A Critical Analysis of the Feminist Perspectives towards Technologies of Reproduction'*. Supervisor: Prof. Eva Jablonka.

1997-1999 Tel Aviv University

B. Sc. (Summa cum laude), Life Sciences, accelerated course for researchers (Genetic Engineering and Neuro-Biochemistry).

Professional experience:

2018-current Project manager and lecturer at the social involvement department in the Dean Students, Tel Aviv University, course title: *'Social activism and citizen involvement'*. Working with 10 different social NGOs annually.

2018-2020 participating in *'Hahamama': Key Concepts in Feminist Theory'*, The Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel.

2019 - current Research assistant, *'Legitimizations of military violence'*, Prof Orna Sasson – Levy, Prof Edna Lumsky-Feder, Prof Yagil Levy.

2019-2020 Professional manager, the Rotem Center, Sapir Academic College. Professional management of: (a) the unit for research and training; (b) the unit for field praxis. The Rotem Center leads research and praxis for and with young marginalized Bedouin and Jewish women in the southern periphery of Israel.

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2007 – 2019 Head manager for the Jewish sector and a member of the steering committee and supervisor of the National Young Women Parliament (for Arab and Jewish participants), Shin organization (for gender and social equality). Within the framework of this position: attendance at the Committee for the Advancement of Women (in the Knesset), writing position papers, development of programs and seminars for Jewish and Arab young women and training programs.

2006- 2019 Head manager and a member of the steering committees for education for gender equality of different municipalities in Israel. Within the framework of this position: syllabus development, project development, training, director and organiser of panels and seminars (also on-line), working with a wide variety of populations including marginalised young women.

2011- 2015 Leading groups of youth at risk under the auspices of the Authority for War on Drugs and Alcohol to Ethiopian and ex- USSR populations within the framework of Social Services and community centres.

2003- 2007 Personal educator and teacher for pluralistic education, Meytarim high school, Ra'anana, Israel. Two years of this period was deputy head of the school.

2000-2002 Teacher for Life Sciences and Mathematics in the Alexander Muss High School in Israel for American students. Teaching in English for American final school exams.

Publications:

Levi-Herz, Rachel, "Don't be a slut – but also not a virgin: the social judgment of the sexuality of adolescent and young women in vulnerable spaces of 'Attacking'", Gender, Vol. 7, <https://www.migdarjournal.com/blank-7>.

Presentations:

2021, May *'Neo-liberal spaces of Attacking - Sexual Subjectivity and Agency of young women'*, University of Mainz, Germany.

2019, March *"Creative strategies and Sexual subjectivity of young women in spaces of Attacking"*, The annual conference of gender Studies Program, Bar Ilan University.

2019, January *'Sexual Subjectivity of young women in spaces of Attacking – the case of Relational Agency'*, The 50th conference of the Israeli Sociological Society, session title: 'Violence and Ethno – Nationalism after the MeToo movement'.

Honors and Grants for PhD candidates:

2018 President's scholarship for excellency, 3000 NIS.

2018 Scholarship for excellency, The Gender Studies Program, Bar Ilan University, 2000 NIS.

2019 President's scholarship for excellency, 7000 NIS.

2019 Fanya Gutesfeld Heler Institute - scholarship for excellency, 5000 NIS.

2020 President's scholarship for excellence, 6000 NIS.

2020 Gender studies, Bar Ilan - scholarship for excellence, 5000 NIS.

2020 President's scholarship for publication, 3000 NIS.