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Higher Education

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow (2018-2020)	Department of Geography The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem, Israel) Host: Prof. Gillad Rosen
Golda Meir Postdoctoral Fellow (2017-2018)	Department of Geography The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem, Israel) Host: Prof. Gillad Rosen
Ph.D. 2013– 2018	School of Urban Planning, McGill University (Montreal, QC, Canada) Supervisor: Prof. Raphaël Fischler Research areas: Urban redevelopment, waterfront regeneration, social justice Dissertation Title: Planning a Just City: Examining waterfront redevelopment projects from a social justice perspective."
M.A. 2009 – 2011	Urban Planning, Department of Geography and Environmental Development Department, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel) Supervisor: Prof. Oren Yiftachel Thesis Title: Gray Spaces and Urban Citizenship in Multi-Ethnic Cities, the Case Studies of Tel-Aviv-Jaffa (Israel) and Colombo (Sri Lanka)
B.A. 2006-2009 <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Department of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel)

Academic appointments

01/07/2020	Lecturer, Department of Geography The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem, Israel)
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Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Greenberg Raanan M. and **Avni, N.** 2020. "(Ad)ressing Belonging in a Contested Space: Embodied spatial practices of Palestinian and Jewish women in Jerusalem." *Political Geography* 76
2. Rosen, G. and **Avni, N.** 2019. "Negotiating urban redevelopment: Exploring the neighbourhood council planning model." *Journal of Planning Education and Research*

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3. **Avni, N.** and Teshner, N. 2019 "Urban waterfronts: Contemporary Streams of Planning Conflicts." *Journal of Planning Literature*, Vol. 34(4)
4. **Avni, N.**, and Fischler, R. 2019. "Social and Environmental Justice in Waterfront Redevelopment: The Anacostia River, Washington, D.C." *Urban Affairs Review*
5. **Avni, N.** 2019. "Bridging equity? Washington, D.C.'s new elevated park as a test case for just planning". *Urban Geography*, 40 (4), 488-505
6. Blander, A., Moser, S., and **Avni, N.** 2018. "Religio-nationalism and 'soft boundaries': Urban gating in West Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. *Geoforum*, 96, 227-235
7. **Avni, N.** & Alfasi, N. 2018. "UniverCity: The Vicious Cycle of Studentification in a Peripheral City." *City & Community*
8. **Avni, N.** 2017. "'So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish?' Examining the Built and Cultural Heritage of the Jaffa Port Redevelopment". *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, 23 (8), 679-694
9. **Avni, N.** Alfasi, N., and Bornstein, L. 2016. "City profile: Beersheba." *Cities*, 53, 18-29

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (Hebrew)

10. Yiftachel, O., and **Avni, N.** 2019. 'Privati-nation' – Privatization, Nationalization, Housing and Social Disparities. *Planning: Journal of the Israeli Planning Association*, 16(1).
11. **Avni, N.** 2012. "Housing in Beersheba: Reserves, Trends and recommendations." *Planning: Journal of the Israeli Planning Association*, 3, 54-66.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

12. **Avni, N.** 2019. "The Jaffa Port-A case example of just tourism?" In *Tourism and Justice*, ed. T. Jamal. Routledge.
13. **Avni, N.**, Margalit, T., and Alfasi, N. (Forthcoming). "Tel-Aviv-Jaffa": New Trends, Old Divisions." In *Research Handbook on Asian Cities*, eds. C. Xiangming, S. Moser and K. Ratoola. Edward Elgar Publishing, United Kingdom.
14. **Avni, N.** and Yiftachel, O. (2014). "The New Divided City? Planning and 'Gray Space' between global north-west and south-east". In *A Routledge Handbook on Cities of the Global South*, eds. S. Parnell and S. Oldfield, 487-505. London: Routledge.

Doctoral Dissertation

15. **Avni, N.** 2018. Planning a Just City: Examining waterfront redevelopment projects from a social justice perspective. School of Urban Planning, McGill University, Montreal

Monographs

16. Alfasi, N., **Avni, N.**, Yageni, E. et al., 2012. "UniverCity in Beersheba: Spatial Relations between the City and its Students." Negev Center for Regional Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: Beersheba (Hebrew).

Professional Reports

17. **Avni, N.** 2019. "Thematic Group: Infrastructure." *Building Visions for the Future of Jerusalem: A Bottom-Up Approach*. Leonard Davis Institute and Israel-Palestine: Creative Regional Initiatives (IPCRI), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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18. Ben David, I., and **Avni, N.** 2013. "Israel's Planning & Building Threats to Open Spaces," Report No.6. Tel-Aviv: The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.
19. Ben David, I. **Avni, N.**, Benari-Cohen, S., Zilberstein, Y., Margalio, D., & Koren-Reisner, I. 2013. "Land, City, Nature, Community: Advancing Sustainable Urbanism in Israel." The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel's Urban Communities' Vision Towards the 2013 Municipal Elections in Israel.
20. Avni, N. 2012. "Residential Land Reserves Survey Beersheba: Trends and Recommended Guidelines for Action." The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Other Works and Publications

Online articles

1. **Avni, N.** 2019. The Global South. *Street Language*
<https://www.stlanguage.com/%d7%94%d7%93%d7%a8%d7%95%d7%9d-%d7%94%d7%92%d7%9c%d7%95%d7%91%d7%9c%d7%99/> (Hebrew)
2. **Avni, N.** 2017. Developing the city, preserving the neighbourhood. *Street Language*
<https://www.stlanguage.com/%d7%9c%d7%a4%d7%aa%d7%97-%d7%90%d7%aa-%d7%94%d7%a2%d7%99%d7%a8-%d7%9c%d7%a9%d7%9e%d7%95%d7%a8-%d7%a2%d7%9c-%d7%94%d7%a9%d7%9b%d7%95%d7%a0%d7%94/> (Hebrew)
3. **Avni, N.** 2016. Planning in a foreign city. *Street Language*
<https://www.stlanguage.com/%d7%aa%d7%9b%d7%a0%d7%95%d7%9f-%d7%91%d7%a2%d7%99%d7%a8-%d7%96%d7%a8%d7%94/> (Hebrew)
4. **Avni, N.** 2015. Cold, warm, hot: Montreal successfully navigates winter and summer. *Xnet*
<https://xnet.ynet.co.il/design/articles/0,14563,L-3109630,00.html> (Hebrew)
5. Avni, N. 2015. Restaurant Day. *Xnet* <https://xnet.ynet.co.il/articles/0,7340,L-4734620,00.html> (Hebrew)

Professional Experience

2013 - 2015	Research assistant , School of Urban Planning, McGill University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Urban megaprojects": Prof. Lisa Bornstein.• "Local policy in a global world: cultural policy in Tel Aviv and Montreal from an international perspective."
2011-2013	Urban Planner , The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI): Led urban environmental projects; interfaced with senior-level municipal officials, NGOs and the public; published reports and, served on planning committees and boards (Beersheba, Israel)
2008-2011	Research Assistant , Department of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev: Collected data, reviewed and edited research and academic reports, cooperated with local NGOs and municipalities (Beersheba, Israel) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "An alternative master plan for the recognition of unrecognized Bedouin villages in the Negev." The Council for Unrecognized Bedouin villages, Bimkom—planners for planning rights and Sidreh—Arab Women NGO. Prof. Yiftachel (director).• "'Gray Urbanization': Informalities and the Israeli Space." Prof. Yiftachel and Prof. Tzefadia (directors). (Beersheba, Israel).

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Research Assistant. Negev Center for Regional Development
Managed data collection and edited a professional publication:

- “A statistical factbook on the Bedouins of the Negev.” The Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development and The Negev Center for Regional Development, Mr. Roy Nuriel (director), (Beersheba, Israel).

Selected Conference Presentations

1. Avni, N. 2020. “Cities & Nationalism Symposium 2.0 -Comparing Conflicts across Geopolitical Fault-lines.” July 1-4, Dnipro, Ukraine (postponed due to COVID-19).
2. Avni, N. 2020. “Walking a fine line: Urban citizenship and the contested role of Community Councils in East Jerusalem.” *Urban Affairs Association Conference*, April 2-4, Washington, D.C. USA (canceled due to COVID-19).
3. Avni, N. 2019. “Findings from Thematic Team: Infrastructure.” *In Between: Visions from Contested Cities*, 20-21 November, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
4. Avni, N. 2019. “Between the national and the urban: The Complex Role of Neighbourhood Councils in East Jerusalem” (panelist and co-convener of Cities against Nationalism? Panel). *At the frontiers of the urban: thinking concepts and practices globally*, 10-12 November, UCL, London, UK.
5. Avni, N. 2019. “Walking a fine line: Urban citizenship and the contested role of neighbourhood councils in East Jerusalem” (co-convener and chair of the stream Civic Engagement in Contested Spaces). *RC21: In and Beyond the City*, 8-21 September, New Delhi, India.
6. Avni, N. 2019. “Between the national and the urban: The double-edged sword of Neighbourhood Councils in East Jerusalem.” *International Symposium: Cities Against Nationalism?* 18 June, University of Kent, UK.
7. Avni, N. 2019. “Creative infrastructures in a contested city: the challenges of high-tech entrepreneurship in East Jerusalem.” *Israel Anthropological Society Association Annual Conference*, 26-27 May, Beersheba, Israel.
8. Avni, N., and Gorgy, G. 2019. “En(gendering) space: Examining women’s activism in East Jerusalem.” *The International Conference for Critical Geography*, 19-23 April, Athens, Greece.
9. Avni, N. 2019. “Contesting Boundaries in the Divided City: East-Jerusalemite Women as Agents of Change.” *Borders, Walls, and Other Possibilities: Theorizing Gender in Conflicted Spaces*, The Sophie Davis Forum on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peace, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 18-20, Jerusalem, Israel.
10. Avni, N. 2018. “Can conflict Resolution Studies Benefit Urban Planning Practices: Preliminary Directions Based on Jaffa Port Redevelopment Case Study.” *First International Conference: Innovations in Conflict Resolution and Mediation (ICRM)*, 07-09 November, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
11. Avni, N. 2018. “Towards a Just City? Urban geography in the current era” (Co-chair). *The Israeli Geographical Association Annual Meeting*, 10-11 December, Bar-Ilan, Israel.
12. Avni, N. 2018. “A view from the (equitable) bridge: Public space and urban justice in Washington, D.C’s 11th Street Bridge Park”, *The urbanization of (in)justice: Public spaces in uncertain geographies. Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP)’s Thematic Group Public Spaces and Urban Cultures annual meeting*, 16-18 May, Nicosia, Cyprus.
13. Avni, N. 2017. “The Just City: An exploration of emerging research on achieving justice in the city, with Professor Susan Fainstein” (Discussant). *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, 5-9 April, Boston, US.

14. Avni, N. 2017. "'Transform. Connect. Engage': the 11th Street Bridge Park in Washington DC as a Model for Community Benefits?" American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, 5-9 April, Boston, US.
 15. Avni, A. 2016. Urbanism, Planning and Muslim Societies (Session Chair). 21 December, Beersheba, Israel.
 16. Avni, N. 2016. "Just heritage? Examining the Redevelopment of Jaffa's Port (Israel) From a Social Justice Perspective". *Association of Critical Heritage Studies Third Biennial Conference*, 3-8 June, Montreal, Canada.
 17. Avni, N. 2016. "The right to the Waterfront: An International Comparison of Social Justice Aspects in Waterfront Redevelopment Policies". *Israel Planners Association*, 18-19 February, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
 18. Avni, N. 2014. "Sustainability contested- the tensions between global trends, resident choices and local politics: a case study of Beersheba, Israel." *City Futures III*, 18-20 June. Paris, France.
 19. Yiftachel, O., and Avni, N. 2013. "Informality and the Transformation of Urban Regimes: Gray Spacing in Colombo and Tel-Aviv." *Rethinking the Urban*, Istanbul University, 4-6 November, Istanbul, Turkey.
 20. Avni, N. 2013. The Development of Beersheba and its effects on the urban life quality. *Israel Planners Association Annual Conference*, 21-24 February, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
 21. Avni, N. 2012. "Beersheba with borders: residential land reserves and open spaces." *Israeli Geographical Association*, 9-12 December, Beersheba, Israel.
 22. Avni, N. 2012. "Environmental Aspects of Locating a Second International Airport in Israel." Israel Planners Association Annual Conference, 25-26 February, Haifa, Israel.
 23. Avni, N. 2012. "Residential Land Reserves Survey in the City of Beersheba: Trends and Recommended Guidelines for Action." The Society for the Protection of Nature public conference, 26 June, Beersheba, Israel.
 24. Avni, N., 2011. "Presentation of the National Master plan# 38 (reinforcing residential construction for earthquakes)". The Society for the Protection of Nature public conference, 27 November, Beersheba, Israel.
 25. Avni, N., Alfasi, N., et al. 2011. "Studentification in Beersheba: understanding social and spatial processes." Israel Planners Association Annual Conference, 10-11 February, Beersheba, Israel.
 26. Avni, N., Vaaknin, D., Yiftachel, O. 2010. "High-rise building in Beersheba: upgrading or downgrading?" A special conference dedicated to the high rise building in Beersheba, following an academic studio, and in cooperation with Mandel Leadership Institute, January 12, Beersheba, Israel.
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Workshops and professional visits

1. COST ACTION CA18204 "Dynamics of placemaking and digitization in Europe's cities", Work Group meeting, February 10-11, 2020, Berlin, Germany.
2. Sarajevo Learning Trip. IPCRI and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Sarajevo, Bosnia. July 30-August 3, 2019.
3. "Scholars as Bridge Builders": NYC and Jerusalem Exploring Practices and Policies of Urban Justice," The Urban Clinic, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 6-8 January, 2019, Jerusalem, Israel.
4. "Beyond Urban Transformation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Urban Everyday Life," Urban Ethnography Lab KOSMOS Workshop 2018, co-organized by Humboldt University, Harvard University, and the University of Toronto. 5-8 September 2018, Berlin, Germany.

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5. Avni, N. 2016. "Social Justice and Urban Waterfronts: Introducing the Case Study of the Jaffa Port." Southern Perspectives on Planning in the 21st Century. Workshop with Prof. Vanessa Watson, 12-14 January 2016, Beersheba, Israel.
6. Avni, N. 2015. "The right to the waterfront: social justice aspects in waterfront redevelopment policies." The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning Ph.D. workshop, 7-9 August, University of Southern California, LA.

Awards

2018-2020	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship: European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme.
2018	Outstanding Dissertation Award, Israeli Planners Association
2017-2018	Golda Meir Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem.
2017	Urban Geography Specialty Group Travel Award, AAG.
2015-2016	Institute for Health and Social Policy Graduate Award, McGill University.
2015-2016	Jenny Panitch Beckow Memorial Scholarship Canada, the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal.
2015-2016	Graduate Excellence Fellowship, Faculty of Engineering, McGill University.
2014-2015	The Tel Aviv Research Scholarship for Urban Innovation and Development, Tel Aviv City.
2014-2015	Graduate Excellence Fellowship, School of Urban Planning, McGill University
2014-2015	G.R.E.A.T Travel Award, Faculty of Engineering, McGill University
2013-2014	Schulich Graduate Fellowship, Faculty of Engineering, McGill University
2013-2016	McGill International Tuition Award (MEITA), McGill University
2013-2017	Ontario Trillium Scholarship. Declined.
2012	Outstanding thesis award, Israeli Planners Association
2009-2011	MA tuition award, Department of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
2010	Travel grant for research abroad, Department of Geography and Environmental Development
2009	BA Award for academic excellence, Department of Geography and Environmental Development
2008	Dean's list, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
2007	Department Chair's Certificate, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, 2007
2006-2008	Daroma Award for social leadership

Teaching Experience

2020	Lecturer: "Housing Policy." MA course for urban planning students, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
2020	Lecturer: "Public Participation in Planning." MA course for urban planning students, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018-2019	Co-Convener: "Cities, Diversity and Social Justice" Research Group, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018	Supervision of a MITACS GlobalLink Fellow (McGill University, Canada), Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2018	Supervision of MA students in their graduate seminar: "City and Society," Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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2015	Co-instructor. "Planning and Infrastructure" Barbados Field Study Semester (Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados)
2011-2012	Course Coordinator. "Introduction to Environment and Sustainability for Engineers" Sami Shamoon College of Engineering (Beersheba, Israel)
2009 – 2011	Teaching Assistant. "Introduction to Political Geography" Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel)
2009 – 2011	Teaching Assistant. "Introduction to Human Geography" Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beersheba, Israel)

Invited Presentations

1. "Gender and Mobility in Jerusalem: Spatial Practices of Palestinian and Israeli Women." Learning from Jerusalem/Al Quds: Jerusalem: The Sociology of Everyday Life in a Contested, City, Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, August 20, 2020.
 2. "Building Urban Citizenship in Contested Cities: The Case of Community Councils in East Jerusalem." Department of Geography, McGill University, April 7, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19).
 3. "Gender and Mobility in Jerusalem: Spatial Practices of Palestinian and Israeli Women." Faculty seminar, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, January 27, 2020.
 4. "Urban Citizenship in a Divided City: A look into Jerusalem's Gray Space." Faculty seminar, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. September 18, 2019.
 5. "Green gentrification, equity and urban projects: the case of Washington, D.C." Departmental seminar, Department of Geography, Tel-Aviv University, November 13, 2018.
 6. "Global South and the Just City." Glocal, Spatial Justice and Cities Course, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. May 8th, 2018.
 7. "Planning, mega-projects and social justice." David Azrieli School of Architecture, Tel-Aviv University, graduate students colloquium. January 3, 2018
 8. "'Transform. Connect. Engage': the 11th Street Bridge Park in Washington DC as a Model for Community Benefits?" Department of Geography, Bar-Ilan University, December 19, 2017
 9. "Planning a Just City." Department of Geography and Environmental Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Introduction to Social Justice. June 14, 2017
 10. "Can Neoliberalism and Social Justice coexist?" Tel-Aviv University, the Neoliberal City Research Group, May 22, 2017
 11. "Students and the City." Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Planning in Beersheba conference, June 21, 2017
 12. "History and Theory of Urban Waterfronts." School of Urban Planning, McGill University, History and Theory of Planning. November 25, 2016
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