

CURRICULUM VITAE

Current Appointment:

2023-Present Sapir College Dean of Research
2023-Present Sapir College Associate Professor (tenured)

Past Appointments

2015-2023 Sapir College, School of Communication, Senior Lecturer (tenured)
2008-2014 Sapir College, School of Communication, Senior Lecturer,
2005-2007 Sapir College, School of Communication, Adjunct Lecturer
2003-2004 Dibner Institute, MIT and Harvard University, Postdoctoral Fellow
2001-2002 Haifa University, Philosophy Postdoctoral Fellow
1993-1998 Tel-Aviv University, Philosophy, RA to Prof. Marcelo Dascal; RA to Prof. Joseph Agassi. TA: Formal Logic; Directed studies; Advanced readings in the philosophy of language.

Education

1996-2000 Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, Ph. D. 2000, With Distinction, Ph.D. Dissertation: The Philosophical Background to the Problem of Translation, November 1999, 228pp., [Hebrew] Tel-Aviv University. Supervisor: Joseph Agassi.
1994-1996 Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, M. A. 1996, *Summa Cum Laude*.
1989-1993 Philosophy, Tel-Aviv University, B. A. 1993, *Magna Cum Laude*.

Post-Doctoral Awards

2003-2004 The Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, MIT and Harvard University, Post-Doctoral Fellow
2001-2002 Philosophy Department, Haifa University, Post-Doctoral Fellow

Current Service

2023-Present: Sapir Academic College, Dean of Research
2023-Present: Sapir Academic College, Head of the College's Committee for Excellence in Research
2025-Present: Sapir Academic College, School of Communication, Head of Visual and Language-related Rhetoric Unit
2017-Present: Sapir Academic College, School of Communication
Board Member, Teaching and Curricula Committee

Past Service

2022-2023: Sapir Academic College, Adjudicator, College Disciplinary Committee
2018-2019: Sapir Academic College, School of Communication, MA Curricula Planning

Committee
2008-2010: Sapir Academic College, School of Communication, Board Member,
Students and Lecturers Coordination Committee
2007-2024: Sapir Academic College, School of Communication, Head, Rhetoric and
Philosophy of Communication Unit

External Appointments

2025-Present **Trustee**, The Karl Popper Charitable Trust (Coventry, UK).
2023-Present **Editorial Board Member**, Krit Rat (Critical Rationalism) Series in The
Philosophy of Karl R. Popper and Critical Rationalism. (Brill. Leiden).

Referee – Journals (selected)

Referee – *Foundations of Science*
Referee – *History and Philosophy of Logic*
Referee – *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*
Referee – *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*

Referee – Publishing Houses (selected)

Referee – *Synthese Library*
Referee – *Springer*
Section Editor – Short Essays in Philosophy of Communication: "*Michutz Lamisgeret*",
Media Frames, Israeli Journal of Communication.

Founding Member and Committee Representative

The Asian Philosophy of Science Association (APSA)

Publications (refereed only)

Single Authored Books

- 1a. Bar-Am Nimrod. (2017) *Bechipus Achar Hamavo Hapashut Letikshoret*, Tel-Aviv:
Books in the Attic, Yediot Aharonot (350 pp.) [Hebrew translation of 1b below].
- 1b. Bar-Am Nimrod. (2016). *In Search of the Simple Introduction to Communication*,
Cham: Springer (216 pp.), (Publisher Ranking: A).
2. Bar-Am Nimrod. (2008). *Extensionalism: The Revolution in Logic*, Cham: Springer (171
pp.), (Publisher Ranking: A).

Edited Books

1. Bar-Am Nimrod and Gattei Stefano (eds.) (2017). *Encouraging Openness: Essays for
Joseph Agassi on the Occasion of His 90th Birthday*, Boston Studies in the
Philosophy and History of Science, vol. 325, Cham: Springer (650 pp.) (Publisher
Ranking: A).

Edited Special Journal Issues

1. Bar-Am Nimrod and Shearmur Jeremy (Guest eds.) (2023). *Philosophy of the Social
Sciences* 53(1), pp. 1-78.
2. Bar-Am Nimrod and Shearmur Jeremy (Guest eds.) (2022). *Philosophy of the Social
Sciences* 52(6), pp. 326-392.

Scientific Translations

1. Bar-Am Nimrod (2022) "A Free Man's Worship" by Bertrand Russell, *Alaxon*
[Hebrew].

2. Bar-Am Nimrod (2010) *Myth and Meaning*, by C. Lévi-Strauss; an annotated translation with an afterword by the translator, Tel-Aviv: Babel, (128 pp.). [Hebrew]

Articles in Refereed Journals

1. Bar-Am Nimrod (2023) "Can Critical Rationalism become a Philosophy of Life?", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (Journal Ranking: Q1) 53/6 pp. 471-476.
2. Bar-Am Nimrod (2022) "Metaphysical Perspectives and Their Role in Science", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (Journal Ranking: Q1) 52/6 pp. 354-364.
3. Bar-Am Nimrod (first author) and Gigi Moti (2021) "Lo Gan Velo Jungel", *Media Frames: Israeli Journal of Communication*, 21, [Hebrew].
4. Bar-Am Nimrod (2019). "Three Venues to the Theory of Persuasion", *Empedocles: Journal for the Philosophy of Communication*, 10/1, pp. 7-13, (Journal Ranking: Q2).
5. Bar-Am Nimrod (2014). "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions, 50th Anniversary Edition", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 44:5, pp. 688-701, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
6. Bar-Am Nimrod (first author) and Agassi Joseph (2014). "Meaning: from Parmenides to Wittgenstein: Philosophy as Footnotes to Parmenides", *Conceptus*, 41:99, pp. 1-21.
7. Bar-Am Nimrod (2012). "Extensionalism in Context", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 42:4, pp. 543-560, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
8. Bar-Am Nimrod (2010). "Individual Ahoy!", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 40:2, pp. 319-324, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
9. Bar-Am Nimrod (first author) and Agassi Joseph (2005) "Popper and the Establishment", *The Critical Review*, 17:1-2, pp. 13-24, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
10. Bar-Am Nimrod (2004). "Extensionalism and Induction in Boole", *Physis*, XLI, pp. 97-123, (Journal Ranking: Q3).
11. Bar-Am Nimrod (2003). "A Framework for a Critical History of Logic", *Sudhoffs Archiv*, 87: 1, pp. 80-89, (Journal Ranking: Q4).
12. Bar-Am Nimrod (2003). "The Dusk of Incommensurability", *Social Epistemology*, 17: 2-3, pp. 109-112, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
13. Bar-Am Nimrod (2002). "Logic between Epistemology and Methodology", *Iyyun* 51, pp. 375-388, [Hebrew].
14. Bar-Am Nimrod (2002). "Enunciati senza predicato: una nota sulla prova ontologica", *Nuova Civiltà delle Macchine*, XX: 1, pp. 94-97. [Italian]
15. Bar-Am Nimrod (2001). "Demarcation Problems in Linguistics", *Conceptus*, 84, pp. 23-32.

Under Review

1. Bar-Am Nimrod "Back to the Spartans"
2. Bar-Am Nimrod "The Oedipus Effect Reconsidered"

Chapters in Scientific Books (refereed only)

1. Bar-Am Nimrod (2026) "The Social Demarcation of Science", in: Shan, Y. (ed.), *Karl Popper and the Open Future of the Philosophy of Science*, Springer, pp. 139-145.
2. Bar-Am Nimrod (2021) "The Place of Logic in Science", in: Parusnikova, Z. and Merritt, D. (eds.), *Karl Popper's Science and Philosophy*, Springer, pp. 185-190.
3. Agassi Joseph and Bar-Am Nimrod (second author) (2019) "Bunge contra Popper", in: Matthews, M. (ed.), *Mario Bunge Centenary Festschrift*, Springer, pp. 263-272.

4. Bar-Am Nimrod (2018). "How Should Social Engineers Develop Critical Social Science?", in: Sassower, R. and Laor, N. (eds.) *The Impact of Critical Rationalism: Expanding the Popperian Legacy Through the Works of Ian C. Jarvie*, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 9-18.
5. Bar-Am Nimrod (first author) and Sassower, R. (2014) "Systems Heuristics and Digital Culture", in: Arnold, D. P. (ed.), *Traditions of Systems Theory: Major Figures and Developments*, Routledge, pp. 277-292.
6. Bar-Am Nimrod (2009). "Proof vs. Sound Inference", in: Parusnikova, Z. and Cohen, R. (eds.) *Rethinking Popper*, Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, vol. 272, Springer, pp. 63-70.

Book Reviews in Scientific Journals (refereed only)

1. Bar-Am Nimrod (2026) "A Review of Weiss and Agassi: Games to Play and Games not to Play", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 56(3) pp. 301-305. (Journal Ranking: Q1).
2. Bar-Am Nimrod (2021) "A Review of L.B. Briskman A Sceptical Theory of Scientific Inquiry", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 51, pp. 512-516 (Journal Ranking: Q1).
3. Bar-Am Nimrod (2013). "A Review of John H. Sceski, Popper, Objectivity and the Growth of Knowledge", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 43, pp. 397-400, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
4. Bar-Am Nimrod (2009). "In Search of a Better Tradition: A Review of John Wettersten's Whewell's Critics: Have they Prevented him from Doing Good?", *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 39:2, pp. 336-340, (Journal Ranking: Q1).
5. Bar-Am Nimrod (1999). "A Review of S. Guttenplan, The Languages of Logic [1986] 1997" *Pragmatics & Cognition* 7, pp. 239-242, (Journal Ranking: Q3).

Unrefereed Professional Projects

1. **Bar-Am Nimrod (under the pen name Tsipor Ben-Yom)** (2025) *Fifty: Here be Serpents and Daisies*, a collection of scholarly essays and a memoir.
2. **Bar-Am Nimrod** (2023) "Can there be Democracy with Occupation?" *Occupation and Democracy*, Ilan Sheinfeld (ed.) [both Hebrew and English versions]
<https://www.tiktakti.co.il/catalog/ilan-sheinfeld/occupation-and-democracy/>
3. **Bar-Am Nimrod** (2017) "Mahem Media Uma Hem Lo", *Haayin Hashviit*, 03/07/2017 [Hebrew].
4. **Bar-Am Nimrod** (2010). "Theories of Myth Considered as Communication Theories", in: *Myth and Meaning*, by C. Lévi-Strauss, an annotated Hebrew translation, Tel-Aviv: Babel, (128 pp.). [Hebrew]

Poetry

Bar-Am Nimrod, *Nevel Hashumar [The Fennel Harp]*, [Hebrew], Keshev, 2011.

Bar-Am Nimrod, "Panim Hadashot Beatzmenu [New Faces in Ourselves]" [Hebrew], *Iton* 77, v361.

Assorted published poems and articles in *Ho*, *Mitaam*, *Keshet Hachadasha*, *Iton* 77, *Halicon* and other poetry related literary publications and appearances.

Membership of Academic Associations

The American Philosophical Association (APA)

The Asian Philosophy of Science Association (APSA)

Israel Communication Association (regularly provides refereeing services for ICA's annual conference and 'monograph of the year' competitions)

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks (Selected).

a. Presentations and Invited Talks

"Game Theory and Critical Rationalism." *The 9th Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2025. Invited Speaker.

"The Social Demarcation of Science." *Karl Popper and 21st Century Philosophy of Science*, HKUST, Hong Kong, 2024. Speaker.

"Ethics and Ethical Ambivalence in Popper." *Popper and Ethics Workshop*, Online, 2024. Invited Speaker.

"Is Critical Rationalism Analytic Philosophy? Part II: From Positivism to Ordinary Language Philosophy." *The 8th Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2024. Invited Speaker.

"Is Critical Rationalism Analytic Philosophy? Part I: From Frege to Wittgenstein." *The 7th Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2024. Invited Speaker.

"Politics in a Divided Society." *Israeli Democracy in Crisis*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2023. Speaker.

"Putting the Epistemological Trilemma into Practice." *The 5th Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2023. Invited Speaker.

"Popper, Shannon, and The Metaphysics of Communication." *The 4th Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2022. Invited Speaker.

"The Open Society and Its History." *The 3rd Popper Zoom Conference*, Online, 2022. Invited Speaker.

"Metaphysical Perspectives and Their Role in Science." *Symposium in Honor of Joseph Agassi*, International Zoom Conference, 2021. Organizer, Host and Invited Speaker.

"Introduction to the Logic of Research." *Is There Any Room for Criticism, Please?*, Tel-Aviv University, 2017. Invited Speaker.

"Science, Technology and the Social Sciences." *From the Laboratory to the Market and Back: Historical and Critical Explorations of the Interchange between Academia and Industry*, Ben-Gurion University / Jacques Loeb Center and the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev, 2017. Invited Speaker.

"Incommensurability Within Our Ontologies." *Incommensurability 50*, National Taiwan University, Taipei, 2012. Organizing Committee and Invited Speaker.

"Communication, Emergence and the Unification of Science." *The 14th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, University of Lorraine, Nancy, 2011. Speaker.

"Extensionalism: The Breakthrough in Computational Reasoning." *6th Conference on Computability in Europe: Programs, Proofs, Processes*, Azores University, Ponta Delgada, 2010. Invited Speaker.

"Proof Vs. Sound Inference." *Rethinking Popper*, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, 2007. Speaker.

"Boole Contra Aristotle." *The 12th International Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science*, Oviedo University, Oviedo, 2003. Speaker.

“Anti-essentialism in Boole and Popper.” *The Karl Popper 2002 Centenary Congress*, Vienna University, Vienna, 2002. Speaker.

b. Organization of Conferences

Symposium in Honor of Joseph Agassi. International Zoom Conference, 2021. Producer-organizer, Host, Referee, and Invited Speaker.

Incommensurability 50. National Taiwan University, Taipei, 2012. Organizing Committee, Referee, and Invited Speaker.

Invited Lectures and Colloquium Talks (selected)

“The Psychology and Sociology of Revenge and Retribution.” *The Webinar of the Communication Department at Sapir College*, Online, 2023.

“How and Why Was the Nazi Propaganda So Successful?” *Der Stürmer as Parable*, Heichal Yahadot Wolyn, 2023.

“Joseph Agassi’s Contribution to the Philosophy of Science.” *The 22nd Annual Conference of the Israeli Society for the History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science*, Tel-Aviv University, 2023.

“What Modern Democracy Can Learn from Ancient Democracy.” *Colloquium, Department of Communication*, Sapir Academic College, 2022.

“Reflections on the Birth of Political Experimentalism.” *Colloquium, Department of Communication*, Sapir Academic College, 2018.

“Introduction to the Logic of Research.” *Is There Any Room for Criticism, Please?*, Tel-Aviv University, 2017.

“Science, Technology and the Social Sciences.” *From the Laboratory to the Market and Back*, Ben-Gurion University, 2017.

“Incommensurability Within Our Ontologies.” *Incommensurability 50*, National Taiwan University, 2012.

“Notes on Quine’s Philosophy of Logic.” *Colloquium, Centre for Philosophy of Science*, University of Lisbon, 2010.

“Extensionalism from Boole to Quine.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2010.

“Communication and Emergence.” *Communication Colloquium*, IMT School of Advanced Studies, Lucca, 2010.

“Falsehood.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Tel-Aviv University, 2006.

“Probability and Induction in Boole.” *The Dibner Institute Colloquium*, Dibner Institute, MIT, 2003.

“Plato, Socrates and the Birth of the Beautiful.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Haifa University, 2001.

“Introduction to the Introduction to Aesthetics.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Ben-Gurion University, 2001.

“Logic Between Epistemology and Methodology.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Ben-Gurion University, 1999.

“Logic Between Epistemology and Methodology.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Haifa University, 1999.

“Logic Between Epistemology and Methodology.” *Colloquium, Department of Philosophy*, Tel-Aviv University, 1999.

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

- 2003-2004: Post-Doctoral Scholarship, The Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, MIT, Cambridge MA, U.S.A. (70,000\$)
- 2001-2002: Post-Doctoral Scholarship, Philosophy Department, Haifa University. (60,000 IS).
- 1997-2000: Nathan Rotenstreich Scholarship for Ph.D. Students, Tel-Aviv University. (180,000 IS).

Teaching

Recent Courses Taught

- “We are not Them: From Tribal Community to Online Society Through the Prism of the History of Technology” *Seminar*, MA 10-15 students 2025–Present
- “Advanced Theories in Communication” (team-taught). *Lecture course*, MA. 10–15 students. 2021–present.
- “Dynamic Debate” (a.k.a. Sapir’s Verbal Fight Club). *Workshop*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 25 students. 2021–present.
- “The Sophists, Ancient and Modern.” *Seminar*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 25 students. 2017–present.
- “Rhetoric: From Persuasion to Manipulation.” *Introduction course*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 60–120 students. 2008–present.
- “The Place of Rhetoric in Communication Studies.” *Seminar*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 25 students. 2009–2016.
- “Rhetoric.” *Seminar*, BA. 15–20 students. 2009.
- “The Logic of Questions.” *Seminar*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 25 students. 2006–2008.
- “Formal Logic.” *Introduction course*, BA, Sapir Academic College. 50–60 students. 2005–2011.
- “The Paradoxes of Autonomy.” *Introduction course*, BA, Haifa University. 50–60 students. 2001–2002.
- “History of Logic from the Viewpoint of Philosophy.” *Seminar*, MA, Haifa University. 10–15 students. 2001–2002.

Personal Details

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Summary of my Activities and Future Research Plans

I am a philosopher of science working in the fields of the history of metaphysics, logic, and epistemology. I began my research with a reconstruction of the circumstances which brought about the major leaps in the development of logic. I showed that advances in the field were, in fact, the product of failed attempts to meet insurmountable challenges in the traditional theory of knowledge. Logicians, I argued, tried to extract from traditional logic epistemic insights it cannot provide, resulting in technical developments that comprised the foundations of modern logic. The outcome of this work was my first book, *Extensionalism: The Revolution in Logic* (Springer, 2008), along with some ten articles that I have published on the topic, the most notable of which is "Extensionalism in Context" (*Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 2012).

My role as head of the Philosophy of Communication unit within the Communication department at Sapir College drew my attention to the striking methodological gaps between the study of society and the study of the material world. My second book, *In Search of the Simple Introduction to Communication* (Springer, 2016), took up the challenge of exploring these gaps, the features that distinguish the study of communication as a science, and their implications, in both research and classroom pedagogy.

The methodological feature of the social sciences that has drawn my attention more than any other is the "Oedipus effect": the capacity of sound and productive social theories to generate the particular social conditions under which they are refuted. I have recently begun to explore cases in which such phenomena occur indirectly, that is, without any public awareness of the theory. Understanding them is essential, I argue, to analyzing the dynamics behind the recent "backsliding" of many liberal democracies. It is to these dynamics, and the ways of confronting them, that my current research is devoted.