

# YEHONATAN ELAZAR-DEMOTA

Curriculum vitae

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## Professional Experience

- 03/2023 — present      **Post-Doctorate Fellow**, Universiteit Antwerpen, Political History and Urban History, Belgium
- 06/2021 — 02/2022      **Associate Research Fellow**, T.M.C. Asser Institute, History and Theory of International Law, Netherlands
- 10/2020 — 02/2021      **Lecturer**, European Studies and International Relations, Globalization and its Challenges, Universidade Lusófona do Porto, Portugal
- 08/2016 — 08/2020      **Ph.D. Researcher**, The Global City Project, T.M.C. Asser Institute, History and Theory of International Law, Netherlands.
- 09/2016 — 03/2020      **Lecturer** in Hebrew Bible, Biblical anthropology, and Medieval Jewish philosophy. Beet Tefila, Rotterdam.
- 08/2008 — 08/2014      **Founder and Lecturer** in Hebrew Bible and language, Biblical anthropology, and Talmud. Sephardic Education Center — Beth Midrash Eleazar, Dominican Republic.
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## Education

**Advanced Rabbinic ordination**, *Yadin Yadin* (Dayan Jacob Levi-de Oliveira) Bet Yahadut Sefarad, Gush Shiloh (2021).

**Ph.D. in International Law** (supervisors Prof. Dr. Janne Nijman and Prof. Dr. Emile Schrijver) on ‘Nação Legal Consciousness — The Contributions of the Portuguese Jews to the Seventeenth-Century Amsterdam Debate on Slavery and Slave Trade, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) (2020).

**Master in Philosophy of Religion and Anthropology** (summa cum laude; focus in Latin American and Sephardic studies) Florida International University (USA) (2016).

**Certified Mohel**, The Laws of Jewish Ritual Circumcision (Rabbi Yoel Nissim Dayan) Shechebar Sephardic Education Center, Jerusalem (2016).

**Certified Shohet**, The Laws of Jewish Ritual Slaughter (Rabbi Israel Levi Tytell) Miami (2008).

**Rabbinic Ordination**, *Yore Yore* (Dayan Mordekhay Levi-de Lopes) Nidhe Israel Sephardic Center, Miami (2008).

**Bachelor in Liberal Arts** (focus in Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Religious Studies) Florida International University (USA) (2007).

**Rabbinic Studies**, Talmud and Jewish Law (Rabbi Joseph Benarroch) Magen David Sephardic Education Center, Miami (2003 — 2007).

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## Publications

### Books

(2017) An Ethnography: Discovering the Hidden Identity of the Banilejos.

(2016) De Peshat a Derash: Comentarios de la Perashá Semanal.

(2014) Minhath Eleazar: Manual de los Ritos y Costumbres de los Sefaradies Occidentales.

(2013) Tus Amores Son Mejores que el Vino: Guía Matrimonial según el Rito Sefaradí Occidental.

(2013) Darké Ha-Guemará: Guía Sefaradí para estudiar el Talmud.

### Articles

(*forthcoming*) Early Modern Portuguese Jewish Conceptions of *Dominium* and *Libertas* Within the Western European Slavery and Slave Trade Debate

(2021) A Comparative Analysis of *Berith* and the Sacrament of Baptism and How They Contributed to the Inquisition

(2021) The Caribbean Sephardim in the Hалуqah System: From Jerusalem to the West Indies and Back

(2019) La Homosexualidad y la Tradición Judía.

(2017) Una Teshubah Sobre los Anusim: ¿Retorno o Conversión para los descendientes de los forzados?

(2016) Discovering the Hidden Roots of the Banilejos: A Genetic Study.

(2015) Spanish and Portuguese Conversas: A model for Sephardic Jewry under the Ashkenazic hegemony.

(2015) The Latin American Jewish Response to the Liberation Theology Movement.

(2014) A Historical analysis on the use of Electricity on the Sabbath and Yom Tob.

(2014) The Use of Instruments in the Synagogue.

### **Book Chapter**

(forthcoming) A History of the *Nação: Conversos and Ex-Conversos* in the New World During the Colonial Period

(2019) 'The Slave trade, enslavement and the law: legal developments and justifications', in Gids Slavernijverleden Nederland / Netherlands Slavery Heritage Guide. LM Publishers (2018). 80-81.

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### **Conference Presentations**

'Ishac Athias' Conception of *Dominium* and *Libertas* in the Seventeenth-Century Dutch Republic Debate on Slavery and Slave Trade, presented at the Imperial Turn in Dutch Jewish History (4-5 October 2021), Uilenburger Synagogue, Nieuwe Uilenburgerstraat 91, Amsterdam, 4 October, 2021.

'The Jewish Tradition and the Future of Ecological Consciousness', presented at the *III Congresso Lusófono de Ciências das Religiões* (30 January - 6 February 2020), Ismaili Center, Lisbon (Portugal), 6 February, 2020.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', presented at *the BAJS OXFORD July 2019, What is Commentary?* (22- 24 July 2019), St. Anne's College, Oxford, (United Kingdom), 23 July 2019.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', presented at *the 9th Annual Conference of the Society for Sephardic Studies, 'Sephardi Jews between the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean'* (24-25 June 2019), Faculty of the Arts and Humanities, Lisbon (Portugal), 24 June 2019.

'Os costumes dos Judeus Portugueses na Diáspora Terra(s) de Sefarad', at *Encontros de Culturas Judaico-Sefardita* (19-23 June 2019), Bragança (Portugal), 20 June 2019.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', presented at *EUI Doctoral Forum on International Law*, Florence (Italy), 10 June 2019.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', presented at *Jonge Onderzoekersdag NGJS 2019*, Amsterdam (Netherlands), 5 June 2019.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', presented at '*Basic Concepts and Categories of Jewish Thought: Sources and Contexts*' (29-30 May 2019), St- Petersburg, (Russia), 29 May 2019.

'*Nação* Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth-century Amsterdam', presented at the workshop '*Law in Amsterdam and the Dutch Republic in the 17th century*', Asser Institute, the Hague (Netherlands), 10 April 2019.

‘A Genetic Study: Discovering the Hidden Identity of Los Banilejos’, presented at *Founder Populations and their Contribution to our Understanding of Biology and History—Lessons from the Jewish Genome (10-14 July 2016)*, Haifa University, 11 July 2016.

‘A Genetic Study: Discovering the Hidden Identity of Los Banilejos’, presented at *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Regional meeting (4–6 March 2016)*, 4 March 2016.

‘The Color and Ethnicity of the Jews of the Dominican Republic’, presented at *Jews and Color Symposium*, Miami Beach Jewish Museum, Florida International University, 24 January 2016.

‘Spanish and Portuguese *Conversas*: Model for Sephardic Jewry Under the Ashkenazic Hegemony’ presented at *Judeus e Cristão-Novos No Mundo Lusófono (2-4 December 2015)*, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas da Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal), 3 December 2015.

‘Spanish and Portuguese *Conversas*: Model for Sephardic Jewry Under the Ashkenazic Hegemony’ presented at *Society for Crypto Judaic Studies (19-21 July 2015)*, 19 July 2015.

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## Awards and Honors

01/04/2016	Induction to Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK) the national honor society for Religious Studies
22/03/2016	High achievement for Master’s thesis with distinction

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## Invited Talks

07/09/2022	Guest lecturer on ‘ <i>Nação</i> Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam’, Yeshiva University, New York.
24/11/2017	Guest lecturer on Jewish slavery law for MA. History Department at Vrije Universiteit, Livraria Montesinos, Amsterdam.
14/11/2019	Guest lecturer on Jewish slavery law for MA. History Department at Vrije Universiteit, Van Loon Museum, Amsterdam.

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## Grants and Fellowships

01/03/2021—01/03/2023	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships: European, Jewish Contribution to the Historiography of International Law, Antwerp (Belgium)
31/08/2016—31/08/2020	Gieskes Strijbis Fonds, The Global City Project, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
01/08/2015 — 15/05/2016	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese) Florida International University (USA).

05/5/2015

Jonathan Symons Global Jewish Studies Fellowship  
Research grant from Sephardic and Oriental Studies, Miami (USA)

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<b>Languages</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Writing</b>
Arabic	Good	Conversational	Good
Aramaic (Syriac/ Chaldean)	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Dutch	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate
English	Native	Native	Native
French	Excellent	Fluent	Excellent
Greek (Koiné)	Intermediate	N/A	Intermediate
Hebrew (Paleo,Tiberian, Mishnaic, Israeli)	Excellent	Fluent	Excellent
Latin	Excellent	N/A	Excellent
Portuguese	Native	Native	Native
Spanish	Native	Native	Native