

Ruth Gavison

Higher Education

- 1975 D.Phil in Legal Philosophy, Oxford University.
Dissertation: "Legal Protection of Privacy".
Dissertation Chairman: Professor H.L.A. Hart.
- 1971 LLM (*summa cum laude*), Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- 1970 B.A. in Philosophy and Economics, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 1969 LLB (*cum laude*), Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Career

- 2011- 2012 The Straus Institute for the Advanced Study of Law and Justice,
New York University.
Joint Straus/Tikva Fellow
- 1998-1999 Center for Human Values, Princeton University.
Fellow
- 1990-1992 Law School, University of Southern California.
Visiting Professor
- 1978-1980 Law School, Yale University.
Visiting Associate Professor
- 1975-present Law Faculty, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
(from 1984 - Incumbent, Haim H. Cohn Chair for Human Rights)
(from 1990 – full Professor)
(from 2010 – Professor Emerita)

Awards and Fellowships

- 2011 Israel Prize for Legal Research
- 2009 Hashin Prize for Excellence in Research, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Honorary Doctorate, Bar Ilan University

2003	EMET Prize, A.M.N. Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Art and Culture in Israel, under the auspices of and in cooperation with the Prime Minister of Israel Honorary Doctorate, Jewish Theological Seminar, New York
2002	Jerusalem Prize for tolerance
2001	Avi Chai Prize (with Rabbi Yaakov Medan), for bringing together Israeli society
1999	Bar Association Prize, together with Association for Civil Rights in Israel
1997	Zeltner Prize for Legal Research, Rotary International and Law Faculty of Tel-Aviv University

Courses Taught

- Philosophy of Law
- Human Rights
- Law and Morals
- Law and Society
- State and Religion; Law
- Democracy and Civil Society (with Professor S.N. Eisenstadt)
- Democracy and Human Right in Israel
- The Law of Return and the 'Right' of Return
- Processes of Constitution-Making

List of Publications – (refereed)

Books (in Hebrew)

1. Foundations for a New Covenant on State and Religion Issues in Israel (with Ya'acov Medan), Jerusalem: 2003.
2. Judicial Activism — For and Against: The Role of the Supreme Court in Israeli Society (with M. Kremnitzer and Y. Dotan), Jerusalem: 2000.
3. The Jewish-Arab Rift in Israel (with Issam Abu Riyya), Jerusalem: 1999.

4. Israel: A Jewish and Democratic State, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv: 1999.
5. Constitutional Revolution: Reality or Self-Fulfilling Prophecy? Jerusalem: 1998.
6. Human Rights in Israel, Tel Aviv: 1995.
7. Discretion in Law Enforcement: The Power of the Attorney General to Stay and Renew Criminal Proceedings, Jerusalem: 1991.

Books Edited (in Hebrew)

1. The Jewish-Arab Rift in Israel: A Reader (with Daphna Hacker), Jerusalem: 2000.
2. Human Rights in Israel: A Reader, 3 vols. Jerusalem: 1991–1992.
3. Freedom to Believe: Essays in Memory of Chamman P. Shelach, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv: 1990.
4. In Honor of Shimon Agranat's Eightieth Birthday (with M. Kremnitzer), Jerusalem: 1986.
5. Civil Rights in Israel: Essays in Honour of H. H. Cohn, Jerusalem: 1982.

Books Edited (in English)

1. Issues in Contemporary Legal Philosophy: The Influence of H. L. A. Hart, Oxford: 1986.

Selected Articles and Monographs

1. "Immigration and the human rights discourse: The universality of human rights and the relevance of states and numbers," Israel Law Review (2010).
2. "Law, Adjudication, Human Rights and Society," Israel Law Review 40 (2007), pp. 31-55.
3. "Legislatures and the Quest for a Constitution: The Case of Israel," Review of Constitutional Studies 11 (2) (2006), pp. 345-400.
4. "Constitutions and Political Reconstruction? Israel's Quest for a Constitution," International Sociology 18 (1) (2003), pp. 55-73.

5. "Does Equality Require Integration: A Case Study," Democratic Culture 3 (2000), pp. 37-88.
6. "The Role of Courts in Rifted Democracies," Israel Law Review 33 (1999).
7. "Jewish and Democratic? A Rejoinder to the Ethnic Democracy debate," Israel Studies 4 (1) (1999), pp. 44-72.
8. "The Role of Courts in Rifted Democracies," Israel Law Review 33 (1999), pp. 216-258.
9. "Holmes' Heritage: Living Greatly in the Law," B.U.L. Review 78 (1998), pp. 843-883.
10. "Feminism and the Private-Public Distinction," Stanford Law Review (1992).
11. "Too Early for a Requiem: Warren and Brandeis Were Right about Privacy vs. Free Speech," S. Carolina Law Review 43 (1992), pp. 437-471.
12. "Feminism and the Private-Public Distinction," Stanford Law Review 45 (1992), pp. 1-45.
13. "Legal Theory and the Role of Rules," Harvard J. Law and Public Policy 14 (1991), pp. 727-770.
14. "The Implications of Jurisprudential Theories for Judicial Election, Selection and Accountability," U.S.C.L. Review 61 (1988), pp. 2701-2746.
15. "Custom in Law Enforcement: The Power of the Attorney General to Stay Criminal Proceedings," Israel Law Review 21 (1986), pp. 333-357.
16. "The Controversy over Israel's Bill of Rights," I.Y.H.R. 15 (1985), pp. 113-154.
17. "Privacy and the Limits of Law," Yale Law Journal 89 (1980), pp. 421-471. Reprinted in Philosophical Dimensions of Privacy: An Anthology, F.D. Schoeman, ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984), pp. 346-402.
18. "Privacy and the limits of law," Yale Law Journal 89 (3) (Jan 1980).

Book Chapters

1. "Days of Worship and Days of Rest: The Case of Israel," Religion in the Public Sphere, W. Brugger, and M. Karayanni, eds. (Berlin: Springer, 2007), pp. 379-414.
2. "Legislatures and the Phases and Components of Constitutionalism," The Least Examined Branch: The Role of Legislatures in the Constitutional State, Bauman, and Kahana, eds. (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2006).
4. "The Relationships between Civil and Political and Social and Economic Rights," Globalization of Human Rights, Jean-Marc Coicaud et. al., eds. (Tokyo: United Nations University Press, 2003), pp. 23-55.
5. "What Belongs in a Constitution?" Constitutions, Markets and the Law, Stefan Voigt, and Hans Wagener, eds. (Cheltenham: Elgar, 2002), pp. 1-25. Slightly abridged version republished in CPE (Constitutional Political Economy) 13 (2002), pp. 89-105.
6. "Legal Systems and Public Attitudes During Negotiations Towards Transitions from Conflict to Reconciliation: The Middle East, 1992-1994", The Arab-Israeli Accords: Legal Perspectives, Eugene Cotran, and Chibli Mallat, eds. (Kluwer Law International, 1996), chapter 2, pp. 21-44.
7. "Information Control: Availability and Exclusion," Public and Private in Social Life, S.I. Benn, and G.F. Gaus, eds. (Croom Helm 1983), chapter 5, pp. 113-134.

Public Activities

- 2005-present Metzilah Center of Zionist, Jewish, Liberal and Humanist Thought
Founding President
- 2002-2007 Yahad Council: a national body working under the auspices of the President of Israel on consensus-building between religious and secular Jews in Israel
Member of the Presidium
- 1998-2008 International Commission of Jurists
Member

- 1997-2003 Israel Democracy Institute
Senior Fellow Emeritus
- 1994-present Mishkenot Shaananim Academic Committee
Member
- 1993-2010 Minerva Center for Human Rights, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
(1993-1998, 2001-2003) Chair, Academic Committee
(1993-1998) Member, Executive board
- 1983-present Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem
Fellow
- 1974-1999 Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI):
(1976-1978, 1982-1984, 1986-1987, 1992-94) Chairperson.
(1996-1999) President.

Public Committees

- 2006-2008 Member, Winograd Commission of inquiry into the events of military engagement in Lebanon 2006
- Dec 2003- Jan 2004 Member, Committee to appoint the Attorney- General
- 1997 - 1998 Member, Shamgar Committee on the Appointment of the Attorney-General and Related Issues
- 1996- 1997 Member, Zadok committee on press laws
- 1994-1997 Member, National Committee for Scientific and Technological Infrastructure
- 1987-1990 Member, a public committee on orthodox-secular relationships in Israel
- 1983 Member, committee on the privacy of information in governmental data-banks (chair: H. Klugman) (Generated an amendment to the privacy law.)
- 1976 Member, The Kahan Committee on Privacy (generated Israel's law of privacy 1981).

