

**DR. KARMA BEN JOHANAN**

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: February 24, 1983

Place of Birth: Israel

Familial Status: Married to Tomehr, mother to Lavi and Boaz

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**CURRENT POSITION**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Religious studies, Late Modern Europe, Intellectual History

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

The history of Christianity, Christian-Jewish relations, political theology, post-secularism

**EDUCATION**

- 2016 Ph.D. from the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University; advisors: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg (Tel Aviv University) and Prof. Marc Shapiro (University of Scranton, Pennsylvania); dissertation: "Contemporary Conceptions of Judaism and Christianity in Catholic and Jewish Orthodox Theologies"
- 2010 M.A. *summa cum laude* in Comparative Religion, School of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University; advisor: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg; thesis: "Christ's Innocent Dove: Augustine's Ecclesiology in the Writings against the Donatists and its Relation to History"
- 2004-2008 The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2017-2018 Open University Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims, Prize for Excellent Doctoral Dissertation in the field of Inter-Religious Relations
- 2017-2018 The Shalom Hartman Institute, Fellow at the David Hartman Center for Intellectual Excellence
- 2016-2017 Fulbright Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Department of History, The University of California, Berkeley
- 2014-2016 The Shalom Hartman Institute Scholarship for Women in Judaic Studies
- 2013-2016 Young Research Fellow, the Program for Judaism and Human Rights, the Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem

- 2015 Joseph and Ilse Neuberger Scholarship for Research Students, Minerva Institute for German History, Tel Aviv University
- 2014-2015 Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center Doctoral Scholarship, Tel Aviv University
- 2014 Pedagogica Foundation Grant for Graduate Students, Tel Aviv University
- Nadav Foundation Scholarship for Excellent Students in the field of Jewish Peoplehood, Tel Aviv University
- Doctoral Dissertation Prize, the Comper Center for the Study of Anti-Semitism and Racism, University of Haifa
- Yaniv Foundation Scholarship for Doctoral Students in Judaic Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2013-2014 Dan David Prize Scholarship for Outstanding Doctoral Students, Tel Aviv University
- Open University Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims Research Grant
- 2012-2014 Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism Fellowship, Tel Aviv University
- 2013 Ignatz Bubis Fund Scholarship for Judaic Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2011- 2013 Martin Gehl Fund Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements, Tel Aviv University
- 2010 President's Scholarship for Excellent Students, Tel Aviv University
- 2008 Finkelstein Excellence Scholarship for Advanced Students of the Humanities, Tel Aviv University
- 2004-2008 Adi Lautman Fellowship for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 Visiting Lecturer, "Christianity in Israeli Culture and Thought", Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
- 2007-2009 Teaching Assistant, Comparative Religion Introductory Course, Comparative Religion Program, School of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University

#### **ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- 2017- Book reviews co-editor for *Political Theology*
- 2014-2016 Library Fellow, The Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem
- 2014 Visiting scholar, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII, Bologna, Italy
- 2012- 2014 Coordinator of the Rubin Forum – the central lecture series of the School of History, Tel Aviv University
- 2012 Participant in the Summer School for Graduate Students in Judaic Studies, the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2010 Participant in summer courses in Medieval Latin and Paleography, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

#### **LANGUAGES**

Fluent: Hebrew, English

Reading: Latin, French, Italian, German

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*Publications and Conference Papers*  
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BOOKS

K. Ben Johanan, *Reconciliation and Its Discontents: Unresolved Tensions in Jewish-Christian Relations*. In preparation.

D. Porat, K. Ben Johanan, and R. Braude (eds.), *In Our Time: Documents and Articles on the Catholic Church and the Jewish People in the Wake of the Shoah* [Hebrew] (Tel Aviv University Press, Tel Aviv, 2015).

PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

K. Ben Johanan, "Is Christian-Antisemitism Possible? The History of an Intra-Catholic Debate" [Hebrew]. In preparation.

K. Ben Johanan, "Wreaking Judgment on Mount Esau: Christianity in R. Kook's Thought", *Jewish Quarterly Review*, Vol. 106, No. 1 (Winter 2016), pp. 76–100.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

K. Ben Johanan, "Enlightening Christianity, Evangelizing Enlightenment: Benedict XVI's Critique of Liberalism" [Hebrew], *Alpayim*, a special issue on Post-Liberalism, forthcoming (2018).

K. Ben Johanan, "The Right to Despise: Jewish-Orthodox Hatred of Christianity in the Age of Inter-Religious Tolerance" [Hebrew], *Judaism, Sovereignty and Human Rights* (The Israel Democracy Institute, 2018).

Y. Slezkine, *The Jewish Century*, Hebrew translation by K. Ben Johanan and S. Pelled (Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv University Press, 2009), 485 p.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

K. Ben Johanan, "Francis: A Socially Conscious, Politically Passive Pope?", *Haaretz* (March 17, 2013), <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-karma-ben-johanan-a-socially-conscious-politically-passive-pope-1.5234475>

K. Ben Johanan, "Jews Will Be Even Less of a Priority for the Next Pope", *Haaretz* (March 11, 2013), <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-jews-will-be-even-less-of-a-priority-for-the-next-pope-1.5233481>

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

2017            "Antisemitism in the Catholic Discourse between History and Theology"  
(October 31), the Faculty of theology, The University of Scranton,  
Pennsylvania

----            "The Construction of Holocaust Memory in the Post-Conciliar Church"  
(November 1-3), the 10th Annual Powell-Heller Conference for Holocaust  
Education: 'Synagogue and Church: Exploring the Role of the Roman

Catholic Church in the Holocaust', Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

- "Beyond *Nostra Aetate*: Jewish-Christian Mutual Reflections in the Post-Vatican II Era" (February 2nd), presented at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California
  
- 2016 "Dialogue and Its Discontents: Unresolved Tensions in Jewish-Christian Relations" (June 9), presented at the workshop: 'Judaism and Christianity between Conflict and Reconciliation', The Open University, Israel
  
- 2015 "Jewish Responses to Changes in the Catholic Church's Attitude to Jews and Judaism" (December 14-15), 'symposium marking the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council "Nostra Aetate" Declaration, on the Church's relations with the Jewish People', Tel Aviv University, Israel
  
- "Re-Evangelizing Enlightenment: Catholicism, Israeliness and Liberalism in Context" (November 1-2), presented at 'Israel – Where to? What will replace Israeli liberalism', Tel Aviv University, Israel
  
- "Christianity, Racism and Anti-Semitism in the Israeli Discourse" (June 4-6), presented at 'Catholicism, Racism and Totalitarianism: An International Conference on the 1937 papal encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge*', University of Brest, France
  
- 2014 "Jewish Resurrection, Christian Testimony: Religious Zionist Critique of Christianity after the Holocaust and the Foundation of the State of Israel", presented at 'The Jews of Europe and the Second World War: A Workshop with Prof. Omer Bartov', Tel Aviv University, Israel
  
- 2013 "Joseph Ratzinger and the Dictatorship of Relativism", presented at the Sapir Forum for Culture Research 9<sup>th</sup> Conference, 'Religious Experience in a Secularized World', Sapir College, Israel
  
- 2012 "Christians and Christianity Reflected in Israeli Orthodox Jewish Thought", presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference of the Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians, and Muslims, The Open University, Israel
  
- "Intra-Religious Reflections on Inter-Religious Relations: The Catholic and Jewish Orthodox Cases", presented at 'The Role of Texts and Dialogue in the Writing of Jewish, Christian and Muslim History', University of Cambridge, England