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### **Dr. Sivan Balslev – Curriculum Vitae**

#### **Academic Positions:**

- July 2018 – Lecturer (Assistant Professor), the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2015-2018, Postdoctoral Fellow, the Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute.

#### **Academic Studies:**

- 2015 - PhD, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies and the Alliance Center for Iranian Studies, Tel Aviv University. Dissertation title: *Javanmard, Fokoli, Boy Scout: Changing Masculinities in Modernizing Iran, Circa 1870-1940* Advisors: Prof. David Menashri and Prof. Billie Melman.
- 2010 - MA *summa cum laude*, Direct PhD Program, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University.
- 2006 – BA *magna cum laude*, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, and the Program for General and Interdisciplinary Studies, Tel Aviv University.

#### **Publications:**

#### **Books:**

- *Iranian Masculinities: Gender and Sexuality in Late Qajar and Early Pahlavi Iran*, Cambridge University Press, 2019, 318 pp.

#### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:**

- (Submitted to *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*) "International Organizations and the Question of Child Labor in the Iranian Carpet Industry"
- (Submitted to *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*) "Scouting in Iran Amid Changing Practices of Masculinity and Childhood"
- (In Hebrew) "Of Fish and Boys: A Reading in Two Modern Iranian Literary Pieces", *Jamaa Journal* 26, 2023

- Review Article: Claus V. Pedersen. *Rise of the Persian Novel: From the Constitutional Revolution to Reza Shah 1910-1927*. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2016. In *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam*, 50, 2021, pp. 473-480.
- "Population Crisis, Marriage Reform and the Regulation of Male Sexuality in Interwar Iran", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, August 2016
- "Dressed for Success: Hegemonic Masculinity, Elite Men, and Westernisation in Iran, c. 1900-1940" - *Gender & History* 26 (3), November 2014, pp. 545-564

#### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

- "Shifting Sexual Norms in Nineteenth Century Iran" in *The Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History* (Farmington Hills, Michigan: Scribner Macmillan, 2019), pp.1491-1494.

#### **Book Chapters:**

- "Modern Education and Hierarchies of Class and Gender in Qajar Iran", (Hebrew) in *Iran Then and Now: Essays in Honor of Prof. David Menashri* (Bnei Brak: Hakibbutz Hameuchad, 2017), pp. 104-118
- "Gendering the Nation: Masculinity and Nationalism in Iran during the Constitutional Revolution", in *Constructing Iranian Nationalism* (London/New York: Routledge, 2017), pp. 68-87

#### **Book Reviews:**

- (Forthcoming) Stephanie Cronin, *Social Histories of Iran: Modernism and Marginality in the Middle East*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021). In *The American Historical Review* (December 2023)
- Houchang Chehabi, *Onomastic Reforms: Family Names and State Building in Iran*. (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2020). In *Iranian Studies* 55 (4), (2022).
- Wendy DeSouza, *Unveiling Men: Modern Masculinities in Twentieth-Century Iran, Gender, Culture and Politics in the Middle East* (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2019). In *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 52, (2019), pp. 189-191.
- Nefissa Naguib, *Nurturing Masculinities: Men, Food, and Family in Contemporary Egypt* (Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 2015). In *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review*, 8 (2) December 2017, pp. 171-174

#### **Translations from Persian:**

- *Let Us Believe in the Beginning of the Cold Season* (Hava Na'amin beh Reshit HaOna HaKara). (Hebrew) A translation of Forough Farrokhzad's book of poems. *Keshev Publishing House*, 2014

- *Another Birth. (Leda Acheret)*. (Hebrew) translation of Forough Farrokhzad's book of poems. Keshev Publishing House, 2012

#### **Online Publications:**

- "Reading for Masculinity in Iranian Primary Sources", Social History Society Exchange Blog, March 25, 2019, [https://socialhistory.org.uk/shs\\_exchange/reading-for-masculinity-in-iranian-primary-sources/](https://socialhistory.org.uk/shs_exchange/reading-for-masculinity-in-iranian-primary-sources/)
- "Suits, Veils, and the State's Power in Iran under Reza Shah" (Hebrew), The Social History Workshop Blog, July 29, 2015, <http://www.haaretz.co.il/blogs/sadna/1.2694675>
- "The Leggings Debate Reaches the *Majles*" (Hebrew and forthcoming in English), Iran Pulse no. 53, September 14, 2014, <http://humanities.tau.ac.il/iranian/he/pre/9-iran-pulse-he/301-zmaniranno53>
- "A Hairy Lesson: On Hair and Masculinity in Iran" (Hebrew), The Social History Workshop Blog, April 11, 2014, <http://blogs.haaretz.co.il/sadna/531/>

#### **Research Grants:**

- April 2023, Erasmus+ Faculty exchange program, University of Vienna.
- 2021-25 ISF individual grant – "A History of Children and Childhood in Modern Iran (circa 1870-1970)," grant no. 743/21, 4 year grant, 120,000 NIS per year.
- 2022 Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, 10,000 EUR for international workshop.

#### **Recent Participation in International Conferences:**

- (Forthcoming) June 2024, conference co-organizer, "International Organizations in the Global South: Body Politics, Power Relations, Local Impacts", Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland.
- June 2023 (speaker and panel organizer): "The Iranian Boy Scout Movement: New Demands of Modern Childhood and Masculinity", Society for the History of Children and Youth Annual Conference, University of Guelph, Canada.
- January 2023: "Iranian Child Weavers and the International Community", "Child Protection and the Rights of the Child: Transnational Perspectives", McMaster University, Canada (online).
- October 2022: "Demography between the Sheets: Population Decrease and Iranian Male Sexuality in the Interwar Period", Eugenic Legacies across the Middle East and North Africa, Oxford Brooks University (online).
- August 2022 (panel organizer): "Re-Imagining Childhood in Qajar Iran", in the Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, University of Salamanca, Spain.

- June 2022 (workshop co-organizer): "Iranian Child Carpet Weavers during Iran's Carpet Boom", International Organizations and Body Politics in MENA History, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte Mainz.
- September 2021: "Scouting in Iran amid Changing Practices of Masculinity and Childhood", in *Forging Masculinities Outdoors Open-Air Experience and Homosociality in the Age of Empire* (c. 1850-1950), ETH Zurich
- September 2019: "Sport and physical education in Reza Shah's Iran: shaping future citizens, de-politicizing current youths" in *Youth, Youngsters and Sport from Antiquity to the Modern Day*, The European Committee for Sports History, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.
- August 2018: "From Western Wannabe to Modern Patriot: Masculinity, Style, and Power Relations in Early 20th Century Iran" in the Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, UC Irvine.
- September 2017: Discussant, 'New Man' in Africa, Asia and the Middle East: Practices, Networks and Mobilization, c. 1910-1960, ZMO Berlin.

#### **Recent Invited Talks:**

- June 2023: "Iranian Children and the Nation during the Qajar and Pahlavi Eras", Seminar at the Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies, University of Toronto.
- April 2023: "International Actors and the Question of Iranian Child Carpet Weavers", Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna.
- February 2023, *Iranian Masculinities* Virtual book launch, Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Institute of Iranian Studies, University of Toronto.
- March 2021: "From Alleyways to Boulevards: The Early Modernization of Tehran", in *Lunchbreak in Tehran* Lecture Series (online)
- September 2019: "The Double Lives of Tehran's Youth", the Academic Marathon, Hebrew University.
- November 2018: "The Man, the Family, and the Nation in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Iran", Women and Gender in Middle Eastern Spaces, Tel Aviv University.
- November 2018: On the book "The Arabic Print Revolution" by Ami Ayalon, and on working with early Iranian newspapers, Series launch: *BiSfat Ever*, The Historical Society of Israel.
- April 2018: "(Changing?) Generations and Approaches in Iranian Studies in Israel", Gabriel Baer Forum, Tel Aviv University
- April 2018: "Two Iranian Poets" Confederation House: The Center for Ethnic Music and Poetry, Jerusalem.

#### **Courses Taught:**

- 2023 – Iran and the Caucasus - MA

- 2022-2023: "Gender and Sexuality in Modern Iran – Pathway to Research" – Undergraduate academic writing
- 2021: "Environmental History of the Modern Middle East" - Undergraduate elective course.
- 2020-2023: "History of Children and Childhood in the Middle East" – MA and undergraduate elective.
- 2018: "Visual Culture in Modern Iran", Graduate Tutorial Reading.
- 2018-2021: "The Objects That Changed the Middle East", Undergraduate elective course.
- 2018-2023 "Culture and Resistance in Modern Iran" MA and undergraduate elective course.
- 2017-2023: "Modern Iran" Undergraduate seminar.
- 2016-2022: "Masculinity, Society and Politics in Modern Iran" – Undergraduate elective course.

**Membership in Professional Association:**

- Association for Iranian Studies
- Middle East Studies Association
- The Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel
- Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies
- Society for the History of Children and Childhood