

Ruth Halperin-Kaddari (Israel)

Dr. Halperin-Kaddari is an expert on family law, feminist critique of law and women's rights in Israel, and is the Director of the Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women at Bar-Ilan University, in addition to serving a national role as the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of Women at the Prime-Minister's Office. She has extensive experience with United Nations machinery on gender and women's rights.

Academic career

Since 1992

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

Senior lecturer (since October 1999).

Teaching and Research areas: Family Law; Feminist Jurisprudence; Bioethics.

Director, the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman International Center for the Advancement of Women (since 2001).

Awards

The Tzeltner Award for excellent young legal scholar in Israel (2000)

The Pogach Award for research in Jewish Law (2001-2002)

The Jewel Belush Israel Feminist Award, US/Israel Women to Women (2002)

The Dafna Izraeli Award for Gender Research (together with Dr. Bryna Bogoch) (2004)

Grants

Israel Science Foundation 2000-2001, research grant: "Gender, Power and Professional Practice in Divorce cases in Israel", with Dr. Bryna Bogoch, Political Science Department, Bar-Ilan University

Israel Science Foundation 2005-2008, research grant: "Exposing Family Secrets: Judicial Decision-Making and the Publication of Family Courts' Decisions in the Age of Computerized Databases", with Dr. Bryna Bogoch, Political Science Department, Bar-Ilan University and Mr. Eyal Katvan, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University

Professional experience

Since 2002 The Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem, Israel

Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women

March 2005 The United-Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Head of the Israeli delegation to the 49th session of the CSW

- December 2004 UNECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-year review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing +10)
Head of the Israeli delegation; Panellist
- March 2004 The United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
Head of the Israeli delegation to the 48th session of the CSW
- March 2003 The United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
Head of the Israeli delegation to the 47th session of the CSW
- 2000-2001 The Ministry of Justice & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel

Prepared the official Israeli Third Periodic Report under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) of the United Nations in November 2001, and presented at the United Nations in July 2005.
- 1997-2000 The Interdisciplinary Center for Business, Law and Technology, Herzelia, Israel

Lecturing in Family Law; Feminist Jurisprudence; Bioethics.
- 1999-2003 The Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem, Israel

The Children's Rights Reform Committee: Member of the Plenary;
Member of the Subcommittee on the Child Within the Family;
Member of the Working Group on Parental Responsibility
- Since 2002 I.C.A.R. — International Coalition for *Agunah* Rights, Member of the Plenary Committee, Member of the Legal Committee
- Since 2000 The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel

Member of the International Advisory Board of the Center for Women in Jewish Law
- 1996-1997 The Ministry of Justice & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel

Prepared the official Israeli Combined Initial and Second Report under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) of the United Nations in March 1997, and presented at the United Nations in July 1997.
- 1996-1999 The Knesset, Committee for the Advancement of Women

Legal Counsellor for the Subcommittee on Family Law.

Since 1997	Kolech: Religious Women's Forum, Co-Founder; Member; Member of the Working Group on the Preparation of a Model Prenuptial Agreement; Member of the Policy Board
1997-2000	The Israeli Association for Gender and Feminist Studies, Co-Founder; Board Member
Since 1994	The Israeli Women's Network, Member of the Legal Team
Since 1994	Member of the Israeli Bar Association.
1994	Mendelson & Yarkoni, Tel Aviv, Israel Legal Internship, specializing in Family Law.
1993	Supreme Court of Israel Clerkship for Justice Prof. Aharon Barak (now Chief Justice of the Sup. Ct.)

Selected publications

Books

Women in Israel: A State of Their Own, University Of Pennsylvania Press, 2004.

Articles

"Husband's Adultery as a Ground for Divorce", 7 *Mehkarei Mishpat* (Bar-Ilan Law Studies) 297-329 (1989) (Hebrew).

"Redefining Parenthood", 29 *California Western Int'l L. J.* (Spring 1999), 313-337.

"To Leave Life Behind: Maternal-Fetal Relationship and Post-Mortem Cesareans", in *Dilemmas in Medical Ethics*, Raffi Cohen-Almagor ed., Van-Lear Institute: Jerusalem 2002, 107-136 (Hebrew).

"Towards Concluding Civil Family Law — Israel Style", 17 *Mehkarei Mishpat* (Bar-Ilan Law Studies) 105-157 (2001) (Hebrew).

"Women, Religion and Multiculturalism in Israel", 5 *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs* 339-366 (2000)

"Gender and Divorce Mediation in Israel" (together with Bryna Bogoch and Yael Ronen), 7 *Hamishpat* 335-372 (2002) (Hebrew).

"Expressions of Legal Pluralism in Israel", in *Jewish Family Law in the State of Israel*, Michael D. A. Freeman ed., Global Publications State University of New York: Binghamton, 185-244 (2002).

"Wife Support: From Perception of Difference to Perception of [In]Equality", 7 *Mishpat u'Mimshal* (Haifa Studies in Law and Governance) 767-811 (2003) (Hebrew).

"Feminist Legal Theory, Social Change, and the Advancement of Women in Israel", forthcoming in *Tarbut Demokratit* (Bar-Ilan Studies in Democratic Culture), special issue in memoriam of Prof. Dafna Izraeli (2005), approximately 30 pages (Hebrew).

“Divorce Israeli Style: Professional Perceptions of Gender and Power in Mediated and Lawyer-Negotiated Divorces” (together with Bryna Bogoch), forthcoming in *Law and Policy* (2006)

Education

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Visiting Scholar (July-August 2003)

Beit-Morasha, Institute for Higher Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel

Fellow, the Program for Leaders of the Movement for Higher Jewish Learning for Women (2003-2004 academic year)

Tel Aviv University, Department of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel

Post-Doctoral Fellow (1996-1997 academic year)

Awards: The Schuff Award.

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

J.S.D. June 1993, dissertation titled: “The Interaction Between Religious Systems of Adjudication and the Secular Legal System”, Chair of the J.S.D. Committee: Prof. Burke Marshall.

Awards: Fulbright Scholarship Grant (Awarded for the full period of studies abroad); JD Rockefeller 3rd Fellowship at the Program on Non-Profit Institutions at Yale (summer 1991); Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

LL.M. May 1990.

Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel

LL.B. June 1989 Summa Cum Laude, Rank 1/80

Awards: Dean’s List (1986-1988); The Israeli Knesset Distinction (1988); Finkel Award for promising women students (1988-1989); First place winner at the Willer Fund Contest in original studies in Jewish Law (1987).

Other academic activities

2005 Director of academic course on Family law, The Israel Bar Association

2001-2002 Director of academic course for Advisors on the Status of Women in Municipal Councils, under the auspice of the Prime Minister’s Office

1997-1998 Director of programmes for lawyers on Family Law, Center for Business Law, Bar-Ilan University.

1997-2005 Organization of Academic Conferences (partial list):

Organ Transplantation in Israel (Bar-Ilan, November 1997)

Family Court in Israel (Bar-Ilan, January 1998)

Founding Conference of the Israeli Association for Feminist Studies (Bar-Ilan, January 1998)

New Reproductive Technologies (Bar-Ilan, February 1998)

Family Courts' Handling of Family Violence (Bar-Ilan, March 1999)

Marriage, Liberty and Equality: Shall the Three Walk Together? (Bar-Ilan, June 1999)

Woman and her Judaism (Jerusalem, July 1999)

Feminist Legal Education (Bar-Ilan, January 2003)

First Annual Conference on Women, Family and Law (Bar-Ilan, January 2004)

Second Annual Conference on Women, Family and Law (Bar-Ilan, January 2005)

Woman and her Judaism (Jerusalem, June 2005)

The Israel Bar Association Annual Conference (Eilat, May 2005, 2006)

"Creating in God's Image: Ethical Challenges in Stem Cell Research and In-Vitro Fertilization", International conference in cooperation with Columbia University (Bar-Ilan, September 2005)

Solutions to *Get* Refusals in Civil Laws (Bar-Ilan, September 2005)

"Gender, Religion and Society", Int'l conference, the Gender Interdisciplinary programme (Bar-Ilan, May 2006)

1997-2005 Selected academic and public lectures:

Drug-abuse by Pregnant Women (Hebrew Univ., January 1997)

Determination of the Moment of Death (BIU, November 1997)

Post-Mortem Caesarean Sections (Van-Lear Institute, January 1998)

Towards Redefinition of Parenthood (BIU, February 1998)

Parenthood Following the New Reproductive Technologies (Address to Judges, Jerusalem, May 1998)

Developments in Alimony and Maintenance in Israel (Lectures to lawyers, Haifa and BIU, March and May 1998)

Women in Israel at Israel's Jubilee (President's Residence, October 1998)

Toward Civil Family Law in Israel (BIU, January 1999; Address to Judges, April & June 1999, March 2000)

Redefining Parenthood: American and Israeli Perspectives (Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 1999)

Gender Construction in *halakhic* Marriage and Divorce (BIU, June 1999; Orthodox Feminism Conference, Jerusalem July 1999)

Any Marriage Better than None? (3rd International Conference on Feminism & Orthodoxy, JOFA, New York, February 2000)

Colonizing Women — The Israeli Perspective (UCLA J. Int'l L. & Foreign Affairs Conference, April 2000)

Feminist Legal Theories and the Status of Women in Israel (Int'l Conference on Women and Law, Van-Lear Jerusalem Institute, March 2001; Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Budapest, May 2001)

Challenges Facing Religious Zionism Today (Edah Conference of Modern Orthodoxy, Jerusalem, October 2001)

Annulment of Betrothal as a Solution for the *Agunah* Problem (Special lecture, the Israeli Bar Association, November 2001)

Preuptial Agreements (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, December 2001, March 2003)

Economic Consequences of Divorce (Special lecture, the Israeli Bar Association, January 2002, March 2003)

Exclusion and Inclusion of Women in Halakhic Language (Law and Literature Conference, BIU, May 2002)

Feminist Challenges of the Family (Address to Family Law Judges, June 2002)

Divorce Mediation (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, March 2003)

The New Family: Law and Social Change (Address to all members of Family Courts Judges, April 2003)

Changes in Women's Status under Jewish Law (Center for Religion, Society and State, Jerusalem, June 2003)

Women, Men, and [Jewish] Divorce: Whose Justice is it? (Address at JOFA, NY February 2004)

The Barbara Black Lecture Series on Gender and Law, Columbia Law School: Remember the Ladies: Women, Religion and Law in Israel (February 2004)

Civil Law of Spousal Support in Israel (Annual Meeting of the Israeli Bar Association, Eilat, May 2004)

Women in Israel (The Wisentil Center for Tolerance, NY, on behalf of the Israeli Consulate, September 2004)

“And though shall teach them to your sons, not your daughters”
(Keynote Speaker at the Israel Association for Applied Linguistics, October 2004)

Retroactive Voidance of the *Get* (Address to all members of Family Courts Judges, November 2004)

Divorce Agreements (Annual Meeting, Family Law Division, Israeli Bar Association, Eilat, January 2005)

Developments in Family Law Jurisdiction (Family Law Lectures, the Israeli Bar Association, March 2005)

“Becoming a person”: Rosa Ginsberg-Ginossar’s battle to become a lawyer in Palestine (Law, Gender and Social Change Conference, Tel Aviv University, April 2005)

The Creation of Family Law in Israel (The Judges, The Courts, and Israeli Society, Haifa University Faculty of Law together with the Supreme Court, May 2005)