

Oren Golan
Curriculum Vitae
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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. HIGHER EDUCATION

- 1993** **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
BA, Sociology and Social Anthropology
- 1998** **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
MA, Sociology and Social Anthropology. Advisor: The Late Professor Reuven Kahane. Title of M.A thesis: Expressions of Postmodern Youth: The case of Fandom.
- 2007** **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Ph.D., Sociology and Social Anthropology. Advisors: The Late Professor Reuven Kahane and Professor Eyal Ben Ari. Title of dissertation: Friendship over the Net: The Construction of Friendship Among Israeli youth in Computer Mediated Communication (CMC)
- 2010** **New York University**

Fulbright sponsored PostDoc at Center for Media, Culture and History PostDoc at Center for Media, Culture and History
- 2010-** **Northwestern University**

Postdoc and teaching position at the Department of Sociology and the Department of Jewish Studies

3. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011- **Northwestern University,**
Department of Sociology and the Dept. of Jewish Studies,

- Courses: "Youth and Society: Focus on Israel", "Cultural Encounters: Focus on Israeli Society" and "New Media and Society: focus on Israel"
- 2008-9 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology,
"Youth Cultures" (seminar)
- 2007-8 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
School of Education
"Informal Education" (seminar)
- 2005-2008 **Beit Berl Collage**
Informal Education Track and New Media Track
Courses: "Sociology of the Internet", "Internet Cultures" "Youth Cultures" and "Introduction to Sociology"
- 2005-2008 **Beit Berl Collage**
Informal Education Track
Workshop on Community Pedagogy (practical internship for students of 'Informal Education') with Dr. Ester Zichlinsky and Dr. Ilana Dror
- 2004-2005 **Beit Berl Collage**
Informal Education Track
"Informal Education: Comparative Perspectives" with Dr. B. Siebzehner
- 2001-2004 **Beit Berl Collage**
Informal Education Track
Courses: "Youth Cultures" and "Informal Worlds in the Technological Age: Culture and Society in the Digital Realm"
- 1999- 2004 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
"Childhood and Youth: Cultural Aspects"
- 2003 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
"Post Modern Youth", (seminar) with Professor R. Kahane
- 1998-2003 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
"Sociological Theories" T.A. of Professor Gad Yair,
- 1994-2003 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology
"Contemporary India" and "Post Modern Youth"
T.A. of Professor Reuven Kahane
- 1995-1999 **Open University**
Sociology Track
Courses: "Introduction of Sociology" and advanced course on "Socialization"

1995-1997 **Collage of Management,**
Behavioral Science Track and Business Administration Track
"Social Psychology "and "Socialization". T.A. of Dr. Mordehai
Rimor

4. REFEREE FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. American Behavioral Scientist
2. The International Journal of Human-Computer Studies
3. Megamot (Hebrew)
4. Mifgash: Journal of Social-Educational Work (Hebrew)

5. SERVICE IN OTHER ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

2005-2008 **Coordinator of Informal Education Internship**
Informal Education Division
Beit Berl College

2006 **Organizer** of "Learning in Places" Conference on Informal
Education, Beit Berl Collage.

6. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)
- Israel Sociological Society
- Israel Communication Association (ISCA)

7. GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2010- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jewish Studies: Northwestern University
2009 Fulbright Fellowship: Postdoctoral Year at New York University
2005 Research Grant from Israel Internet Association for the amount of
\$25,000
2003-4 Scholarship Dissertation, Israel Foundation Trustees (Ford foundation).
2000-2001 Levy Eshkol Center Grant, Hebrew University
2000 Hebrew University Travel Grant to Cambridge,.

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- 1998 Shiene center grant, Hebrew University
1998 Biluya Maoz Award, Israeli Board of Education and Bar Ilan University
1997 Yonina Talmon Award, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

C. Courses and Seminars taught in the last 4 years

Youth Cultures

The seminar aims to explore contemporary youth's behavior and questions the ways adolescents have created meaningful patterns of activity and symbolic life in light of modern challenges. Key explanations that social sciences have provided for youth behavior are reviewed. Further, the course examines the expressions of contemporary youth cultures in youth movements, dance, media consumption ('digital youth'), rock activities, backpacking and forms of dissent and deviance (i.e. gangs, hacking, graffiti). Students are requested to form personal projects based on empirical tools discussed in the seminar.

Sociology of the Internet

This course focuses on the impact of the Internet on society. It continuously asks does the Internet play a purely instrumental role in social and cultural reproduction, or is there a transformation of the rules of the 'sociological game' that affects the game itself- namely the forms and meanings of social players and institutions? Issues ranging from the basic aspects of sociological inquiry are examined including politics, religion, the family, social stratification, communities, economic behavior, organizations, identity and deviance. These topics are examined in light of contemporary research and future developments are hypothesized.

Informal Education

This advanced seminar reviews the basic theoretical approaches to informal education and examines the social contexts (e.g. voluntary organizations, community centers, youth movements, cyberspace, pubs) and activities that are viewed as 'informal' such as games, dance, media consumption etc. The seminar highlights the meanings of these activities as they pertain to different social groups (youth, the elderly, women, gay or ethnic minorities) and reflects on the outcomes of informal education in terms of developing leadership, entrepreneurship, trust, social solidarity and social conceptions of justice. Students are requested to design and implement empirical research to investigate their lines of interest given the theoretical framework of the seminar.

Internet Cultures

This course focuses on the impact of the Internet on existing cultures and the creation of new cultural forms. Based on an anthropological perspective the course aims to review studies that explore the Internet as a key form of communication and activity. It examines questions of language, gender, socialization, gift giving and social exchange, rituals, religion, mate selection and digital communities that are being created online as well as the new tools of research that are offered by cyber-

ethnography. Social platforms such as wikis, social networking sites (e.g facebook, myspace), multiplayer gaming, teenaged blogs, and performance on youtube, fan communities and others were used to demonstrate cultural developments.

10. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

DISSERTATION

1. **Golan, O.** (2007). Doctoral dissertation: Friendship over the Net: The Construction of Friendship among Israeli youth in Computer Mediated Communication (CMC). Advisors: Professor Reuven Kahane and Professor Eyal Ben Ari
2. **Golan, O.** (1998) Graduate dissertation: Expressions of Postmodern Youth: The case of Fandom.

CHAPTERS IN COLLECTIONS

3. **Golan, O.** (accepted). "Charting Frontiers of Online Religious Communities: The case of Chabad Jews", In H. Campbell, (ed.) *Digital Religion*, London: Routledge,.
4. **Golan, O.** (accepted). "Youth in the Internet Age: Trust and Informality" In A. Kahane and T. Rappoport (eds). *Between Order and Chaos: Informal Organizations as a platform for Social and Educational Thought*. [in Hebrew]. Tel Aviv: Resling.
5. **Golan, O.** (2010). "Impediments and Affordances of Creating Trust over the Internet: The Case of Israeli Youth". In D. Latusek and A. Gerbasi (eds.). *Trust and Technology in a Ubiquitous Modern Environment: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives*. New York: IGI Global Publishers.

REFEREE JOURNALS

6. Campbell, H. and **Golan, O.** (accepted). Creating Digital Enclaves: Negotiation of the Internet Amongst Bounded Religious Communities". *Media, Culture and Society*
7. **Golan, O.** (2010). Trust Over the Net: The Case of Israeli Youth. *International Journal of Dependable and Trustworthy Information Systems (IJDTIS)* 1 (2) <http://www.igi-global.com/Bookstore/Article.aspx?TitleId=46939>
8. **Golan, O.** (2010). Symbols and Language of Youth on the Internet: Rhetoric, Idioms and Icons. *Israeli Sociology* 11 (2):389-416 [in Hebrew]. English Abstract available at: http://www.socis.tau.ac.il/en/issues.asp?issue_id=63

9. **Golan, O.** and Hecht J. (2008). Scientific Knowledge and Academic Culture in the Information Age [in Hebrew]. *Online Magazine*. Available on the website of the Israel Internet Association (ISOC-IL):
http://www.isoc.org.il/magazine/magazine8_1.html
10. **Golan, O.** (2008). "Symbols of Youth Culture over the Internet: The case of Avatars". *Effshar* 19 [in Hebrew].

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

11. **Golan, O.** (1998). *Expressions of Postmodern Youth: The Case of Fandom*. Jerusalem: Hebrew University Shaine center publications.
12. **Golan, O.** and E. Ben Ari, (2007). Trust over the Internet among Israeli Youth Research Report, See
[http://www.isoc.org.il/docs/Trust over the Internet among Israeli Youth.pdf](http://www.isoc.org.il/docs/Trust%20over%20the%20Internet%20among%20Israeli%20Youth.pdf)
[in Hebrew]

Papers Under Review in Refereed Journals:

- The Emergence of Digital Youth Culture in Israel
- Taming the Net: Internet Domestication within Bounded Communities
- Re-constructing Religious Boundaries Online: The Emergence of the Denominational Jewish Internet

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED LECTURES

2010 **Texas A&M University** (Invited lecture)

- 'A Web of their Own': Negotiating Jewish Community Online
- Studying Online Religion: Impediments and Affordances of Investigating Online Bounded Communities

2010 **New York University**

Digital Religion Workshop: Transforming Knowledge and Practice
The (Re) Construction of Jewish Communities Over the Internet

2009 **Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)**, Milwaukee, USA

"Language, Play & Performance: Commemoration Panel in honor of the late Professor Brenda Danet (Panel Organizer and Presenter).

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2007 **Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)**, Vancouver, Canada

"Trust over the Net: The Case of Israeli Youth"

2007 – **Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Book launch Panel of Reuven Kahane's "Origins of Postmodern Youth" (in Hebrew)

"Online Trust and The code of Informality"

2007 – **Beit Berl Collage**, Kfar Saba

Roundtable Workshop on Informal Education

"Online Trust among Israeli Adolescents and Informal Education".

2006 **Oxford Internet Institute**, Oxford, UK

Summer Doctoral Program Workshop

"Collecting Online and Digital Exchange among Israeli Youth"

2006 **Beit Berl Collage**, Kfar Saba

Book Launch and Conference on Informal Education (organizer)

"Communities over the Net as Self-Educating Cultures"

2002 **La Sapienza University** of Rome, Italy.

Euro PhD International School on Social Representation and Communication.

"Web Swappers": Modes of Youthful Exchange on CMC".

2001 **Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)**, Minneapolis, USA

"Turning the Tables": Reshaping Young People's Position in Society through CMC Activities.

1998 **Beit Berl Collage**, Kfar Saba

Conference on Informal Education

"Contemporary Youthful Expressions: Fans' Youthful Discourse over the Net"