

Curriculum Vitae Joseph Drory

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Educational Background

B.A. 1968 Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Arabic language & Islamic culture)
M.A. 1974 (with distinction) Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Middle Eastern history)
Ph. D. 1983 Hebrew University, Jerusalem (Middle Eastern history) Dissertation title: Aspects of Fatimid government in Syria (Supervisor: Prof. D. Ayalon).

Research Interests

Medieval Islamic history, Arab geographers, Palestinian towns under the Mamluks, Ayyubid sovereigns, Arabic response to the Crusades, Mamluk scholars, Religion and state relations under the Mamluks.

Appointments in Bar Ilan

Assistant 1975
Lecturer 1984
Senior lecturer 1991
Associate Professor 2008

Hebrew Publications

Books

Ibn al-Arabi of Seville – a journey in Palestine (1092-1095). Bar Ilan University Press , Ramat Gan 1993.

(editor) Palestine during the Mamluk period . Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem 1993.

Articles

Up to the last promotion

1. „Jerusalem during the Mamluk period“ Praqim be-toldot Yerushalayim bi-ymey ha-beynayim (=Medieval Jerusalem) ed. B. Z. Kedar, Jerusalem 1979 pp. 148-177. An abridged English version in: The Jerusalem Cathedra vol. 1 pp. 190-213.
2. „Mamluk Jerusalem Map“ Praqim be-toldot Yerushalayim bi-ymey ha-beynayim (=Medieval Jerusalem) ed. B. Z. Kedar, Jerusalem 1979 pp. 178-184 , inc. 1 map.
3. „Mamluk historiography and its contribution to Palestinology“ Cathedra 1 (1976) pp. 113-140.
4. „The construction initiatives of Sayf al-Din Tankiz Sefer Ze'ev Vilna'y (=Jubilee volume dedicated to Z. Vilna'y) Jerusalem 1987 vol. 2 pp. 195-204.
5. „A Moslem intellectual describing Frankish Palestine“ Ha-Zalbanim Be-mamlakhtam (=The Frankish Kingdom) ed. B. Z. Kedar, Yad Ban Zvi pp. 120-132.
6. „The epistle announcing Jerusalem re-conquest (October 1187)“ Cathedra 46 (1987) pp. 7-12.
7. „The indebtedness of Islamic world to its military slaves“ an interview with Prof. D. Ayalon Zmanim

- (The hebrew historical quartely) 29 (Tel Aviv 1988) pp. 36-47.
8. „Ya'qubi Kitab al-buldan's chapter on Palestine Cathedra 51 (1989) pp. 67-77.
 9. „Certain Arabic inscriptions from Khirbet Qasra „ Atiqot (=Israel antiquities authority periodical) 10 (1990) pp. 137-139.
 10. „Where did the plague occurred? On the location of ' Imwas in 639“ Mehqarim be-geographya Yishuvit shel Erez Israel (=researches on geographical history of the Land of Israel) ed. Y. Katz, Y. Ben Aryeh, Y. Kaniel , second volume , Jerusalem 1991 pp. 219-226.
 11. „The impact of Mamluk government in the history of Palestine“ Erez Yisrael bi-tqufat ha-Mamlukim (=Palestine under ther Mamluks) ed. J. Drory, Jerusalem 1993 pp. 1-12.
 12. „Maghribi travelogues to the East and their contribution to Palestinology“ Hiqrey Erez (=Jubilee volume in honor of Prof. Y. Felix) eds. Y. Friedmann, Z. Safray, Y. Schwarz, Bar Ilan University Press, Ramat Gan 1997 pp. 307-322.
 13. „The unlucky inheritor, some characteristics of the biography of al-Afdal Ali , Saladin's first born, „ Nof Moladeto , Studies in the geography and history of the Land of Israel presented to Prof. Y. Ben Aryeh, eds. Y. Ben Artzi, I. Bartal, E. Reiner , Magness Press, 1999 pp. 197-237.
 14. „The hardships perpetrated by Shaykh Khidr, the Yishma'elite chief“ Mehqarim be-arvit ube-tarbut ha-Islam (Studies on Arabic and Islamic culture) ed. B. Abrahamov, Tel Aviv 2001 pp. 37-50.
 15. „Trends in Ayyubid foreign policy“ Ha-Mizrah He-Hadash (= Journal of the israel oriental society) 38 (1996) pp. 3-16.
 16. „The moon arises – Mamluk studies related to Palestine - state of the art, „ Cathedra 100 (August 2001) pp. 287-304.
 17. „Baybars and the conquest of Safed“ Ve-zot li-Yhuda (monographs in the history and settlement of the Land of Israel presented to Yehoshu'a ben Porat) eds. Y. Ben Aryeh, E. Reiner, Jerusalem 2003 pp. 409-422.
 18. „Urban government in Mamluk Jerusalem“ Ha-Mizrah He-Hadash (= Journal of the israel oriental society) 44 (2004) ed. N. Luz pp. 69-114.
 19. „Aal Malik and his inscription“ Cathedra 117 (2005) pp. 71-80.
 20. „Education and scholarship in Medieval Jerusalem“ Sefer Yerushalyim (=Jerusalem volume) Yad Ben Zvi, eds. Y. Friedmann, J. Drory (forthcoming).
 21. „ Mamluk governors of Jerusalem“ Sefer Yerushalyim (=Jerusalem volume) Yad Ben Zvi, eds. Y. Friedmann, J. Drory (forthcoming).
 22. „al-Luqaymi's seventeenth-century journey in Palesine“ Yehuda Felix Memorial volume, Rennert Centre, Ramat Gan 2007 pp. 235-246.

Book reviews

1. „Qal'at al-Tina in Sinai, an historical-architectural analysis“ by Sh. Tamari, published 1978, Ha-Mizrah He-Hadash (= Journal of the Israel oriental society) 26 (1979) pp. 286-288.
2. „The black death in the Middle East“ by M. Dols published 1977 Ha-Mizrah He-Hadash (= Journal of the Israel oriental society) 28 (1979) pp. 118-121.
3. „Studies on early Isma'ilism“ by S. M. Stern , published 1983 Zmanim 13 (1983) pp. 94-95.
4. „Israel Oriental Studies“ vol. 10 edited by J. Kraemer & I. Alon, Zmanim (The hebrew historical quarterly) 17 (1985) pp. 102-104.
5. „Studies in Islamic History and civilization in honor of Prof. David Ayalon, published 1987 Zmanim 30/31 (1989) pp. 189-192.
6. „A garden filled with delicacies“ Mas'at Moshe, Studies in Jewish and Islamic culture presented to Moshe Gil, published 1998 Cathedra 93 (1999) pp. 151-158.
7. „On the Hebrew translation of Bernard Lewis' „The assassins – a radical sect of Islam“ first published 1967, Historia 11 (February 2003) pp. 133-139.
8. "Hence He called that Place" Ancient place names in the Holy Land by Y. Elitzur Cathedra 124

(June 2007) pp. 165-170.

English publications

1. „The Arabic inscription of Horvat Berachot“ Dumbarton Oaks Papers 33 (1979) pp. 324-326.
2. „Hanbalis at the Nablus Region in the eleventh and twelfth centuries“ in: The Medieval Levant, Studies in Memory of Eliyahu Ashtor ed. By B. Z. Kedar & A. L. Udovitch Asian and African Studies 22 (1988) pp. 93-112.
3. „The early decades of the Ayyubid rule,“ Maimonides in Egypt ed. Joel Kraemer , Tel- Aviv University 1990 pp. 329-336.
4. „The Jukandar pottery sherd from Sumaqa“ in: S. Dar , Sumaqa, a Roman and Byzantine Jewish village on Mount Carmel, Israel , BAR international Series 815 , 1999 p. 315.
5. „Early Muslim reflections on the Crusaders“ Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam (JSAI) , Institute of Asian and African Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem 25 (2001) pp. 92 -102.
6. “al-Nāsir Dāwūd, a much frustrated prince” al-Masāq, Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean (University of Leeds) Vol. 15 no. 2 September 2003, pp. 161-187.
 7. “Founding a new *Mamlaka*, some remarks concerning Safed and the organization of the region in the Mamluk period” The Mamluks in Egyptian and Syrian politics and Society (eds. A. Levanoni and M. Winter), Leiden-Boston 2004, pp. 163-187.
 8. “Some observations during a visit to Palestine by Ibn al-Arabi of Seville in 1092-1095” Crusades, Volume 3 (eds. Benjamin Z. Kedar, and Jonathan Riley-Smith) August 2004, pp. 101-124.
 9. "Jerusalemites in Egyptian society during the Mamluk Period" Governing the Holy City (eds. J. Pahlitzsch and L. Korn) Wiesbaden 2004, pp. 109-116.
 10. “The role of Banu Fadl in fourteenth century northern Syria” the proceedings of the thirteenth colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks, Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven 2008. pp. 317-330.
 11. “Jerusalem as an intellectual center during the eleventh century” Continuity and Change in the realms of Islam, ed. by K. D'hulster and J. Van Steenberghe presented to the U. Vermeulen Festschrift, Leuven 2008, vol. 171 of Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta (Peeters publishing house) pp. 207-219.
 12. “The evolution of Hebron under the Mamluks” proceedings of the Mamluk history international conference held in Haifa and Jerusalem, April 2006, (eds. A. Levanoni & R. Amitai) (forthcoming).
 13. “Honoring the office, Burhan al-Bin ibn Jama'a's legal career” Studies in Arabic and Islamic Culture vol. 3 (ed. B. Abrahamov) (forthcoming).
 14. “Yunus al-Dawadar” the proceedings of the fourteenth colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks, Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven 2010, vol. 183 of Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta (Peeters publishing house) pp. 267-278.
 15. “A palestinian saint” the proceedings of the fifteenth colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks, Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven 2010, vol. 183 of Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta (Peeters publishing house) pp. 257-266.

Book Reviews

1. “The memoirs of a Syrian prince” a translation prepared by P. M. Holt to Abu al-Fida's autobiographic part of his universal history , Asian and African Studies (University of Haifa) vol. 23 (March 1989) pp. 106-108.

Participation in scientific conferences

1. “The government's attitude towards minorities in the Fatimid period” a paper read at the Yad Ben

- Zvi researchers conference (March 1980) “The Jewish communities in Palestine in the Middle Ages”.
2. “Though I am in the West yet my heart beats in the East - a paper read at Yad Ben Zvi conference (April 1981) “Land of Israel studies from Talmudic times to the Ottoman conquest”.
 3. “The formative decades of the Ayyubid era, the background to Maimonides' activities” A lecture held in the international symposium at Tel Aviv University(June 1982) “Maimonides in Egypt”.
 4. “A moslem intellectual describes Frankish Palestine” a paper read at the Yad Ben Zvi annual conference (April 1984) “Crusaders in the Holy Land”.
 5. “Hadith in service of the Mamluks” a lecture at the Institute for Asian and African Studies' meeting in honor of Prof. M. Kister (June 1984) “From Jahiliyya to Islam”.
 6. “Saladin struggling against the Arabs” a lecture delivered at the Institute for Asian and African Studies ' meeting in honor of Prof. D. Ayalon (December 1984).
 7. “Grounds for tension between Mamluk Sultans and common people “ a paper read in a researchers panel in Haifa University (March 1985) “Rulers and subordinates in the Medieval history of Palestine”.
 8. “The impact of the Mamluk government in the country's history” a paper read at Yad Ben Zvi annual conference (April 1985) “Palestine under the Mamluks”.
 9. “Islamic education in eleventh-century Jerusalem” a lecture read at Yad Ben Zvi annual conference (April 1986) “ The status of Jerusalem in Islam”.
 10. “Saladin - leadership shortcomings” a lecture read at the yearly conference of the Israeli historic society (July 1987) “Leader and leadership in Israel and among nations”.
 11. “Just before dusk there will be light – Palestine at the end of the fifteenth century” A lecture given at a panel in commemoration of R. Obadia of Bertinoro by Yad Ben Zvi and the Hebrew University (May 1988) “Between Italy and the Land of Israel”.
 12. “Rebuffing European claims against Saladin” a paper read at the annual conference of the British society for Middle Eastern Studies [BRISMES] , Durham, England (June 1989) “Relations between Europe and Islam”.
 13. “On the merit of Maghribi travelogues to the East “ a paper read at a researchers' conference organised by Ben Zvi institute in memory of Prof. S. D. Goitein (March 1990) “Mediterranean society”.
 14. “The assessment of the Mamluk sultan Baybars in modern Egypt” a lecture read in the yearly conference of the Association française pour l'étude du monde arabe et musulman [AFEMAM] and the British Society for middle eastern studies [BRISMES] Paris, (July 1990).
 15. “New data on Muslims in Palestine under the Crusaders” a paper read at the seventeenth International congress of historical sciences [CISH] Madrid, (August 1990).
 16. “The re-settlement of Jerusalem after 1187” a communication given at the British society for middle eastern studies [BRISMES] annual meeting, London, (July 1991).
 17. “Trends in Ayyubid foreign policy” a paper read at the annual assembly of the Israeli oriental society at Tel Aviv University (May 1994) “Syria – now and then”.
 18. “Respectful dames ' biographies in the Ayyubid state “ a lecture given at a panel held by the Near Eastern Department, Tel Aviv University (June 1996) “ The biography genre in classical Islamic literature”.
 19. “Early Muslim reflections concerning the Crusaders” a communication read at an International conference held by Ben Gurion University at the Negev & University of California , Ben Gurion University (June 1996) “Crusades and Crusaders”.
 20. “Urban government in Mamluk Jerusalem “ a paper read at the Israeli oriental society conference (May 1998) “Jerusalem in Islamic history”.
 21. “Town governors in Mamluk Syria” a paper read at an International workshop in Tel Aviv University (December 1998) “Elites in the world of classical and medieval Islam”.
 22. “Government and governors in fourteenth century Safed” a paper read at the International conference in Haifa University (May 2000) “The Mamluks in Egyptian and Syrian politics and society”.
 23. “The Mamluk documents granted to the Franciscans in Jerusalem” a researchers' meeting held by

- Yad Ben Zvi (October 2000) "Jerusalem in the Mamluk period".
24. "Jerusalemites in Egyptian Mamluk administration" a paper read in the first world congress for Middle Eastern studies [WOCMES] , (September, 2002) Mainz, Germany .
 25. "The role of Banu Fadl in fourteenth century Northern Syria " a paper read in the thirteenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized at the Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven (May 2004).
 26. "Ibn Arslan – a venerated Palestinian learned " a paper read in the fourteenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized at the Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven (May 2005).
 27. "Yunus al-Dawadar " a paper read in the fifteenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized at the Katholieke Universiteit , Leuven (May 2006).
 28. "Evolution of an office" a paper read in the second world congress for Middle Eastern studies [WOCMES], (June, 2006) Amman, Jordan .
 29. "Tamerlane in Syria described by ibn Arabshah " a paper read in the sixteenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized by the Department of Near Eastern Languages at Ghent University, Ghent (May 2007).
 30. "Franciscan Mamluk documents in Jerusalem" a paper read in the seventeenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized by the Department of Near Eastern Languages at Ghent University, Ghent (May 2008).
 31. "The evaluation of Saladin in modern Arab historiography" a paper read at St. Petersburg University 25 international conference on source studies and historiography of Asia and Africa "in the dialogue of civilizations"(April 2009).
 32. "al-Balawi, a maghribi fourteenth century traveller's experiences and observations from Jerusalem" a paper read in the eighteenth international colloquium for the history of Egypt and Syria under the Fatimids, Ayyubids and Mamluks organized by the Department of Near Eastern Languages at Ghent University , Ghent (May 2009).