

# Dr. Meital Pinto – Curriculum Vitae

## Personal

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## Academic

*Areas of Specialization and Teaching Competence:* Jurisprudence and Public Law (Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law).

*Research Interests:* Multiculturalism, Distributive and Social Justice, Minority Rights, Contemporary Political and Legal Theory, Theories of Equality, Jurisprudence and Comparative Constitutional law.

## Legal Education

2005 – 2009        SJD, the *Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*, awarded in November 2009.

*Dissertation Title:*    Equality of Cultural Identity.

*Supervisor:*            Prof. Lorraine Weinrib.

*Committee Members:* Prof. Denise Réaume and Prof. Sophia Reibetanz Moreau.

2004 – 2005        LL.M, the *Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*.

Thesis Topic: Language Rights in Israel: Meeting the Challenges [Grade: A+]

2003 – 2004        *Supreme Court of Israel (Jerusalem)*

Clerk to the Honourable Supreme Court Justice Asher. D. Grunis.

1999 – 2003        LL.B. *magna cum laude*, IDC (*Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel*).

## Publications

- "Philosophy of Language Policy" (forthcoming, 2011) in Bernard Spolsky ed., *The Cambridge Handbook of Language Policy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) (With Denise Réaume).
- "Who is Afraid of Language Rights in Israel?" in Ohad Nachtomy and Avi Sagi eds., *The Multicultural Challenge in Israel* (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2009) 26-51.
- "On the Intrinsic Value of Arabic in Israel - Challenging Kymlicka on Language Rights" (2007) 20(1) *The Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence* 143-172 (peer-reviewed).
- "Language Rights, Immigration and Minorities in Israel" (2006) 10(1) *Mishpat Umimshal (Law and Government, University of Haifa Law Review)* 223-269. (Hebrew, peer-reviewed).
- "The Role of the Judiciary in Affirmative Action" in Anat Maor, ed., *Affirmative Action in Israel - Policy, Application, Challenges* (Ramot: Tel Aviv University Press, 2004) (With H. Sommer) (Hebrew).

## Awards

- *Naomi Overend Fellowship in Human Rights* year 2007-2008.
- *The Hon. Mr. Justice Warren. K. Winkler Graduate Fellowship in International Human Rights* year 2007-2008.
- *Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Woman Educators – World Fellowship* 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.
- *Canadian Friends of Peace Now - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CFPN Peace Fellowship* year 2006.
- *Israel Association for Canadian Studies (IACA) - Fellowship* year 2004-2005.
- *University of Toronto, Faculty of Law - Faculty Fellowship* year 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.
- *IDC Annual Student Paper Competition* (2004) - Scholarship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

## Presentations

- "On Offence against Religious Feelings in Canada" in *The Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies (IMMD) Public Conference, Organized by The Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project (EDG)*, October 24<sup>th</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup> 2007, the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Montréal, Quebec.
- "No Offence against Feelings?" in *The Twenty Third Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies*, June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> 2007, The Open University, Raanana, Israel.
- "Theoretical Framework for Selecting Minority Languages That Should be Protected by Language Rights Illustrated by the Israeli Linguistic Case", in *The*

*Tenth International Conference of the International Academy of Linguistic Law, June 14<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> 2006, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.*

- “The Post Disengagement Challenge: Facing the Clash between Linguistic Minorities in Israel”, in *The Twenty Second Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies*, May 28<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2006, Banff, Calgary

## **Professional and Academic Experience**

2009-2010	<b>Instructor</b> (overall responsibility for course design and execution) of the course: Toleration and Human Rights, the Academic College of Law, Ramat-Gan.
2009	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> for Prof. Emanuel Adler, Andrea and Charles Bronfman Chair of Israeli Studies at the University of Toronto (in the course of ‘Becoming Israel: War, Peace, and the Politics of Israel's Identity’).
2007-2009	<b>Graduate Associate</b> , Center for Ethics, University of Toronto.
2006-2009	<b>SJD Advisor</b> for LL.M. Students, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (working with LL.M. students on devising a reading list, focusing their area of interest, developing a thesis and preparing a substantial outline in a narrative form).
2006-2007	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Aharon Barak, Former Chief Justice of Israel Supreme Court, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (in the issues of proportionality and the limitation clause in Canada).
2007	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Denise Réaume, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (summarizing articles in the issue of language rights theory).
2005-2006	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Ayelet Shachar, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (in the issue of family law in Israel).
2005-2006	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Sophia Reibetanz Moreau, University of Toronto (in the issue of equality jurisprudence in Israel).
2004-2005	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Lorraine Weinrib, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (in the area of Israeli Constitutional Law).
2003–2004	<b>Supreme Court of Israel (Jerusalem)</b> , Clerk to the Honourable Supreme Court Justice Asher. D. Grunis, (D. Jur.)
2002	<b>Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant</b> for Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, Dean, Radzyner Law School, IDC (in the area of Law and Education).
2002	<b>Research Assistant</b> for Prof. Natan Lerner, IDC (in the area of International Law).
2001-2004	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> for Dr. Hillel Sommer, IDC (in the area of Constitutional Law).

2001                    **Student Law Clerk**, Cohen, Shpigelman, Barak, Zamir & Co., Adv. (Tel-Aviv, Israel)

2000-2001            **Teaching Assistant**, Dr. Lior Barshack IDC (in the area of Jurisprudence)

1996-1998            **Military Service as a Combat Training Officer**, Israel Defense Forces. Honourably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant.