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Curriculum Vitae

Fania Oz-Salzberger is an Israeli historian, writer and public intellectual.

Professor of History at the University of Haifa since 1993, she lectures at the Faculty of Law and the Center for German and European Studies, and is founding director of the Posen Research Forum for Political Thought.

Fania Oz-Salzberger is also Director of Paideia, the European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden.

Her books include *Translating the Enlightenment* (Oxford, 1995), *Israelis in Berlin* (Keter, 2001 and Suhrkamp, 2001) and *Jews and Words*, co-authored with Amos Oz (Yale, 2012, translated into 14 languages).

Professor Oz-Salzberger spent a five-year term as Professor and Leon Liberman Chair in Modern Israel Studies at Monash University, Melbourne (2007-12), and held the Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professorship for Distinguished Teaching at Princeton University (2009-10).

Born in 1960 in Kibbutz Hulda, she was educated in Kibbutz schools and served as an officer in the Israel Defense Force. She has a BA in history and philosophy (magna cum laude) and an MA in modern history (summa cum laude) from Tel Aviv University.

Her Oxford University doctoral thesis on the Scottish and German Enlightenments (1991) was supervised by Dr. John Robertson and mentored by Sir Isaiah Berlin. It was published as a book by Oxford University Press.

Professor Oz-Salzberger was co-Editor in Chief of the Haifa University Press (1996-9), chairs the Academic Steering Committee of the Bucerius Institute for German Studies (in 2007-8 and again as of 2016), and chairs the Academic Steering Committee of the Posen Foundation's Society of Fellows. Among other academic board memberships: Lichtenberg-Kolleg (Göttingen), the Israel Institute (Washington, DC), the Israel National Library's International Forum (Jerusalem), the World's Jewish Museum Scholars Council (Winnipeg/Tel Aviv), and the Civil Rights Project of the Israel Democracy institute (Jerusalem).

Previous academic posts: Senior Scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford (1988-90), the Hornik Junior Fellow in Intellectual History at Wolfson College, Oxford (1990-1993), Fellow of the Jerusalem Institute for Advanced Studies (1997), Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (1999-2001), and Fellow of the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (2009-10).



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Her most recent book, co-authored with her father, Amos Oz, is *Jews and Words* (Yale University Press, 2012). The book explores the living legacy of non-observant Jews, the idea of 'textual nationhood' and the intellectual engines of Judaism as culture. It was published, so far, in Hebrew, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Dutch, Polish, Czech, Croat and Romanian translations. The Hebrew edition remained 21 weeks on the national bestseller list.

Previous books include *Translating the Enlightenment: Scottish Civic Discourse in Eighteenth Century Germany* (Oxford University Press, 1995) and *Israelis in Berlin* (Jerusalem: Keter, 2001; German translation: Suhrkamp Verlag 2001), also a national bestseller in Israel. An academic murder mystery, "The Scratch", won the first prize in the *Ha'aretz* Short Story Competition of 1999.

Oz-Salzberger edited and introduced the Cambridge edition of Adam Ferguson's 1767 classic, *An Essay on the History of Civil Society* (Cambridge, 1995). Her co-edited books include *Das jüdische Erbe Europas* (with Eveline Goodman-Thau, Lit Verlag, 2005), *Political Hebraism: Judaic Sources of Early Modern Political Thought* (with Gordon Schochet and Meirav Jones, Shalem Press, 2008), and *The Liberal-Republican Quandary in Israel, Europe and the United States* (with Thomas Maissen, Academic Studies Press, 2012), and *The Israeli Nation-State: Constitutional, Political and Cultural Perspectives* (with Yedidia Stern, Academic Studies Press in 2014).

She published numerous essays in the history of ideas, most recently on Enlightenment political thought, early modern literacy, the history of translation, and the biblical sources of John Locke. A series of essays co-authored with Eli Salzberger explored the history of the Israeli Supreme Court and freedom of speech in Israel.

Opinion articles on politics, culture and current affairs appeared in Israeli, European and American periodicals, including *Newsweek*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Le Figaro*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Die Zeit*, *The New Republic*, *The Daily Beast*, *The Times of Israel*, *Ha'aretz* and *Politico Europe*.

Professor Oz-Salzberger was member of the European Science Foundation's Network on the History of European Republicanism (1996-9). She is recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship, the Marquis of Lothian Award, an Alon Fellowship, a German-Israeli Foundation research grant and two Israel Science Foundation research grants.

Oz-Salzberger's public activities in Israel include voluntary work for the Israeli Association for Civil Rights and membership of the Public Council of the Israel Democracy institute. She has spoken on current European-Israeli relations to international audiences, including the European Commission in Brussels. She served as panel member on Israeli Channel 10's prime political talk show, and spoke on history and current affairs on various media channels in Israel and abroad.

She lives with her husband, Eli Salzberger, Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Haifa, their twin sons and three Springer Spaniels in a small town on Mount Carmel.