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Intersectionality and Belonging

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Identity politics tend to locate people's belonging in a one-dimensional way according to their ethnicity, race, gender, class etc. In this lecture I shall examine the ways in which intersectional analytical approach, which recognizes not only people's multiple identities and belonging but also the ways different axes and dynamics of power mutually constitute them.

Nira Yuval-Davis is Professor and Graduate Course Director in Gender, Sexualities and Ethnic Studies at the University of East London and the past president of the Research Committee 05 (on Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations) of the International Sociological Association. She is a member of the RAE (national research assessment exercise) 2008 Sociology Panel and an elected member of the Academy of the Social Sciences. Among her other professional and public activities she has been a member of Khamsin, a socialist publication forum on the Middle East, a member of the European Forum of Left Feminists, a founder member of the International Research Network on Women in Militarized Conflict Zones and of Women Against Fundamentalism. She has been on the expert consultation team on the gender initiative of Amnesty International and the expert advisory team of the UNDP evaluation of its work in post-conflict societies. She has been a member of the International Initiative for Justice in the Gujarat and on the experts team advising the UN special Rapporteur on the effects of 'culture

and tradition' on Violence against Women. She has also been elected to the 'Include-Ed Panel of Experts', FP6 of the European Commission.

Nira Yuval-Davis has published widely on theoretical and empirical aspects of intersecting nationalism, racism, fundamentalism, citizenship and gender relations in Britain & Europe, Israel and other settler societies. Among her recent books are Gender and Nation (Sage, 1997) (which has been translated by now to seven different languages); Women, Citizenship and Difference (Zed Books, 1999); Warning Signs of Fundamentalisms (WLUML, 2004) and The Situated Politics of Belonging (Sage, 2006).

She is currently working on a monograph on Nationalism and Belonging for Sage and is the Director of an ESRC funded research project on *Identity, Performance and Social Action: The Use of Community Theatre among Refugees*.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

October, 1966:

B.A. (Sociology and Psychology) from the Hebrew University; Jerusalem, Israel

June, 1972:

M.A. (1st class; Sociology) from the Hebrew University

December, 1979:

Ph.D. (Sociology) from Sussex University

October 1974 - January 2003:

a full-time member of staff in the Sociology Division at Thames Polytechnic (later to be renamed the University of Greenwich), London

Since June 1995:

Professor in Gender and Ethnic Studies

Since September 2003:

Professor and Director of the Post-Graduate Studies Program in Gender, Sexualities and Ethnic Studies at the School of Social Sciences, Media and Cultural Studies, University of East London

FELLOWSHIPS

October 1973 – October 1974:

October Research Fellow at the Richardson Institute for Conflict and Peace Research, London

October 1980 – February 1981:

Guest of the Department of Sociology, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

March – May 1989:

Elizabeth Poppleton Visiting Fellow at the Peace Research Centre, the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

October 1990 – June 1991:

Morris Ginsburg Fellow at the Department of Sociology, the London School of Economics, London University

February – June 1992:

Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague, the Netherlands

July 1998:

Arts Faculty Visiting Professor, Australian National University, Canberra

January 2000:

Visiting Professor, Dept of Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University, Israel

February – June 2000:

Visiting Research Fellow, Dept of Sociology, University of Umea, Sweden

January 2002:

Visiting Professor at the Department of Sociology, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

September 2002 – September 2003:

Visiting Professor at the School of Cultural and Innovation Studies, University of East London

February 2003:

Scholar in Residence at the Havens Centre at the Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin ,
Madison

March-May 2003:

Maria Jahoda Visiting Professor at the Department of Women's Studies, Ruhr University, Bochum,
Germany

February-May 2004:

Rockefeller Fellow at the programme on Gender, Globalization and Human Security at the Graduate
School, City University of New York and the National Council for Research on Women.

June-July 2004:

Benjamin Meacker Visiting Professorship, Department of Sociology, Bristol University

April-May 2007:

Visiting Professor at the University of Roskilde and the University of Aalborg, Denmark

In addition, at different times was given funds by the British Council or by the host university departments to give lectures and seminars in more than 80 universities in Australia, Austria, Bosnia, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Luxemburg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Russia, Sri-Lanka, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, UK and the USA.

Also gave papers and keynote presentations in conferences organized by, among others, the British Council, the British Sociological Association, the European Sociological Association, the Israeli Sociological Association, the American Sociological Association, the International Sociological Association, the Development Studies Association, the Women's Studies Association, the Association of the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism; the Equal Opportunities Unit of the EC; the Canadian Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council; the International Association of Political Sciences; the Academic Council of the United Nations; and the Non-Governmental Organizations part of the UN conferences on Human Rights, on Population and Development Policies and the World Conference Against Racism.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

-Appointed member of the 2008 RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) panel 41 Sociology.

-2002-2006 – elected President of the Research Committee 05 on Nationalism, Racism and Ethnic Relations of the International Sociological Association.

-Since September 2001 – Elected member of the Academy of the Learned Societies for the Social Sciences.

-Since January 2003, on the Advisory Board of ASEN (the Association of Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism), LSE, London

- Since October 2006, on the Advisory Board of AWID (Association of Women's Rights in Development: the largest international network of feminists and human rights activists) of their action-research 'Resisting and challenging religious fundamentalisms'.

Also - A Founder Member of the International Research Network on Women in Militarized Conflict Zones (WICZNET) (1998) and of Women Against Fundamentalism (WAF) (1989).

- December 2002 – A member of the investigative international women's delegation to India, International Initiative for Justice in the Gujarat.
- February 2003 – A member of an international assessment team that reviewed the Sociology degrees at York University, Toronto.
- May 2004 and June 2005 – A member of the expert consultation team on the gender initiative of Amnesty International.
- June 2006 - A member of the expert advisory team of the UNDP evaluation of its work in post-conflict societies.
- November 2006 – A member of the expert meeting on violence against women organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Geneva.

Refereeing publications and editorial work:

Reviewed articles, refereed articles, monographs and proposals for book series as well as endorsed books among others for the American Sociological Review, Capital and Class; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Feminist Review; International Feminist Journal of Politics; Signs, Sociology; Sociological Review; Theory, Culture & Society, Blackwell Publications, Oxford University Press, Polity Press, Routledge and Sage Publications.

Reviewed research proposals for the ESRC, the SSRC, the Australian Social Sciences Research Council, the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the European COMPLETE and the Nuffield Foundation.

Subject editor of Politics and the state of the Routledge Encyclopedia of Women, Routledge, New York, 2001_

On the editorial board of Current Sociology Monograph Series Sage Studies in International Sociology (SSIS)

Currently on the Editorial Advisory Boards of Das Argument (Germany), Ethnicities, (UK), Hagar (Israel), the International Feminist Journal of Politics (Routledge), Journal of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (Australia), the South Asia Bulletin (USA), the Journal of Inter-cultural Studies (Australia).

Organized and co-organized more than twenty national and international conferences for, among others, the British Sociological Association, the International Sociological Association, the Peace Research Centre in ANU, the Institute for Migration and Racism in Hamburg, the European Forum of Left Feminists, the CSE, the Sociology subject groups at the Universities of Greenwich and UEL, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the European Science Foundation as well as many seminars and panels in larger conferences and of particular research committees.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Taught courses on both p/g and u/g levels, especially courses on gender relations, nationalism, racism, ethnic and gender divisions and qualitative research methods. Most recently have been teaching p/g courses on 'Intersectionality and Social Exclusions' and 'Politics of belonging in the 'Glocal' Age'.

Fulfilled the role of an External Examiner, among others, of the MA in Women and Gender Studies at the University of Warwick (1994-7), the MPhil in Racism and Ethnicity in Trinity College, Dublin (1998-2000), the MA in Arts and Education at the Israeli extension of the Bretton College, University of Leeds (2001-

2003); the MA in Race & Ethnic Studies at Birkbeck College, the University of London (2001-2005) and the MA in Women and Gender Studies in SOAS (School of African and Asian Studies), University of London (since 2006).

PhD supervisor and examiner at the University of Greenwich, Queens University in Belfast, University of East London, University of Exeter, University of Hamburg, University of Kent, London School of Economics, Manchester University, SOAS, Nottingham Trent, the University of Melbourne, Sydney Technological University, University of Utrecht and the Eritrean National University. Currently supervising six PhD students at the University of East London

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Have carried out various research activities since 1964. Major research activities focused on different facets of the identities of Jewish and Palestinian youth in Israel; new Jewish, socialist and feminist movements in Israel and the USA; on sexual divisions of labour in the Zionist project, especially in relations to national reproduction and the military; ethnic and gender divisions in SE London; nationalism, racism and gender relations; women and fundamentalisms; women, citizenship and difference; women in militarized conflict zones; boundaries, borders and the situated imagination; gender, globalization and human security; women and violence; contemporary politics of belonging.

Director of the following major ESRC research projects:

1994-7: Anti-Jewish & Anti-Arab Racialized Discourses in Britain and France.

2005-8: Identity, Performance and Social Action: The Use of Community Theatre Among Refugees.

MAIN RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS:

Books, Monographs and special issues:

Israel and The Palestinians, edited with U. Davis and A. Mack, Ithaca Press, London 1975.

Israeli Women and Men: Divisions Behind The Unity, Change Publications, London 1982.

Woman - Nation - State, edited with F. Anthias, MacMillan, 1989.

The Gulf War and The New World Order, edited with H. Bresheeth, Zed Books, 1991

Racialised Boundaries: Race, Nation, Gender, Colour and Class and the Anti-Racist Struggle, co-authored with F. Anthias, Routledge, 1992

Refusing Holy Orders: Women and Fundamentalism in Britain, edited with G. Sahgal, Virago Press, 1992

Unsettling Settler Societies: Articulations of Gender, Ethnicity, Race and Class, edited with D. Stasiulis, Sage, 1995

Gender and Nation, Sage, 1997

(translated by now to Croatian, German, Hungarian, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Spanish & Turkish, forthcoming: Slovenian)

Women & Citizenship: Pushing the Boundaries, a special issue of Feminist Review, 1997 [as a guest editor with the Feminist Review editorial board]

Women, Citizenship and Difference, edited with P. Werbner, Z Books, 1999

Threatened Existence: A Feminist Analysis of the Genocide in Gujarat (with other members of the International Initiative for Justice in Gujarat team). December 2003

Warning Signs of Fundamentalisms edited with A. Imam, London: WLUML, 2004

Situating the Politics of Belonging, edited with K. Kannabiran & U. Vieten, London: Sage (2006)
Gender and Violence, a special issue of the journal International Forum of Women's Studies, 2006, edited with Suruchi Thapar & Karen Morgan
Forthcoming: Nationalism and Belonging London:Sage _

Refereed articles:

"Some Observations on the National Identity of the Israeli Arabs", with Y. Peres. Human Relations, Vol. 12, no. 3.
(was translated to German in A. Flores & A. Scholch (eds.), Palastinenser in Israel, Campus Verlag, 1983, pp. 127-143).
"The Attitudes of Arab Pupils towards Jews as Individuals and towards Israel as a State" with Y. Peres, Megamot (Hebrew), vol. 17, no. 3.
"Ideology without Revolution: Jewish Women in Israel", with D. Hecht, Khamsin, 6, 1978, pp.97-117.
"Sociology of the Palestinians in Israel", a review article, Khamsin, 7:145-49, 1980
"The Bearers of the Collective: Women and Religious Legislation in Israel", Feminist Review, no. 4, 1980, pp. 15-27.
"Contextualizing Feminism: Gender, Ethnic & Class divisions", with F. Anthias, Feminist Review, No 15, November 1983, pp.62-75.
(also included in British Feminist Thought, edited by T. Lovell, Blackwells, 1990).
"Front and Rear: Sexual Divisions of Labour in the Israeli Military", Feminist Studies, Vol.11, No 3, Autumn 1985, pp.649-676.
"The Jewish Collectivity and National Reproduction in Israel", Khamsin, Autumn, 1986, pp. 60-93 (also appeared in Radical America, Fall, 1988).
"The Citizenship Debate: Women, Ethnic Processes and the State", Feminist Review, no.39, Autumn 1991, pp.58-68.
"Fundamentalism, Multiculturalism and Women", in a special issue on Gender, Race and Class edited by S. Allen, F. Anthias N. Yuval-Davis of The International Review of Sociology, no.2, 1991, pp.139-174 (also appeared in J. Donald & A. Rattansi (eds.) Race, Culture and Difference, Sage & the Open University 1992).
"Zionism, Anti-Zionism and Contemporary Constructions of Jewishness", Review of Middle East Studies, Winter 1992
"Gender and Nation", Ethnic and Racial Studies, vol. 16, no. 4 October 1993, London, pp. 621-632 (also to appear in R. Miller & R. Romford (ed.) Gender Identities in Divided Societies, Routledge, 1997, in Spanish in the Journal Arenal, winter 1996/7; and in Space, Gender, Knowledge, ed. by Linda McDowel & Joanne Sharp, Arnold, September 1997)
"Women, Ethnicity and Empowerment", in Feminism and Psychology, Sage 1994, Vol. 4(1), pp. 179-197 (also reprinted in the Reader on Shifting Identities, Shifting Racisms, ed. by K. Bhavnani & A. Phoenix, Sage 1994, pp.179-198 & in A. Oakley & J. Mitchell (eds), Who's Afraid of Feminism, Hamish Hamilton, 1997, pp. 77-98.)
"Women & National Reproduction" in Women's Studies International Forum, vol.19, 1-2:17-24, 1996,
"Women, Citizenship and Difference" in the special issue of Feminist Review on Women and Citizenship: Pushing the Boundaries, no. 57, Autumn 1997, pp. 4-27 [also appeared in Spanish in E. Hola & M.

Potugal (eds), La Ciudadania a Debate, a special issue of ISIS, Ediciones de las Mujeres, no.25, December 1997, pp. 35-54

"[Racial] Equality and the Politics of Difference" in the special issues of New Formations on Frontlines Backyards, no. 33, Spring 1998, pp. 136-141

"The Multi-Layered Citizen at the Age of 'Glocalization'", International Feminist Journal of Politics, no. 1, Summer 1999, pp. 119-137

"National Spaces and Collective Identities: Borders, Boundaries, Citizenship and Gender Relations" in Selvy Thiruchandran (ed) Nivedini: A Journal on Gender Studies 7(1), Womens Education and Research Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka:1-34., 1999

"Imagined Border and Boundaries: A Gendered Gaze" (with M. Stoetzler), European Journal of Women's Studies, August 2002

"Standpoint Theory, Situated Knowledge & the Situated Imagination" (with M. Stoetzler), Feminist Theory, vol.3,3:315-334, 2002

"Racism, cosmopolitanism and contemporary politics of belonging, Soundings, 2005

"Belonging and the politics of belonging" in Patterns of Prejudice, 40(3):196-213, 2006

"Intersectionality and feminist politics", European Journal of Women's Studies, 13(3):193-209, 2006

"Intersectionality, citizenship and contemporary politics of belonging", CRISPP (Contemporary Review of International Social and Political Philosophy, special issue on Contesting Citizenship, 10,4:561-574, 2007

"Nationalism, belonging, globalisation and 'the ethics of care'", Kvinder, Kon & Forskning (Danish Journal of Women's Studies), NR 1:91-101, 2007

Chapters in Books:

"The Gendered Gulf War: Women's Citizenship and Modern Warfare", in H. Bresheeth & N. Yuval-Davis, (eds.), The Gulf War and The New World Order, Zed Books, 1991, pp. 219-225.

"Fundamentalism, Multiculturalism and Women", in J. Donald and A. Rattanzi, 'Race', Culture and Difference, Sage & the Open University 1992, pp. pp.278-292.

"Women's Empowerment and Jewish Fundamentalism", in G. Sahgal & N. Yuval-Davis (eds.), Refusing Holy Orders: Women and Fundamentalism in Britain, Virago Press, 1992, pp.198-226. [also published in the Oxford Reader on Feminism and Racism, ed. by Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Oxford University Press]

"Identity, Identity Politics and Women", in V.M. Moghadam, Identity Politics and Women: Cultural Reassertion and Feminism in International Perspective, 1994, pp. 408-425.

"Beyond Dichotomies: An Introduction", with D. Stasiulis, in D. Stasiulis & N. Yuval-Davis, (eds.) Unsettling Settler Societies: Articulations of Gender, Race, Ethnicity & Class, Sage 1995, pp. 1-38

"Palestine, Israel & the Zionist Settler Project" (with N. Abdo), in D. Stasiulis & N. Yuval-Davis, (eds.) Unsettling Settler Societies: Articulations of Gender, Race, Ethnicity & Class, Sage 1995, pp. 291-322

"Ethnicity, Gender Relations and Multi-Culturalism" in P. Werbner & T. Modood, Debating Cultural Hybridity: Multi-cultural Identities and the Politics of Anti-Racism, Zed Books, 1996

"Gender and Nation" in R. Wilford & R.L. Miller (eds.) Women, Ethnicity and Nationalism: The Politics of Transition, Routledge, 1998, pp. 23-35

(published also in Space, Gender, Knowledge, ed. by Linda McDowel & Joanne Sharp, Arnold, September 1997)

"Gendered Militaries, Gendered Wars" in R. Seifort & C. Eifler (eds.) Gender & the Military (German), Kore, Frieberg, 1997.

"Nationalism, Multiculturalism and Women" in Marco Martiniello (ed.) Reflections on Two European Multicultural Societies: Belgium & the United Kingdom, ERCOMER, Utrecht, 1998

"The Personal Is Political: Jewish Fundamentalism and Women's Empowerment in Courtney W. Howland (eds) Religious Fundamentalisms and the Human Rights of Women, St Martins Press, New York, 1999

'The spaced-out citizen: Collectivity, Territoriality and the Gendered Construction of Difference', in E. Inis, (ed.), Rights to the City: Citizenship, Democracy and Cities in a Global Age, Routledge, 1999

[also reprinted in N. Brenner, B. Jessop & al (eds), State/Space: A Reader, Blackwell Publishing, 2003]

"Nationalism, Feminism & Gender Relations", in J. Hutchinson & M. Guibernau (eds.), Understanding Nationalism, Polity Press, 2001, pp.120-141

"Belonging: from the Indigene to the Diasporic", in Umut Ozkirimli (ed.), Nationalism and its futures, Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2003, pp. 127-144

"Gender, the nationalist imagination, war and peace" in W. Giles & J. Hyndman (eds), "Sites of Violence: Gender and Conflict Zones". , Berkley: The University of California Press, 2004

"Human/Women's rights and feminist transversal politics", in Myra Marx Ferree and Aili Mari Tripp (eds.), Transnational Feminisms: Women's Global Activism and Human Rights, New York:, New York University Press, 2006