

# Matan Flum – Curriculum Vitae

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## Education and Academic Qualifications:

2021-2025: PhD Graduate, The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London, UK.

PhD Thesis: "The Israeli Shikun: Spatial Logic of Militarised 'Whiteness'".  
Co-Supervisors: Prof. Haim Yacobi & Prof. Kamna Patel.

2016-2019: MA Graduate, *Summa Cum Laude*, Government and Public Policy Track, Department of Political Science, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

Master Thesis: "Housing in the Service of Nation-Building". (Hebrew).  
Supervisor: Prof. Yaakov Yadgar.

2011-2015: LLB Graduate, Law Faculty, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

## Publications:

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- **Flum, M.** (2024). The ethnocratic shikun: Housing discourse in support of nation-building. *Critical Discourse Studies*, 22(3), 262-280.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17405904.2024.2302149>
- **Flum, M.** (2024). Israel's planning historiography: Interrogating spatio-temporal discourse and 'whiteness'. *Planning Perspectives*, 40(2), 407-419.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02665433.2024.2424331>

### Books

- Gavriely-Nuri, D. & **Flum, M.** (2021). *"Ma'abarot": It Is Not Just a Name of a Kibbutz: Ma'abarot Representations in the Israeli Culture – 1950-2015*. New-York: Israel Academic Press. (Hebrew).

### Book Chapters

- **Flum, M.**, Yacobi, H., & K. Patel. (2025). The architecture of racialised projection: Exploring the politics of Israel's built environment. In F. Hernandez & I. Osayimwese (Eds.), *The Routledge critical companion to race and architecture* (pp. 176-186). Routledge Publishing.

### Reviews

- **Flum, M.** (forthcoming). A Mizrahi geopolitical representation: On Elkabetz's "To Take a Wife". *Jewish Film & New Media* [In press].

### Research Notes

- Yacobi, H., Lemanski, C., Ram, M. & **Flum, M.** (2022). Infrastructure, inequality and the neo-apartheid city: Introduction. *Society & Space*.  
<https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/infrastructure-inequality-and-the-neo-apartheid-city>
- **Flum, M.** (2022). The Israeli shikun story. The Bartlett Development Planning Unit. At: <https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/dpublog/2022/06/23/the-israeli-shikun-story/>

Conference Papers, Workshops and Guest Lectures:

"Naturalisation of the Israeli Shikun: A Case Study of "Recycled Discourse", British Sociological Association Annual Conference 2025: Social Transformations, Manchester, April 2025.

"The Link Between the Oppression of Mizrahim and the Palestinian Question", Kehillah North London Adult Education Israel-Palestine Unit, London, March 2025.

"The Creative Destruction of the Israeli Shikun: Militarisation, Whiteness and Housing", The Capitalist State in the 2020s Workshop, The Centre for Capitalism Studies, University College London, February 2025.

"The Narrative Recycling of the Israeli Shikunim", Urban Studies Conference 2024, Israel's Urban Research Community and Israeli Sociology Society, Haifa University, September 2024 (online format).

"The Making and Unmaking of Mizrahi (Middle Eastern) Jews as 'White' Israelis Via Urban Planning", Kehillah North London Adult Education Two-Part Workshop, London, June 2024.

"The Demolition Spectacle of the Israeli Shikun", Inaugural British Journal of Sociology Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, April 2024.

"Historiography of National Planning and the Racialized Dispersion of the Israeli Shikun", Bartlett PhD Research Projects Conference, The Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London, February 2024.

"The Israeli Shikun: Between Israeli Whiteness(?) and Palestinian Statelessness", guest lecturer at Citizenship, Political Exclusion and the Racialised State Module, Social Research Institute, Institute of Education, University College London, December 2023.

"Housing Struggles: The Demolition Spectacle of Israeli Housing Blocks", guest lecturer at Urban Inequalities and Global Development Module, Arts and Sciences Programme, University College London, November 2023.

"Israel's Planning Historiography: Interrogating Spatio-Temporal Discourse and 'Whiteness'", International Planning History Society PhD Writing Workshop, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, November 2023.

"Israeli Whiteness and the Spatial Exclusion of Mizrahi Jews", guest lecturer at Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Module, Social Research Institute, Institute of Education, University College London, October 2023.

"The Ethnocratic Shikun", The 3rd Urban Studies Writing Workshop, The Open University of Israel, Haifa, June 2023.

"The Racialised Ruination of the Israeli Shikun", Cities Lost and Found: Conceptualizing Spectres of Ruination, Resilience and Regeneration Workshop, Gerda Henkel Stiftung, Central European University, Vienna, May 2023.

"Ma'abarot Representations in the Israeli Discourse", Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines (CADAAD), University of Bergamo, Bergamo, July 2022 (with Dalia Gavriely-Nuri).

"The Israeli Shikunim: Housing in the Support of Nation-Building", Critical Approaches to Discourse Analysis Across Disciplines (CADAAD), University of Bergamo, Bergamo, July 2022.

”The Israeli Shikun: Housing in Support of Nation-Building”, 38th Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, June 2022.

”The Israeli Shikunim: Housing in Support of Nation-Building”, Shifting Landscapes PhD Conference, Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, June 2022.

”’Ma’abarot’ – It is not just a name of a Kibbutz: Ma’abarot Representations in the Israeli Culture”, guest lecturer at Israel Studies Seminar, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, Oxford, May 2022.

”The Israeli Shikun: Housing Discourse in Support of Nation-Building”, Whiteness, Racialization and (Post-)Soviet Pasts: ‘Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe’ (Study Circle 5), Nordic Summer University, Vilnius, April 2022.

”From International to Haddad: The Israeli LGBT Community from Middle Eastern Perspective, 1998-2021”, guest lecturer at Communications, Politics and Society in Israel Course, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, October 2021.

”Housing in the Service of Nation-Building”, Communication Institute of Greece, 2nd International Hellenic Conference on Political Science, Athens, August 2021 (online format due to the coronavirus).

”Housing Discourse in Support of Nation-Building”, Israel Communication Association, 24th Annual Meeting, Ben-Gurion University, Be’er-Sheva, April 2020 (rescheduled due to the coronavirus).

”’Ma’abarot’ – It is not just a name of a Kibbutz: Ma’abarot Representations in the Israeli Culture”, Israel Communication Association, 23rd Annual Meeting, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, April 2019 (with Dalia Gavriely-Nuri).

”The Vanishing of the Ma’abarot (refugee camps): An Absence in Israeli Discourse”, The 6th International Conference on Multicultural Discourses, Tilburg University, October 2018 (with Dalia Gavriely-Nuri).

”The Vanishing of the Ma’abarot: An Absence in Israeli Discourse”, Association for Israel Studies, 32nd Annual Meeting, Yad Izhak Ben Zvi & Menachem Begin Heritage Center, Jerusalem, June 2016 (with Dalia Gavriely-Nuri).

#### Scholarships and Grants:

2023: The Azrieli Architectural Archive Scholars Fellowship Program.

2023: Travel Grant – International Planning History Society PhD Writing Workshop.

2023: Travel Grant – Cities Lost and Found: Conceptualizing Spectres of Ruination, Resilience and Regeneration Workshop, supported by Gerda Henkel Stiftung.

2022: The Jewish Students Aid Trust Scholarship.

2021-2024: UCL Overseas Research Scholarship (ORS).

2021-2025: Goodenough College PhD Scholarship.

2017-2018: Postgraduate Students Grant – The Maccabim Foundation of Iranian-Origin Students in Israel.

2011-2015: Full bursary – LLB degree, the Academic Law Program.

### Work Experience:

- 2026: Postdoctoral Researcher, the Institute for Mediterranean Studies (FORTH). ERC Project MCH-EsMed.
- 2024-2025: Administrator at Kehillah North London Synagogue.
- 2022-2024: Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, University College London & Hadassah Academic College.
- 2021-2023: Research Assistant at University College London (Law Faculty), Qiryat-Ono College, & Hadassah Academic College.
- 2021-2022: Academic-Administrative Assistant (Prof. Haim Yacobi, Prof. Charlotte Lemanski, and Dr. Moriel Ram); Infrastructure, Inequality and the Neo-Apartheid City Workshop; UCL, Cambridge University and Newcastle University. Supported by the Urban Studies Foundation.

### Leadership & Volunteering:

- Co-founder, LGBT Society, Bar-Ilan University (2014-2018).
- Head of the Iranian Society, Jewish Society and Architecture and Urbanism Society at Goodenough College (2022-2025).
- Graduate, City Scholars Programme – Freedom of the City of London (2024).
- Coordinator, ECR Peer-Review & Writing Group, Israel's Urban Research Community (2025).