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Recent publications:

- Eisenstadt, S.N., The Great Revolutions and Modernity (Leiden, 2006.)
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Recent publications:

- Körber, Karen, Juden, Russen, Emigranten. Identitätskonflikte jüdischer Einwanderer in einer ostdeutschen Stadt (Frankfurt and New York, 2005).
- Körber, Karen and Franziska Becker, 'Holocaust Memory and Multiculturalism. Russian Jews in German Media after 1989', New German Critique 2004, No. 92, pp. 5-20.
- Körber, Karen, 'Wie entsteht politische Ethnizität? Jüdische Identität und der deutsche Wohlfahrtsstaat', IZA. Zeitschrift für Migration und soziale Arbeit 2001, Heft 1, pp. 57-60.

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Recent publications:

- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Leitkulturträume', Jüdische Allgemeine, December 13, 2007.
- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Die Achse der Angst' (with Zafer Senucak), Süddeutsche Zeitung, July 9, 2007.
- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Auftrag: Schnellschuss. Können Juden Antisemiten sein?' Jüdische Allgemeine, April 26, 2007.

- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Von der Frage zur Antwort', Financial Times Deutschland, March 20, 2007.
- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Unechte Juden, echte Probleme', Tachles, das Wochenmagazin, February 2, 2007.
- Lagodinsky, Sergey, 'Arroganz der Altvorderen', Süddeutsche Zeitung, June 10, 2006.

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Recent publications:

- Lavi, Shai, The Modern Art of Dying: A History of Euthanasia in America (Princeton University Press, 2005).

Forthcoming:

- Lavi, Shai, 'Crimes of Action, Crimes of Thought: Arendt on Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Judgment', in Collected Essays on Hannah Arendt, edited by Roger Berkowitz (Fordham University Press, 2008).

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His research interests focus on various topics: The process of coming to terms with the Nazi past (Vergangenheitsbewältigung) in postwar Germany, anti-Semitism, German attitudes and policies towards ethnic minorities (Jews, Sinti and Roma, Turks).

Recent publications:

- Margalit, Gilad, Guilt, Suffering and Memory. On German Commemoration of the German victims of WWII (Haifa, 2006) (Heb.) It was awarded the Bahat Prize for the best original book.
- Margalit, Gilad with Yfaat Weiss (eds.), Memory and Amnesia. The Holocaust in Germany (Tel Aviv, 2005) (Heb.).
- Margalit, Gilad, Germany and its Gypsies. A Post-Auschwitz Ordeal (Madison, 2002).

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Recent publications:

- Nachmani, Amikam, Turkey Facing a New Millennium (Manchester, 2003).
- Nachmani, Amikam, Israel Turkey Greece: Uneasy Relations in the East Mediterranean (London, 1990).
- Nachmani, Amikam, International Intervention in the Greek Civil War (New York, 1990).

Forthcoming:

- Nachmani, Amikam, Europe and its Muslim Minorities: Aspects of Conflict, Attempts at Accord (Sussex, forthcoming, 2008)

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Recent publications:

- Peck, Jeffrey, 'How Jews Became Americans or How Religion Became a Racial and Ethnic Category', in Religion and Politics in United States and Germany, eds. Dagmar Pruin, Rolf Schieder and Johannes Zachguber, 2007.
- Peck, Jeffrey, Being Jewish in the New Germany, (Rutgers UP 2006).
- Peck, Jeffrey with John Borneman, Sojourners. The Return of German Jews and the Question of Identity (Nebraska, 1995).

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Main research interests: history and theory of religion, law and religion, religion and migration.

Recent publications:

- Reuter, Astrid, 'Säkularität und Religionsfreiheit – ein doppeltes Dilemma', in: Leviathan: Berliner Zeitschrift für Sozialwissenschaft 2007 Vol. 35 Is. 2, pp.178-192.
- Reuter, Astrid, 'Religionskulturen mit Migrationshintergrund'. Zum Institutionalierungsprozess des Islam in Deutschland und Frankreich', in: Friedrich Wilhelm Graf / Klaus Große Kracht (Hg.), Religion und Gesellschaft im Europa des 20. Jahrhunderts (Köln, 2007), pp. 375-399.

Forthcoming:

- Reuter, Astrid, 'Religionskontroversen in der säkularen Ordnung der Freiheit und Gleichheit / Controverses religieuses dans le régime séculier de liberté et d'égalité', in: Matthias Koenig / Jean Paul Willaime (Hg.), Religionskontroversen in Frankreich und Deutschland. Soziologische Perspektiven (Hamburg, 2008) and (Paris, 2008).
- Reuter, Astrid, 'Religionen im Prozess von Migration. Eine Fallstudie: Muslimische Migration nach Deutschland und Frankreich im 20. Jahrhundert', in: Hans G. Kippenberg / Jörg Rüpke / Kocku von Stuckrad (Hg.), Europäische Religionsgeschichte. Konzepte, Entwicklungspfade und Vermittlungsformen eines doppelten Pluralismus (Berlin, 2007).

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Recent publications:

- Schiffer, Sabine, 'Islam in German Media' in: Al-Hamarneh, Ala / Thielmann, Jörn (Eds.), Islam and Muslims in Germany (Leiden and Boston, 2007).
- Schiffer, Sabine, 'The Islamist Spin', in: www.medienverantwortung.com.

Forthcoming:

- Schiffer, Sabine, 'Boundaries of free speech', in: www/BoellJerusalem.

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Recent publications:

- Schwartz, Yossef, Masquerade at the City of God: Pluralism and Tolerance in the Middle Ages (Tel Aviv, 2006) (Heb.).

- Schwartz, Yossef, 'Martin Buber and Gustav Landauer: The Politicization of the Mystical', in M. Zank (ed.), Martin Buber: Neue Perspektiven/New Perspectives (Tübingen, 2006), pp. 209-222.

- Schwartz, Yossef / Krech, V. eds., Religious Apologetics – Philosophical Argumentation (Tübingen, 2004).

- Schwartz, Yossef / Palmer, Gesine (eds.), "Innerlich bleibt die Welt eine". Ausgewählte Texte von Franz Rosenzweig über den Islam (Berlin, 2002).

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Fellow of the Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies and teacher at the Department for Middle Eastern History at Tel Aviv University.

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Recent publications:

- Shavit, Uriya, The Wars of Democracy: Arabs and the West since the end of the Cold War (Tel-Aviv, 2007) (Heb.).

- Shavit, Uriya, 'Old Fears, New Threats', Azure 2007, No. 30, pp. 64-88.

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Recent publications:

- Stopler, Gila, 'Contextualizing Multiculturalism: A Three Dimensional Examination of Multicultural Claims', Journal of Law and Ethics of Human Rights 2007, Vol. 1, pp. 309-353.
- Stopler, Gila, 'The Liberal Bind: The Conflict between Women's Rights and Patriarchal Religion in the Liberal State', Social Theory and Practice 2005, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp. 191-208.
- Stopler, Gila, 'Countenancing the Oppression of Women: How Liberals Tolerate Religious and Cultural Practices that Discriminate Against Women', Colum J. Gender & Law 2003, Vol. 12, No.154.

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Sociologist, Ph.D. from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, and Philipps University Marburg in 1999; various research projects on urban exclusion and violence in France, on Muslim religiosity in France and Germany, on the politics of religion and language, and on European integration; current research interests: constructions of belonging based on religion, language, and territory in societies marked by immigration.

Recent publications:

- Tietze, Nikola, Lorcerie, Françoise and Romhild-Benkaaba, Katrine, 'Politisation autour de l'islam et légitimation des ordres politiques nationaux en Europe. Une comparaison France - Danemark – Allemagne', in: François Foret (ed.), L'espace public européen à l'épreuve du religieux, (Bruxelles, 2007), pp. 179-206.
- Tietze, Nikola, 'Gemeinschaftsnarrationen in der Einwanderungsgesellschaft. Eine Fallstudie über Palästinenser in Berlin', in: Fritz-Bauer Institut, Jugendbegegnungsstätte Anne Frank (ed.), Neue Judenfeindschaft? Perspektiven für den pädagogischen Umgang mit dem globalisierten Antisemitismus. Jahrbuch 2006 zur Geschichte und Wirkung des Holocaust, (Frankfurt, 2006), pp. 80-102.
- Tietze, Nikola, 'Ausgrenzung als Erfahrung. Islamisierung des Selbst als Sinnkonstruktion in der Prekarität', in: Heinz Bude/Andreas Willisch (ed.), Das Problem der Exklusion, (Hamburg, 2006), p. 147-173.
- Tietze, Nikola, 'Zinedine Zidane oder das Spiel mit den Zugehörigkeiten', in: Mittelweg 36 2006, Vol. 15 / 4., pp. 73-92.

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Member of the Israel Academy of Science and the Humanities. Served as Head of the Institute for German History at TAU and of the Graduate School of History there, as member of the Planning and Budget Committee of the Israeli Council for Higher Education and recently also on the Sub-Committee on Research of the Shohat Committee on Higher Education. Professor Volkov was fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study in Berlin, the Historisches Kolleg in Munich, and a guest research scholar or lecturer among other places at St. Antony's College, Oxford, L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, and at Columbia University, New York.

Publications:

Published books and essays on German social history, German Jewish history and the history of anti-Semitism, on issues in the history of the Enlightenment, and on the historiography of National Socialism. Her last book, *Germans, Jews, and Antisemites. Trials in Emancipation*, appeared at the Cambridge University Press in 2006.

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Recent publications:

- Westreich, Elimelech, 'A Western View of Eastern Marriage - Comments on the Nusarat Shaulian v Sultana Shaulian Decision', Jewish Law Association Studies Vol. xiv (2004), pp. 249-282.
- Westreich, Elimelech, 'Levirate Marriage in the Era of the State of Israel: Ethnic Encounter and the Challenge of Modernity', Israel Law Review, Vol. 37 (2003-2004), pp. 427-500.
- Westreich, Elimelech, 'Infertility as Ground for Polygamy in Jewish Law in Italy: Interaction among Legal Traditions at the time of the Renaissance', Oliv – Osservatorio delle liberta ed istituzioni religiose (2003), pp. 1-28.
- Westreich, Elimelech, 'Transitions in the Legal Status of the Wife in Jewish Law - A Journey among Traditions' (Jerusalem, 2002).
- Westreich, Elimelech, 'Historical Landmarks of the Moroccan Jewish Family Law Tradition: The Case of Levirate Marriage', Jewish Law Association Vol. xvii (2007), pp. 279-322.

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Recent publications:

- Wokoeck, Ursula, Israel Gershoni and Hakan Erdem (eds.), Histories of the Modern Middle East: New Directions (Boulder, 2002).
- Wokoeck, Ursula, 'The Expropriation of the Pasha's Peasants', in Ami Ayalon / David J. Wasserstein (eds.), Mamluks and Ottomans. Studies in honor of Michael Winter (London and New York, 2006), pp. 241-251.
- Wokoeck, Ursula, 'Concepts of Middle Eastern Modernity - Historiographical Aspects', Tel Aviver Jahrbuch für deutsche Geschichte, "Ethnizität, Moderne und Enttraditionalisierung" 30 (2002), pp. 248-274.

Forthcoming:

- Wokoeck, Ursula, German Orientalism: The Study of the Middle East and Islam from 1800 to 1945 (Routledge).