

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

Name: Michal Braier

Birth: June 13th 1978, Jerusalem.

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Education

2012-present: Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Politics and Government, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

Dissertation title: ***Urban Informalities and Liminal Citizenships*** - a comparative study of Israel/Palestine and United States/Mexico border regions

Advisors: Prof. Neve Gordon, Dr. Haim Yacobi.

2010-2012: M.A. *Summa cum Laude*, Department of Politics and Government, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.

Thesis title: *Urban Planning under Conflict: Independent Zoning Plans in East Jerusalem*

Advisors: Prof. Neve Gordon, Dr. Haim Yacobi.

1999-2004: B.Arch. *Summa cum Laude*, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa.

Thesis Project Title: *Urban Potential - Open Urban Spaces, the case of Hadar HaKarmel, Haifa.*

Advisors: Prof. Yael Moria Klein, Arc. Ganit Meislitz Kassif.

Employment

2007-2009: Architect and urban designer at Ronel Architects in Jerusalem.

2005: Architect and urban designer at John Kaliski Architects in Los Angeles.

2003: Architectural documents archive manager at the Knesset - Israeli parliament house.

2002: Internship at Zvi Hecker Architecture office, Berlin.

Awards, Citations, Fellowships

2013: Dean Prize for excellence in achievements, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Ben Gurion University.

2012-2016: Negev Scholarship for PhD student (tuition & stipend).

2010-2012: Azrieli research fellowship in architecture and urban planning for M.A. studies (tuition & stipend).

2010: Citation for conceptual urban design competition: "City Square – Haifa".

Physical and programmatic flexibility in redesigning Haifa's city square.

2008: Participation in Bat-Yam International Biennale for Urban Landscape.

"Kicktus" installation in collaboration with local youth club.

2003: Lieberman award for excellence in studies, Faculty of Architecture, Technion.

2002: Second Prize in student urban design competition: "The Mediterranean City: Past, Present and Future". Urban renewal and social networks: the case of Tirat HaCarmel.

Technion President's award of excellence for semesters: winter 2000, spring 2001, winter 2001, spring 2002.

Publications

Refereed articles in scientific journals:

Braier, M. (2013). "Zones of Transformation: Independent Zoning Plans and Informal Construction in East Jerusalem", *Environment and Planning A* **45**(11) 2700 – 2716.

Chapters in edited volumes:

Braier, M. (*forthcoming*). "Planning in the Gray Zone, Challenges and Opportunities: The Case of Independent Zoning Plans in East Jerusalem" In: *Cities in Transformation*, M. Lansberger, M. Caja, M. Bovati and G. Floridi (eds.), Milan: Polytechnic of Milan.

Braier, M. and Yacobi H., (*forthcoming*). "Dwelling in the Rebuilt Jerusalem: On Colonialism, Neoliberalism and Nationalism". In: Benjamin S. and Yacobi H. (Ed.), *Israeli Housing Regime: Property, Ownership and [In]Justice*. Jerusalem and Tel Aviv: Van Leer and Hakibutz Hameuhad. (Hebrew)

Other publications:

Cohen-Bar, E., S. Kronish, N. Alfiya, **M. Braier**, D. Klimes-Saporta, (2013). *Survey of Palestinian Neighborhoods in East Jerusalem*, Jerusalem: Bimkom- Planners for Planning Rights.

Ronel A., **M. Braier**, S. Ben-David (2011). "Residential Building, Wadi Al-Joz, Jerusalem", In: Gutman R. and Yanai-Shani A. (Ed.), *Depth of Field, Photographic Architecture*. Israel Association of United Architect and Camera Obscura School of Art.

Braier M., D. Katz-Dorfman, S. Megged, (2008), "Kik-Tus- Eilat Youth Club", In: Barnir S. and Moria-Klain Y. (Ed.) *01. Hosting 2008*, Bat-Yam International Biennale of Landscape Urbanism.

Presentation of papers at conferences/workshops

April 2014: *Urban Informalities, Liminal Citizenships and Planning Rights - in Israel/Palestine and United States/Mexico border regions*. Stadtkolloquium, University College London, GB.

March 2014: *The Right to Light: campaigning for streetlights in south Texas' colonias*. Infrastructural Worlds: A Workshop on Ethnographic Studies of the Built Environment, Duke University, USA.

April 2013: *Building, Planning and Resistance: the Case of Independent Plans in East Jerusalem*. International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, USA.

November 2012: *Planning as Resistance*. The 19th Annual Conference of Critical Geography, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, USA.

June 2012: *Planning in the Gray Zone, Challenges and Opportunities*. International Conference on Architectural Research, Politecnico di Milano, Italy.

February 2012: *Stakeholders, Independent Planning and the Right to the City*. Mamuta at the Daniela Passal Art and Media Center, Jerusalem.

December 2011: *Spot-Zoning Plans– Control Mechanism or Transformation Leverage?* The Yearly Conference of the Israeli Geographers Association, Tel Aviv.

Additional Activities

2010-present: Advocacy work at "Bimkom – planners for planning rights", East Jerusalem team.

1996-1997: Voluntary civil service at Afula, a development town in the north of Israel.

Knowledge of Languages

Highly proficient speaking, reading and writing skills in English and Hebrew

Intermediate skills in German.