

**MIRJAM STRENG**

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**EDUCATION**

**TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY BUCHMANN FACULTY OF LAW**, Tel Aviv, Israel

PhD fellow, GlobalTrust project, October 2014 - current

Research topic: "Education and asylum seekers: A legal and normative examination of access, integration and educational content."

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, United States

Master of Laws, May 2010, specialization in International Human Rights Law.

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Fulbright scholar

Certificate of Achievement Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law

VSBFonds grantee

Activities: Columbia Journal of Gender and Law – Staff member

Rightslink (human rights law research organization - member of the board)

**UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Master of Laws, Public International Law & European Law, June 2009

**UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Bachelor of Laws, *Cum honore*, May 2009

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

Exchange Student during Bachelor of Laws, Fall 2007

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**LEGAL AID CENTER FOR OLIM**, Tel Aviv, Israel

*Attorney*

April 2014 – October 2014

*Articling Law Clerk*

September 2012 – September 2013

Immigration law litigator, drafted legal petitions submitted to the Israeli Supreme Court, District Courts and Family courts, performed legal research and liaised with clients.

**ARCHEM LTD**, Herzeliya, Israel

*Assistant to Business Development Manager*

June 2011 – May 2012

Responsible for commercial contract negotiations and office management of preparation for arbitration, creating contract database and liaising with outside legal counsel.

**LEGAL RESOURCES CENTRE**, Grahamstown, South Africa

*Legal Intern*

October 2010 – January 2011

Drafted Amicus Curiae application submitted to South African High Court in case on debt review and researched issues of law and fact regarding the right to education, adoption and debtor's rights.

**CAPITA SELECTA**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

*Tutor Public International Law*

January 2009 – June 2009

Taught exam training for groups of up to 12 Bachelor students in Public International Law.

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**, The Hague, The Netherlands

November 2008 – June 2009

*Legal Intern in Defense Team for Valentin Ćorić.*

Researched and wrote memoranda and part of final defence brief on legal issues concerning the standard of proof for the death of alleged victims and conducted document review.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Israel Bar Association

Member of the New York State Bar association

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS:

**European University Institute**, Florence, 20.06.16 – 15.07.16, participant in Academy of European Law summer schools on human rights law and EU law

**Humboldt University**, Berlin, 18.06.16, ICON-S Annual Conference, “Normative perspective on asylum seekers’ access to education: On human flourishing and “good” membership”

**Tel Aviv University**, 25.05.16, GlobalTrust Seminar: The Obligation of States to Foreign Stakeholders, “Normative perspective on asylum seekers’ access to education: On human flourishing and “good” membership”

**Ruppin Academic Center**, Netanya, 23.05.16, 4th Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration: The Changing Face of Migration: Future Challenges for Societies, “Inclusionary and exclusionary asylum state interests and asylum seekers’ right to primary education under IRL and IHRL”

**College of Law and Business**, Ramat Gan, 30.11.15, Refugee Lawyers Forum, “Inclusionary and exclusionary asylum state interests and asylum seekers’ right to primary education under IRL and IHRL”

**Tel Aviv University**, 26-28.10.15, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TAU Workshop for Junior Scholars in Law: Theory Coming to Life, Academic organizer (together with Masua Sagiv and Keren Yalin-Mor)

**New York University School of Law**, 03.07.15, ICON-S Annual Conference, “State obligations to fulfill asylum seekers’ right to education”

**Tel Aviv University**, 10.06.15, GlobalTrust Seminar: The Obligation of States to Foreign Stakeholders, “State obligations to fulfill asylum seekers’ right to education”

**College of Law and Business**, Ramat Gan, 14.05.15, ICON-S Israel Inaugural Conference, “State obligations to fulfill asylum seekers’ right to education”

**Tel Aviv University**, 02.03.15, XXIst Annual Forum of Young Legal Historians, Chair of panel “Human and Labor Rights”

**University of Amsterdam**, LL.M. Thesis “*How did the CERD strike a balance between the right to freedom of expression and the prohibition of racial discrimination?*” served as a background paper for the conference “The UN and Freedom of Expression and Information: Critical Perspectives” held at the University of Amsterdam on 23.04.2010.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**HIAS**, Tel Aviv, Israel December 2015 – currently  
Litigator in pro bono program for the representation of asylum seekers.

**THIS IS NOT AN ULPAN**, Tel Aviv, Israel December 2013 - currently  
*Member of organizing committee and co-teacher in alternative language learning collective*  
Member of organizing committee responsible for educational content and co-teacher of the course “Human Rights in a Conflicted Society” on human rights issues in Israeli and Palestinian society.

**JEWISH SOCIALIST ZIONIST YOUTH MOVEMENT HABONIEM DROR,**

The Netherlands

*Chairperson*

September 2004 – August 2006

*Educator*

September 2002 – August 2009

Organized camps/ taught leadership seminars in the Netherlands and Israel. Organized conference for European leadership. World Zionist Congress participant. Organized intercultural dialogue activities.

**DIVERSION, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

*Peer educator intercultural dialogue project*

September 2004 – June 2006

Taught underprivileged high school and community college students about the Second World War and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, together with a Muslim student.

**LANGUAGES:** Dutch and English (fluent), Hebrew (professional working proficiency in speaking, reading, writing), German and French (intermediate reading, basic writing and speaking).