

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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2. ACADEMIC DEGREES

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| 2014 | Law of the Sea Rhodes Summer Program, University of Virginia |
| 2014 | PhD in Conflict Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University (Jerusalem) |
| 2007 | MA in Conflict Studies (honors program), Hebrew University |
| 2004 | BA in Comparative Literature and General Studies, Hebrew University (<i>with honors</i>) |

3. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2019-2020 | Researcher and Lecturer (Ben Gurion University and Technion) |
| 2019 | Academic guest (Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion) |
| 2018-present | Lecturer (Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Ben Gurion Uni. Program) |
| 2018-2019 | Lecturer (Architecture and Town Planning, Technion) |
| 2017-2018 | Post-doctoral fellow (PI: Prof. Daniel Orenstein, Socio-Ecological Lab, Technion) |
| 2016 | Researcher (Architecture and Town Planning, Technion) |
| 2014-2016 | Post-Doctoral Fellow (<i>Israel Marine Plan</i> , Center for Urban and Regional Studies, Technion (PI: Prof. Michelle Portman); and the Center for Maritime Strategy and Policy, University of Haifa (PIs: Prof. Aviad Rubin and Prof. Ehud Eiran) |
| 2013-2016 | Teaching Assistant (Architecture and Town Planning, Technion) |

4. RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research explores the social, cultural and political aspects of natural and urban spaces, as well as perceptions of conservation and sustainable development (SD). It particularly focuses on sea and desert landscapes, as well as peri-urban areas and urban parks. I seek best practices and methodologies for understanding and engaging stakeholders and locals in planning and conservation. This, with the goal of informing the sustainable development and design of cultural landscapes that support ecosystem, individual and community wellbeing. My specific fields of research include, cultural ecosystem services (CES) and landscape values and services, environmental conflict and cooperation, marine and coastal management, and education for sustainable development (ESD).

5. TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Designing and teaching courses at the Technion

- Introduction to Environmental Planning (graduate).

Designing and teaching courses at the Arava Institute (Ben-Gurion University Program)

- Environmental Conflict and Cooperation (graduate and undergraduate)
- Environmental Mediation (graduate and undergraduate)
- Environmental Education (graduate and undergraduate)

Teaching assistant

- Environmental Planning (Graduate)

7. PUBLIC PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer review for scientific journals

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| 2018-Present | People and Nature |
| | Journal of Coastal and Marine Conservation |
| | Coastal Management Journal |
| 2017-Present | Arabian Journal of Geosciences |
| 2015 | International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics |
| 2014-2015 | Journal of Environment, Development and Sustainability |
| | Journal of Environmental Education Research |
| | International Journal of Marine Energy |

Reviewing for granting institutions

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| 2019 | Icelandic Research Fund |
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8. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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| 2018-Present | MEISA - Middle East and Islamic Studies Association |
| | Mitvim - Foreign Policy Mediterranean Sea Forum (Israel) |
| 2017-Present | EU COST Action CA15121 (MarCons) - Advancing Marine Conservation in the European and contiguous seas; WG 5: Regional Cooperation and Transboundary Conservation |
| | INTERACT - International Network for Terrestrial Research and Monitoring in the Arctic |
| 2016-Present | The Israel Society of Ecology and Environmental Sciences |

9. FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Personal awards

2006-2007 Award for Academic Excellence (Dean's List, top 2.5%) – Full Scholarship, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University.

12. RESEARCH GRANTS

Competitive

Sponsored

2020 Ministry of Construction and Housing, 100,000 NIS, "Developing a Methodology for Post Occupancy Evaluation (POE) of Open Spaces in Israel", PIs: Yael Teff-Seker and Ram Eisenberg (grant approved).

2018-2019 17,000 NIS from COST Action CA15121 (MarCons), including STSM: "Marine Scientific Cooperation in Areas of Recent Conflict". PI: Yael Teff-Seker.

2017-2018 22,000 NIS from INTERACT – Transnational Access: "Developing a Qualitative Methodology for Assessing Cultural Ecosystem Services. Daniel Orenstein (group leader) and Yael Teff-Seker.

13. PUBLICATIONS

Theses

2013 **Teff-Seker, Yael.** (2013). The Representation of the Arab-Israeli Conflict in Israeli Children's Literature. Ph. D. dissertation, Conflict Studies Program, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Supervisors: Profs. Gabriel Horenczyk and Aminadav Dykman.

Refereed papers in professional journals

1. **Teff-Seker, Y** (2019). "Peace and Conflict in Israeli State-Approved Textbooks: 2000-2018". *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 1-18, doi 10.1080/00220272.2020.1716392 (IF=1.420; Q3, 127/243, JIF=47.942).
2. Kosel, S., **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Orenstein, D. & Gruner, E. "Group Identity and Political Barriers: Jordanian and Israeli Narratives of Env. Scientific Cooperation" *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* (Accepted Oct. 2019). (Q2, SJR H index = 30).
3. Mackelworth, P., **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Vega Fernandez...& Warr, S. "Geopolitics and Marine Conservation: Synergies and Conflicts". *Frontiers in Marine Science* (Published online December 10, 2019) doi: 10.3389/fmars.2019.00759 (Q1, IF=3.086; 13/108, JIF 88.426).
4. **Teff-Seker, Y.** & Orenstein, D. E., The "Desert Experience: Evaluating the Cultural Ecosystem Services of Drylands through Walking and Focusing". *People and Nature*, vol 1:2, June 2019, pp. 234-248. (New int'l peer-reviewed journal, British Ecological Society, Wiley Publishing).

5. **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Portman, M. E., Kaplan-Mintz, K. (2019). "Problem and Project Based Learning as a Tool for Environmental Education: A study of graduate planning students", *Case Studies in the Environment*. April, 2019. (New int'l peer-reviewed journal,, University of California Press).
6. **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Rubin, A., & Eiran, E. (2019). Israel's 'turn to the sea' and its effect on Israeli regional policy. *Israel Affairs*, 25(2), 234-255. (IF=0.247; Q4; 68/74; JIF 8.784).
7. **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Eiran, E., & Rubin, A. (2018). Israel Turns to the Sea. *Middle East Journal*, 72(4), 610-630. (IF=0.619; Q3; 48/74; JIF 35.811).
8. **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2017) "Review: Environmental Planning for Oceans and Coasts: Methods, Tools, and Technologies", *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*. 38 issue: 2, page(s): 249-250. (IF=1.855; Q2; 16/41; JIF 62.195).
9. Portman, M. E., & **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2017). Factors of success and failure for transboundary environmental cooperation: projects in the Gulf of Aqaba. *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, 19(6), 810-826. (IF=1.195; Q1. 2/41; JIF 96.341).
10. Portman, M. & **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2016). Community-level environmental projects as learning tools for planners: a case study of graduate planning students. *Environmental Education Research*, 23(3), 415-435. (IF=2.255; Q1. 52/243; JIF 78.807).

Accepted (or in press) papers

11. **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Mackelworth, P., Nam, J.H., Vega Fernández, T., McManus, J. and Tuda, A. "Transboundary Marine Conservation as a Tool for Conflict Management". *Frontiers in Marine Science* (Q1, IF=3.086; 13/108, JIF 88.426) (Abstract accepted for special issue).

Submitted papers

12. Zivian, A., Glaser, M., Bonnevie, M., Cadier, C., Galappaththi, M., Gammage, L., Koenigstein, S., Lopes, P., Lopez, R., Muhl, E., Norton, M., Parker, R., Reid, D., Roura, R., Said, A., Selim, S., **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Tembo, D. and Thomas, S. "Improving and Achieving sustainable ocean governance: the role of networks" *Frontiers in Marine Science* (Q1, IF=3.086; 13/108, JIF 88.426) (abstract accepted for special issue, December 2019).
13. Dick, J., Andrews, C., Orenstein, D.E. **Teff-Seker, Y.** & Zulian. G. "Understanding Recreation Potential of Urban and Wild Landscapes. *Ecosystem Services* (Q1, IF-5.572).

Chapters in books

1. **Teff-Seker, Y.** "Focusing and Scientific Reflection". In Kyriotakis, N., Moore, J. (Eds). Senses of Focusing. Aurasia Publications. (Accepted, to be published in 2020).
2. **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2017) "Attitudes towards the 'Other' and Jewish Israeli Identity in Israeli Schoolbooks" in: *Podeh, E. and Alayan, S. Multiple Alterities: Views of Others in School Textbooks of the Middle East*. Palgrave-Macmillan, 99-122.
3. Portman, M. & **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2016). "Remembering the Red Sea Marine Peace Park". In Mackelworth, P. (Ed.) Marine Transboundary Conservation and Protected Areas, Routledge, 89-110.

4. **Teff-Seker, Y.** "Fear and Grief in Israeli Children's Literature Before and After the Yom Kippur War: A Comparative Analysis" In: *Darr, Y., Kogman T & Steiman, Y., (eds.) Children at the Head of the Camp?: Children and Youth During National Revolution and Change*, Tel Aviv: Mofet Institute Press, 2010 (in Hebrew).

Refereed papers in Hebrew

1. **Teff-Seker, Y.** "Hope and Nostalgia: Representations of Arab-Jewish Relationships in Israeli Children's Literature After 1967", 2019. *Between the Lines* (In Hebrew), Vol 3 pp. 45-65. *Peer reviewed journal, In Hebrew*.
2. **Teff-Seker, Y.** & Portman, M. (2016). Stakeholder Feedback in Israel's Marine Spatial Planning. *Ecology and Environment, April 2016, 7:1. 24-32. (In Hebrew)*.

Research reports and other publications

1. **Teff-Seker, Y.** (in prep) "Cross-Border Water and Environmental Cooperation in the Middle East" – with *Mitvim* foreign policy NGO (in prep)
2. Assif, S., Portman, M., Cohen, Y., Adler, E., Perlman, A., Porat, I., **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Shochat, E., Ross, D. "Israel Marine Plan" (2017). Monitoring and Implementation Report 2016, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa.
3. **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2016). "Marine Planning in Israel", Maritime Strategy Report, Haifa University.
4. Assif, S., Portman, M., Cohen, Y., Adler, E., Perlman, A., Porat, I., **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2015). The Israel Marine Plan (2015) (co-author) – Technion, Haifa (2015).
5. **Teff-Seker, Y.** "Peace, Tolerance and the Palestinian "other" in Israeli Textbooks", IMPACT-SE Institute (2012).

16. CONFERENCES

Plenary, keynote or invited talks

Abroad

Teff-Seker, Y. "Marine Protected Areas in the Middle East". Conference Title: IMBER (Integrated Marine Biosphere Research) - Future Oceans, June 17-21, 2019, Brest, France (*Invited Talk*).

In Israel

Teff-Seker, Y. "Environmental Cooperation in the East Mediterranean". The 43rd Annual Conference of the Middle East and Islamic Studies Association (MEISEI). Ben-Gurion University, Be'er Sheva, Israel. 30 May, 2019.

Departmental invited seminar talks

Abroad

Teff-Seker, Y. “Assessing Cultural Ecosystem Services using Walking-Focusing Interviews”. Centre of Ecology and Hydrology, Edinburgh. August, 2018.

In Israel

Teff-Seker, Y. “Marine Planning in Israel”, Department of Geography, Ben-Gurion University, January 2020.

Teff-Seker, Y. “Cultural Ecosystem Services in the Negev Desert”. Midreshet Sde Boker, Ben-Gurion University, April 2018

Teff-Seker, Y. “The Israel Marine Plan”, Department of Architecture and Town Planning (Graduate Seminar), April 2016.

Contributed Talks and Posters

Abroad

Teff-Seker, Y. “Walk on the Wild Side: Using Walking Interviews and Focusing to Assess Cultural Ecosystem Services”. Conference Title: 5th European Congress of Conservation Biology (ECCB), June 12-15, 2018. Jyväskylä, Finland (invited symposium).

Teff-Seker, Y. “Walking and Focusing: A New Methodology for Assessing Desert Cultural Ecosystem Services”. ESP Regional Conference, MENA 2018, 22-25 April, Dead Sea, Jordan.

Teff-Seker, Y. “The Israel Marine Plan” Workshop & Review Panel: Blue Planning in Practice (Blue Solutions). April 19-21. German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, GIZ, Frankfurt, Germany.

Teff-Seker, Y. "Stakeholder Participation in the Israel Marine Plan". Sustainable Israel: A Changing Society in the 21st Century, June. 31st, 2016. annual meeting of the Association of Israel Studies (AIS). Institute of Israel Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

In Israel

Teff-Seker, Y. “Qualitative Methodologies for Assessing Cultural Ecosystem Services”. The 8th Transdisciplinary Conference for Qualitative Analysis. February 2018, Ben-Gurion University, Israel.

Teff-Seker, Y. “Factors of Success and Failure for Transboundary Environmental Cooperation: Projects in the Gulf of Aqaba”. ISEES Annual Conference on Science and Environment. July 2017. IDC Herzliya, Israel.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participation in organizing conferences

2014-2016 Organizing four conferences and triannual roundtable meetings – Israel Marine Plan

Service to government agencies

2019-2020	Environmental Planning Advisor – Ministry of Housing
2019	Environmental Advisor to The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policy - Mitvim.
2016	Advisor for Blue Solutions: DIG - Joint project for the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, IUCN and UNEP.

Contributions to the popular press

1. **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2013) “Do Civics Studies Teach Democracy or Intolerance?” *The Jerusalem Post* (October 30, 2013).
2. **Teff-Seker, Y.** & Boms, N. (2012). “Abbas is Right: Education Can Incite”. *The Commentator*, October 17, 2012.
3. **Teff-Seker, Y.**, Boms, N. (2012) “Incitement or Peace Education?” *The Jerusalem Post* (23 June, 2012).
4. Boms., N. and **Teff-Seker, Y.** (2012). “Books, Incitement and Incitement Reports”. *The Commentator*. 11 June, 2012.