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**Incumbent, The Shoul N. Eisenberg Chair for East Asian Affairs**

**Tel Aviv University**

Curriculum Vitae

**EDUCATION**

- 1964-1967      B.A. in History and Philosophy. Courses in Chinese language, the Hebrew, University, Jerusalem.
- 1967-1969      M.A. Cum Laude in History (emphasis on East Asian Studies), the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
- 1969-1972      D.Phil., St. Antony's College, Oxford Scholarship by the Friends of the Hebrew University and the British Council

**FURTHER STUDIES**

- 1971              Studies and research tour in Asia. In Hong Kong, Member, Robert Black College, Hong Kong University and Universities Service Centre, Kowloon (sponsored by Oxford University).

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1972-1975	Professor, Department of History, Tel-Aviv University St. Antony's College, Oxford: Research on British foreign policy in Asia. Grant-in-Aid by the British Council.
1978-1979	Elected Israeli (Wolfson) Fellow, St. Antony's College, Oxford. Also, tutor, University of Oxford.
1979-1980	Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College, Oxford. Grant by Avi Foundation, Geneva.
1983	Senior Associate Member, St. Antony's College Oxford. Research on Britain's China policy.
1985-1987	Visiting Professor, the Department of History, University of Toronto, Canada.
1987- 2007	Academic Dean, David Yellin College of Education, Jerusalem.
1989-1997	Visiting Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
1989	Study tour in the People's Republic of China
1991	Directeur D'Etudes, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Fondation de la Maison des Sciences de L'Homme - Professeur invite', Paris. Quai d'Orsay, Paris - Visiting Researcher.
1991-1996	Director, "The Israel Phoenix Assurance Company Ltd." Also Chairman, Control Committee
1993-1996	Chair, Department of History.
1994-1997	Chair, Department of East Asian Studies
1994-2005	Ministry of Education, Member and Chair, the History Curriculum Committee
1998	Visiting Professor, East-Asian Institute, Columbia University
1998-2004	Consultant, higher education, UIA-Canada,
2000-2001	Director, ICIC – The Israel Credit Insurance Company Ltd.
2000-	Incumbent, the Shoul N. Eisenberg Chair for East Asian Affairs.
2002- 2007	Chair, Academic Council, David Yellin College of Education.
2004-	Member, the Council, The Open University of Israel.
2004 - 2007	Member, the Executive Committee, The Open University of Israel.
2004 -	Member, the Council, Safed College.
2004 -	Member, the Executive Committee, Safed College .
2005	Elected, Oxford University, the Bertelsmann Europaeum Visiting Professor of Twentieth Century Jewish Politics and History
2007 -	Elected, Member, Higher Educational Council.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES AT TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY**

1982-1985	Coordinator and Academic Advisor, the Military Staff College and the National Defense College.
1982-	Head, the Military-Diplomatic Studies at the Aranne School of History, (the Graduate Program)
1983-1993	Review Editor and member, the editorial board, <u>Zmanim - History Quarterly</u>
1984-1985	Member, the Professors' Association
1986-1990	Chairman, Libraries committee

1986-1989	Chairman, Libraries computerization committee
1989-1990	Co-Chairman Wiener Library Seminar.
1993-1996	Head, the Department of History.
1994-1997	Head, the Department of East Asian Studies
1996- 2007	Member, the Board of Trustees, Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, Tel-Aviv University.
1998-1999	Member, Nominations Committee, Faculty of Humanities
2000-	Incumbent, the Shoul N. Eisenberg Chair for East Asian Affairs.
2004-2006	Member, Nominations Committee, Faculty of Humanities
2006-	Member various Search Committees

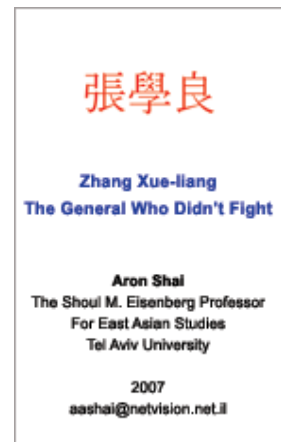
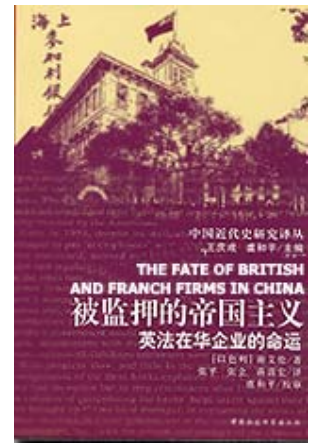
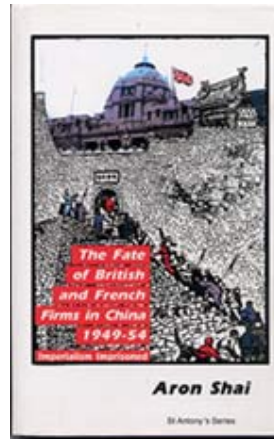
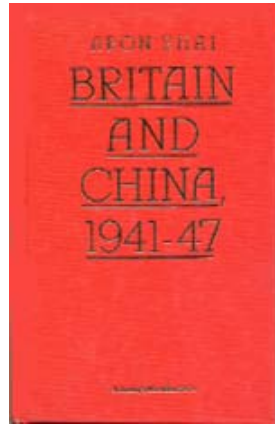
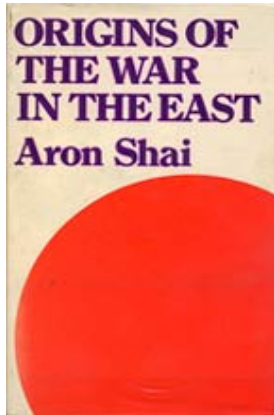
## **MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

1973 -	The Oxford Society, Secretary
1973 -	The Israeli Association of Asian Studies
1984 -	The Israeli Commission of Military History
1985-1990	The American Historical Association
1999- 2006	St. Antony's College Oxford, the Israeli Advisory committee. St. Antony's College Oxford, the Israeli Advisory Committee - Chair.

## **Papers presented at scientific meetings**

Between 1972 and 2007 over 40 papers were presented at scientific meetings in over 20 different countries. The topics of these papers were, for example:  
 Appeasement in East Asia, Triangle in International Relations: Japan, China and the Soviet Union ● The British Imperial Expansion in the Red Sea Area and the Routes to India ● Britain's Attempts to Re-establish a Pre-War Foothold in China ● The Sino-Japanese War of 1931-1945; The Chinese Civil War and Cold War ● The Second World War in the Far East ● Captive Imperialism: Britain's Withdrawal from China, 1941-1954 ● British Imperial Hangover and China ● British Commercial Interests in China and the Second World War ● Israeli - Chinese Relations ● Imperialism Imprisoned or Capitalism in Captivity: The Fate of Western Firms in China after 1949 ● Center and Periphery - Home Countries and Colonies: Britain and China ● The Closure of British and French Commercial Interests in China ● The Changing Attitude of Foreign Firms towards China since 1949 ● Fifty Years Later: The Second World War and its Aftermath - The End of Empire in East-Asia ● The Israeli Communist Party's Policy Towards the People's Republic of China ● The 1956 War - The Last Imperial War or an Imperial Hangover? The Fate of the Abandoned Arab Villages.

List of Publications



Benhazar



She Used To Call Him Mano

## Books

1. **Origins of the War in the East: Britain, China, Japan 1937-1939.** Croom Helm, London, 1976.
2. **China in International Affairs 1840-1990.** Zmora, Bitan, Modan Publishers (in Hebrew), Tel- Aviv, 1981 (second printing, 1987; second edition, 1990).
3. **Britain and China 1941-1947: Imperial Momentum.** Macmillan, London with St. Antony's College, Oxford, 1984.
4. **The Fate of British and French Firms In China 1949-54 - Imperialism Imprisoned,** Macmillan, London with St. Antony's College, Oxford, 1996.
5. **Twentieth Century China,** Ministry of Defence, Israel (in Hebrew), Tel-Aviv, 1998.
6. **被监押的帝国主义 Bei jian ya de di guo zhu yi - Imperialism Imprisoned 英法在华企业的命运 Ying fa zai hua qi ye de ming yun - The Fate of British and French Firms In China** (Beijing, 2005)
7. **張學良 Zhang Xue-liang, The General Who Didn't Fight** (To be published in 2008).
8. **Sino-Israel Relations: A 60 Year Retrospective Towards a New Stage?** – (To be published by INSS, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2008)

## Non-Academic Books

9. **Benhazar-** An historical novel, Am Oved (Tel Aviv, 1990).
10. **Mano-** An Historical Novel, Zmora Bitan Publishers ( Tel Aviv, 1998).

## Editing

11. Europe Since Napoleon by David Thomson (Hebrew Edition). Introduction and notes. Zmora-Bitan Publishers, (Tel Aviv 1983).
12. From War to Peace (consultant) Ministry of Education (Jerusalem, 1986).
13. The Barad Manoeuvre, Israel Defense Forces, the History Section, (Tel Aviv 1988).
14. The Ancient Greeks and Imperial Rome by A.Powell and P. Vanags (Hebrew Edition). Yavne, (Tel Aviv 1989).
15. Bamichlala - The College Voice : Research, Essays and Liteary Works, (Jerusalem Vols 1-19, 1990-2007).
16. "French-Israeli Military Cooperation in 1956", Service Historique de l'Armee de l'Air, Paris. Translation and editing, (Paris, 1991).
17. Qualitative Research in Education (with Y. Bar-Shalom). The David Yellin College of Education, (Jerusalem, 2002).
18. Dialogic Feedback and Correspondence in Teacher Training. By Vered Ganor – Shavit, (Tel Aviv, 2002).
19. Korea: History and Politics, by Alon Levkowitz, (Tel Aviv University Press, 2003)
20. Modes of Existence, by R. Reichenberg and R. Sagie (Tel Aviv, 2003)

21. We Shall Do It Ourselves, by M. Zeller Mayer and I. Tabak, (Tel Aviv, 2004).

## **Articles**

Between 1972 and 2007 over 40 articles were published in scientific and academic journals, among them: Journal of Contemporary History, Revue d'Historie Moderne et Contemporaine, Zmanim, English Historical Review, The International History Review and Pelagic Meetings.

Among the Subjects covered:

Was There a Far Eastern Munich? ● The Sino-Japanese Conflict of 1937 and The League of Nations- Anatomy of a Failure ● Britain, China and The End of Empire ● The Fourteen-Year War: From the Sino-Japanese War to the Second World War ● British Commercial Interests in China and the Second World War ● Imperialism Imprisoned: The Closure of British Firms in the People's Republic of China ● China in World Affairs and the Emergence of a New International History ● The Death of the Grand Canal ● The Israeli Communist Party's Policy Towards the PRC 1949-1992 ● The Chinese Navy in the Second World War ● Suez - The Last Imperial War on an Imperial Hangover ● The Fate of the Abandoned Arab Villages

## **Reviews**

Between 1972 and 2007 over 30 reviews of books were published in academic journals and literary supplements.

## **Publications in Journals and Newspapers**

Between 1971 and 2007 over 20 articles, essays and reviews were published in journals and newspapers.