

Elie Rekhess: Curriculum Vitae

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Dr. Rekhess holds a B.A. in the History of the Islamic Countries and Classical Arabic Language and Literature. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in the Modern History of the Middle East from Tel Aviv University.

Dr. Rekhess is one of Israel's leading experts on the Arab minority in Israel, Jewish-Arab relations, Palestinian politics and Islamic resurgence in the West Bank and Gaza.

He is the author of a forthcoming book on *Islamic Fundamentalism in Israel*.

He is the co-editor of *The Municipal Elections in the Arab and Druze Sector (2003): Clans, Sectarianism and Political Parties (2005)*, and *The Arabs in Israel: A National Minority in a Jewish Nation State (2005)*. Among his other publications are three edited volumes entitled: *The Arabs in Israeli Politics: Dilemmas of Identity (1998)*; *Arab Politics in Israel at a Cross road (1996)*; *The Arab Minority in Israel: Dilemmas of Political Orientation and Social Change (1994)*; a book on *The Arab Minority in Israel: Between Communism and Arab Nationalism (1993)* and several studies, including a survey on "Islamism Across the Green Line", published by the Washington Institute (1997) and an article on "The Arabs in Israel after Oslo: Localization of the National Struggle" (2002).

Dr. Rekhess has held a variety of academic and administrative posts. An annotated list includes: Senior Consultant on Arab Minority Affairs to the Prime Minister's Office (1993-1994); Senior Consultant of Arab Affairs to the Histadrut Labor Organization (1994); Senior Consultant to the Abraham Fund for the Enhancement of Jewish-Arab Coexistence (1994 to date); Member of the Board of "Sikkuy", the Association for the Advancement of Equal Opportunities (1993 to date); Faculty member, the Wexner Heritage Foundation.

He served as a strategic advisor to Ehud Barak during his election campaign (1999) and as an advisor to Science Minister Matan Vilna'i, Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on the Arabs in Israel (1999-2000).

Dr. Rekhess is also a regular public lecturer and television commentator on Arab issues in Israel and the territories.