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Watchdog Monitors “Anti-Jewish Trends” of Jerusalem Universities

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Israeli college professors who label their country a Nazi apartheid regime, urge the downfall of the Jewish state, and speak at conventions calling for the boycott of Israel?

Universities in Jerusalem that give awards to academic papers complaining Jewish soldiers don't rape enough Arab women and encourage students to protest the anti-terror policies of the Israeli military?

These trends are rampant across college campuses in the country, according to one website – **Israel Academia Monitor**, which has been documenting what it calls the anti-Zionist behavior of the senior staff at major Israeli universities.

Some 20% to 25% of the humanities and social sciences staff in Israel's universities and colleges have “expressed extreme anti-Zionist positions”, according to **Israel Academia Monitor**.

In addition (the university staff) have engaged in public demonstrations, prepared and signed petitions addressed to Israeli soldiers to disobey their commanders' orders and not serve in Judea and Samaria, and have been active in encouraging academic organizations abroad to boycott Israel universities and academics,

states a new Monitor position paper made available online. In one of hundreds of recent documented examples, **Israel Academia Monitor's** website lists Dan Bar-On, a psychology professor at Israel's Ben Gurion University, who penned an article in a Palestinian journal this past April arguing alleged Israeli “aggression” against Palestinians is morally equivalent to the Holocaust.

“Some of the aggression that the Jews did not exercise against the Germans, they are expressing against Palestinians,” stated Bar-On.

According to **Israel Academia Monitor**, Bar-On has promoted textbooks in which terrorists are described as freedom fighters, and he signed a statement – later proved false – claiming Israel was about to perpetrate genocidal atrocities against Arabs just as Allied Forces invaded Iraq in 2003.

“No Place for Jewish Nation in Middle East”

Also at Ben Gurion University, the Monitor documents geographer Oren Yiftachel, who wrote a book last year, “Ethnocracy: Land and Identity Politics in Israel/Palestine”, in which he argued that there is no place in the Middle East for a Jewish nation.

According to **Israel Academia Monitor**, other professors at Ben Gurion University denounced Israel as an “apartheid” regime and claimed anarchists arrested during protests here are victims of “Israeli state terror”.

Moving on to a host of other major colleges, **Israel Academia Monitor** documents how Hebrew University sponsored a recent two-day seminar that according to its own published minutes discussed, among other things, dealing with the Israeli “occupation” of Jerusalem, and suggested students lead tours of Jerusalem that inform visitors of what Arabs call the Nakba, or the “tragedy” of Israel’s founding.

According to Palestinian account, the Nakba commemorates a period in which hundreds of thousands of Arabs were purportedly displaced from their homes by Jews. Many positions of the Palestinian narrative have been disputed by scores of history books and documentary evidence.

This past November, Tamar Yarom, a professor at Hebrew University’s college of arts, produced a documentary, “Would I smile?” accusing Israeli soldiers of “atrocities” against Palestinians in the West Bank.

I have served in the West Bank during the first intifada in 1987-1988, and when I finished my service I wondered “how would a woman like me take part in suppressing and oppressing another nation, how can a gentle woman remain silent regarding this cruel violence against the Palestinian people?”

commented Yarom during an interview about her recent film.

Also at Hebrew University, an academic paper that won a teachers’ committee prize last month lamented the lack of rape of Arab women by Israel Defense Forces soldiers, theorizing Jewish soldiers do not rape Arab women because they dehumanized Arabs. The paper cited higher statistics of rape in other Western militaries. Critics stated the paper failed to explore whether Jewish culture and values could have contributed the lower rape statistics among the IDF.

Defending the paper, Hebrew University professor Dr. Zali Gurevitch, who headed the committee that published the work, stated in a media interview,

This was a very serious paper that asked two important questions: Is the relative lack of IDF rapes a noteworthy phenomenon, and if so, why is it that there are so few IDF rapes when in similar situations around the world, rape is much more common?

“Lifetime Communists”

Documenting cases of Israeli academics making public their activism, Israel Academia Watch recently posted a first-person account by Dr. Roni Hammermann, a senior Hebrew University librarian describing how she attempted to infiltrate an Arab home being searched by what she labeled “bored, power thirsty (Israeli) soldiers.”

Hammermann is a member of Machshom Watch, or Israeli Women Against the Israeli Occupation of the Territories and the Systematic Repression of the Palestinian Nation. The group is a leftist activist organization that has previously served as human shields for suspected Palestinian militants and regularly protests Israeli anti-terror check points in the West Bank, many of which have been directly credited with stopping scores of suicide bombings.

Israel Academia Monitor goes on to document purported anti-Israel views, teachings and activism by dozens of professors at other Israeli colleges, such as the University of Haifa and Tel Aviv University.

Theorizing in its recent policy paper as to the motivation of Israeli academics, **Israel Academia Monitor** notes some Israeli academics might subscribe to a more globalist ideology.

The paper states,

Not a few of the anti-Zionist academics were lifetime communists and adhere to a Marxist ideology that opposes separate nationalism beyond the international brotherhood of the proletariat. To dismantle Israel is a first step in this direction, despite the fact that other nations oddly enough refuse to follow suit,” states the paper.

These people are among those who teach our youth in the universities and who exert enormous influence on their ideas, attitudes, values and strivings,

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