

Dr. Maayan Sudai – Short Bio

I am an Associate Professor at the University of Haifa, holding dual positions in the Faculty of Law and the Women and Gender Studies program. My academic journey began with an LL.B from the University of Haifa, followed by an LL.M. and an S.J.D. from Harvard Law School. I am also the Director of Biology and Sexual Diversity in Law and Public Policy Team at the GenderSci Lab at Harvard.

My academic work focuses on the intersections of law, gender, and health, with a particular interest in the legal and ethical dimensions of sex and gender diversity. I was the recipient of the Justice Cheshin Award for Academic Excellence in Law, ISF grant, the Dan David Prize for Junior scholars in Bioethics, and multiple writing awards and teaching distinctions from Harvard University. I authored several articles published in high-impact journals such as *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender, Science*, and *Yale Law Journal*.

My research interests span the legal and social implications of sex and gender diversity, bioethics, and the socio-legal history of hermaphrodites in early modern common law. I am particularly interested in how legal systems and policies interact with scientific understandings of sex and gender, and the impact of these interactions on marginalized communities. While my research focuses on the regulation of sex and gender, I am also interested in the medico-legal regulation of the end of life, particularly after the death of my beloved father Admon Sudai last August.

I live in Haifa with my partner, Yuval, and our three children, Adam (9), Eleanor (6), and Eviatar (2). I enjoy the nature, pole dancing and (watching) soccer, which keep me active and grounded.