

**Biographical data form of Ms. Ruth HALPERIN-KADDARI  
Candidate from Israel to CEDAW**

**Name and first name:** Ruth HALPERIN-KADDARI

**Date and place of birth:** Israel, May 15 1966

**Working languages:** English

**Current position/function:**

Director, the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman International Center for the Advancement of the Status Women, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel;  
Associate Professor, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel;  
Vice-Chair, the Committee on Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), The United-Nations

**Main professional activities:**

The Rackman Center: Chief Editor (Rabbinical Decisions publication; Statistical bi-annual on women and family in Israel; Women's legislative compilation); Academic Supervisor of the Legal Aid Clinic; Chief Advocacy Program (drafting bills for legal reform)

CEDAW: Chair of the Working Group on a new General Recommendation on the Economic Consequences of Marriage and its Dissolution

Bar-Ilan Law Faculty: Teaching and Research areas: family law; feminist critic of law; women and religion; international women's rights

Israel Bar Association: Director, Family Law Continuing Education Programs and Seminars; member of the Steering Committee of the Israeli Bar Annual Conference

**Educational background:**

**Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT, J.S.D. June 1993

**Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT, LL.M. May 1990.

**Bar Ilan University**, Ramat Gan, Israel, LL.B. June 1989 *Summa Cum Laude*.

**Tel-Aviv University, Department of Sociology**, Tel Aviv, Israel, Post-Doctoral Fellow

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:**

2002-2008     **The Prime Minister's Office**, Jerusalem, Israel  
Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women

2008-2009     **UNRISD, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**  
Member of research group on Religion, Politics and Gender Equality

2003-2006     **The United-Nations, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**  
Head of the Israeli delegation to the 47<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> sessions of the CSW

1996-1997; 2000-2001 **The Ministry of Justice & The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,**  
Jerusalem, Israel

Prepared the official Israeli combined 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Periodic Reports under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

**List of most recent publications in the field:**

**Women in Israel: A State of Their Own**, University Of Pennsylvania Press, 2004.

**One Constitution and One Law to the Man and to the Woman: Women, Rights and the Law during the Mandate Period** *forthcoming* (Margalit Shiloh, Eyal katvan, Ruth Halperin-Kaddari Eds., Bar-Ilan Press 2010)

*Between universal feminism and particular nationalism: politics, religion and gender (in)equality in Israel*, (together with Yaacov Yadgar), to be published in **Third World Quarterly** (2010)

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