

## **Prof. Billie Melman, A Short Bio – Updated May 2026**

Billie Melman is Professor Emerita of Modern History, Henri Glasberg Emerita incumbent in European Studies, a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and was Director of the School of Historical Studies at Tel Aviv University. Her fields of research and teaching have been British and Western European cultural and social history, the history of modern European empires and colonialism, popular culture with a recent emphasis on material history, and gender history. She has written extensively on colonialism, orientalism and cross-cultural relations in the age of modern empires, on popular representations of the past and on the history of London and Paris.

Billie Melman was educated in Tel Aviv and London. She received her BA in History (*Summa Cum Laude*) at Tel Aviv University and her Ph.D. at University College, University of London. She joined the Department of History at Tel Aviv University in 1984, was appointed Lecturer in History in 1985, Senior Lecturer in 1991, Associate Professor in 1997 and has been Professor of History since 2005. She held the Henri Glasberg Chair in European Studies and was Director of the School of Historical Studies between 2008 and 2013.

She is Israel Prize Laureate in History (2026), was the first historian to be awarded the Landau Prize for the Sciences and Research (Landau Foundation) in 2006, was Alon Fellow between 1986 and 1990, a Visiting Fellow at the Center for European Studies at Harvard University (1990-91) an Associate and Visiting Professor at the Institute for the Humanities at the University of Michigan (1993-4), Remarque Fellow at the Remarque Institute (2018) and Honorary Research Fellow at the University of London (2022-2023). *Time Out* described her as “A teacher for life”.

She was invited to lecture at various universities, including the universities of Harvard, Berkeley, NYU, Michigan, Illinois at Urbana, Brandeis, The University of Southern California at LA, the university of Cambridge, University of London, Sussex University, Helsinki (ANEF), Bristol, Warwick, FU Berlin, Freiburg, Nicosia and Prague and Vienna. She participated in the NHIST project of the European Science Foundation (“Representations of the Past: The Writing of National Histories in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Europe”, ESF). She was editor of *Historia* and is a member of the editorial board of *History and Memory* and *Zmanim*. She served as the convenor of the GISFO

(German Israeli Frontiers of the Horizons) annual symposium, and as a delegate at the UAI (*Union Académique Internationale*) and is a member of SICH/ISCH's committee.