



## Bio for Miriam Zucker

Miriam received her SJD degree from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in June 2021. She received her LLM degree in Public and International Law from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and her LLB degree from Haifa University (both *magna cum laude*). Before coming to Canada, Miriam practiced law at the Israeli State Attorney's office and taught Administrative Law at the Hebrew University.

Miriam researches the areas of Multiculturalism and Feminism, Law and Religion, and Constitutional Law, and she is the recipient of the Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on Gender and Human Rights (2021). Miriam's doctoral work focuses on the problem of minority women's intra-group vulnerability, often described as the treatment of "minorities within minorities". By examining the ways in which Western democracies – including Israel, the US, Canada, and the UK – have responded to polygamy and forced marriage practices among cultural minority communities, Miriam's work reveals a significant gap in the theoretical literature on intra-group vulnerability: it overlooks the state's role in creating and perpetuating the problem. Based on her critical analysis and to overcome this gap, she develops a new approach for addressing intra-group vulnerabilities by suggesting alternatives to criminalization, and by offering innovative strategies that promote equal access for minority women to justice in family law, welfare assistance, and protections against domestic violence.

Miriam's article on this issue of intra-group vulnerability was recently published in the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, and her piece "Between Intra-Group Vulnerability and Inter-Group Vulnerability: Bridging the Gaps in the Theoretical Scholarship on Internal Minorities" is forthcoming in *INTER GENTES: THE MCGILL JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & LEGAL PLURALISM*. Miriam's current research projects examine the ways in which the Canadian state and its institutions are implicated in increasing and reinforcing gender inequalities within Muslim and Indigenous communities.