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His publications include "The Identity of the Victims and the Victims of Identity: A Critique of Zionist Ideology for a Post-Zionist Age" (2000), The Order of Evils: Toward an Ontology of Morals (2005) The One-State Condition (2012, with Ariella Azoulay), Divine Violence (2013), and Goy: Israel's Multiple Others and the Birth of the Gentile (2018, with Ishay Rosen-Zvi). His latest book, In the Beginning Was the State: Divine Violence in the Hebrew Bible (2023), examines divine violence in biblical texts, analyzing its role in shaping early political theology and modern state formation.