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EDUCATION

- 2021-2022 **MSc in Primate Conservation (human-primate interface)** United Kingdom
Oxford Brookes University
- Graduated with distinction
 - Dissertation in ethnoprimateology. Conducted ethnographic work and biological surveys in an indigenous community in the Peruvian Amazon. Thesis title: "Primates of the Upper Ucayali: Diversity, Density and Shipibo Ethnoprimateology"
 - Key modules: *Human-Primate Interactions, International Legislation Humans and wildlife, Primate Conservation and Diversity, Conservation Education*
- 2011-2020 **B.A in Psychology** Israel
The Open University
- Graduated with Honours; final grade of 93/100
 - Undergraduate research in Intercultural Psychology. Thesis title: "Cross-Cultural Differences in Emotional Intelligence and Reciprocity of Social Support: Israel and Papua New Guinea"
 - Key modules: *Anthropology: into, Social Psychology, History of African Countries, Genocide*
- 2003-2009 **Hakfar Hayarok Agricultural school and high school** Israel
- Major: Film and Media

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - Present **Research collaborator and data analyses** Leticia, Colombia
Fundacion Entropika
- Assisting in fieldwork and community-based conservation projects through workshops and surveys
 - Conducting interviews in indigenous communities on socioeconomic activities, hunting and the commercial use of wildlife
 - Collected data on the use of wildlife in tourism through interviews and undercover investigation at the Colombian-Peruvian border
 - Developed and led educational hands-on workshops on plastic pollution through cleanups, waste classification and sustainable art-making, leading to an art exhibition at Museo Etnográfico del Banco de la República, Leticia
- 2022 - 2024 **Biodiversity Conservation Educator** Yavne, Israel
TiME - This Is My Earth
- Led TiME educational programme at Bialik school in the city of Yavne
 - Created and conducted interactive learning plan for grades 1 to 6, covering nature and biodiversity conservation topics from basic levels of species richness to biological corridors and endangered species, referring to TiME protected reserves
 - Prepared lesson plans for teachers and provided curriculum guidance
- 2018 - Present **Chief Executive Officer** Israel
Plastic Free Israel-NGO dedicated to promoting the creation of less plastic pollution
- Leading and training a diverse team of volunteers, as well as over 1500 volunteers participating in monthly clean-ups and educational events that bring awareness to plastic pollution in Israel and globally, helping to protect Israel's coastline and valuable wildlife
 - Planning and running monthly beach cleanups overseeing logistical preparations

- Leading collaborations with NGOs, businesses and municipalities, such as beach cleanups and sustainability fairs, including engaging in strategic partnerships to reduce their environmental impact
- Writing content for social media, digital campaigns, position papers and policy recommendations
- Creating educational graphics and art installations using plastic pollution in creative and engaging ways

2017 - Present **Freelance Multidisciplinary Artist** Israel
Evi Art

- Science-oriented 'artist' using various mediums such as drawing, sculpting with plastic waste, and photography to create powerful art that raises awareness and communicates science about environmental and social issues such as endangered wildlife, indigenous rights, plastic pollution, deforestation, illegal wildlife trade and more
- Initiated, co-produced and curated the first artistic exhibition educating about plastic pollution in Israel
- Supporting and working with local and international conservation initiatives and campaigns for endangered species from original and commissioned artworks with wildlife as the main subject

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019 - 'End The Plastic In The Red Sea', Eilat Art Gallery, Eilat, Israel. Curator: Doron Polak

2020 - 'If Not The Art?', Tel Aviv Port, Tel Aviv, Israel. Curator: Moran Jacobi

2020 - 'Wild Plastic Art Show', Hagal Sheli, Bat Yam, Israel. Curator: Tal Viderman

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2021 - 'LOVE DEATH & PLASTIC', Sharabiya, Jaffa Greek Market, Tel Aviv, Israel. PR: Marina Pozner

2024 - 'Tales From the Amazon', Global Art Gallery, Tel Aviv, Israel. Curators: Dr Galia Arieli Duchin and Michali Adler. PR: Michal Sadan.

2016 - 2017 **Veterinary Assistant** Tel Aviv Jaffa, Israel
Vets4Pets Veterinary Clinic

- Conducted technical and secretarial work in an English-speaking veterinary clinic
- Assisted with surgeries, x-rays, laboratory work and samples, monitored and treated animals post-surgery
- Managed clinic administration, accounting, engaged with customers and service providers

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Oxford Wildlife Trade Research Group, School of Law and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Anca, E.D. and Wallis, J. (2024) Plastic pollution and human–primate interactions: A growing conservation concern. *Cambridge Prisms: Plastics*, 2, p.e10.

Belmaker, I., **Anca, E.D.**, Rubin, L.P. et al. (2024) Adverse health effects of exposure to plastic, microplastics and their additives: environmental, legal and policy implications for Israel. *Israel Journal of Health Policy Research*, 13, Article number: 44

Anca, E., Shanee, S., Svensson M.S. (2023) Ethnoprimateology of the Shipibo of the upper Ucayali River, Perú. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine*, 19(1), pp.1-19.

Anca, E.D. (2023) Ethnoprimateology in the Peruvian Amazon and the role of positionality. *Canopy*, 23(2).

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Anca, E., Wallis, J. Cohen, D. (2023) Plastic Pollution in Primate Habitats: Impacts, Opportunities, and Solutions. Workshop at the International Primatological Society Meeting, Kuching, Malaysia, 19-25 August, 2023.

Anca, E. Shanee, S., Svensson, M.S. (2023) Primates and the Exploitation of The Upper Ucayali, Peru: Two Site Comparison and the Human Perspective. Poster presented at the International Primatological Society Meeting, Kuching, Malaysia, 19-25 August, 2023.

Wallis, J., **Anca, E.** (2023) Plastic Pollution in Terrestrial Habitats: A Growing Wildlife Conservation Concern. Roundtable at the International Conference for Conservation Biology, Kigali, Rwanda, 23-27 July, 2023.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

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| Alison Jolly Prize for Primate Conservation | 2023 |
| - Prize at Oxford Brookes awarded for an outstanding contribution to primate conservation | |
| The Open University of Israel President's Award | 2021 |
| - Scholarship award granted for students with the highest annual achievements | |

CERTIFICATES AND COURSES

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| 2022-2023 | Climate and Water Diplomacy Programme for Young Professionals | Israel |
| | <i>EcoPeace Middle East</i> | |
| | - EcoPeace diplomacy, environmental and peace-building programme training young professionals in reviewing regional climate and water realities, negotiations theory, and practical communication skill-building in a cohort of Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians | |
| 2017 | Veterinary Assistant Course | Ramat Gan, Israel |
| | <i>Burlington English School</i> | |
| | - Theoretical and practical training course for working with veterinarians as assistant/technician | |

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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| 2019 - Present | Israel Plastic Pollution Prevention Coalition | Israel |
| | - Board member in a coalition of NGOs and activists working to pass a ban on single-use plastic | |
| | - Co-Founder- Strategising, writing and editing position papers, official branding and statements | |
| 2016 | Los Cedros Biological Reserve | Chocó region, Ecuador |
| | - Volunteered at a research station located in biological nature reserve in the cloud forest of Ecuador | |
| | - Collected biodiversity data, set up camera traps, identified and monitored mammals, birds and orchids | |
| | - Participated in trail and facility's maintenance and development | |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MDA Israel – First Aid provider

Languages: Romanian (Native); Hebrew (Native); English (Fluent); Spanish (Fluent)