

# Gal Bitton

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## APPOINTMENT

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<b>Harvard University</b>	2025-2026
Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program.	
<b>Tel Aviv University</b>	2025-2026
Non-resident Postdoctoral Fellow, <a href="#">POLPOP III</a> .	

## EDUCATION

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<b>Tel-Aviv University</b>	2024
Ph.D. Candidate (fast-track), Political Science. Dissertation: “ <i>From Barriers to Bridges: The Cultural Roots of International Financial Engagement</i> .” Committee: Tal Sadeh (Chair), Lawrence Broz, Mark Copelovitch.	
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b>	2021
M.A., <i>Magna cum Laude</i> , Political Science.	
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b>	2018
B.A., Political Science.	

## FELLOWSHIP

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<b>The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship</b>	2022-2025
Pre-doctoral Fellow	
<b>The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program, Tel-Aviv University</b>	2022-2023
Pre-doctoral Fellow	
<b>The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel-Aviv University</b>	2021-2022
Pre-doctoral Fellow	
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b>	2019-2024
Doctoral Fellow	

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International political economy, currency internationalization, foreign policy, behavioral economics, political attitudes & behavior, survey design, and experimental methods.

## PROJECTS

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### Under Review

- \* “How Does Cultural Identity Shape Global Financial Engagements?” (*Socio-Economic Review*).
- \* “The Welfare Consequences of Political Rivalry in a Polarized Era” (with Clareta Treger) (*British Journal of Political Science*).  
[Pre-registration](#)  
[Pre-print](#)
- \* “Are International Monetary Fund (IMF) programs effective? Introducing a new tool to measure ‘effective samples’ and assess external validity of regression analysis.” (with Tal Sadeh and Bernhard Reinsberg) (*Review of International Organizations*).
- \* “Assessing Politicians’ Online Communication Across Five Democracies: Projecting Competence and Warmth.” (with Tobias Heide-Jørgensen, Gregory Eady, Eran Amsalem, Anne Rasmussen, Peter Loewen, Lior Sheffer, Pirmin Bundi, Lee Slinger, Marc van de Wardt, Steven Eichenberger, and Frédéric Varone) (*British Journal of Political Science*).

### Working Papers

- \* “The Premium of Familiarity: Experimental Evidence on Financial Interactions Between Foreigners.”  
[Pre-registration](#)
- \* “Shifting Sands: The Impact of Conflict Displacement on Voting Patterns.”  
[Pre-registration](#)
- \* “Bank-Supervision in the EU and Blame Attribution in Germany” (with Tal Sadeh, Yuval Hirshorn, and Benjamin Daßler).  
[Pre-registration](#)
- \* “Do Voters Reward Eurosceptic Governments?” (with Tal Sadeh).  
[Pre-registration](#)
- \* “Unraveling Trust in Times of Crisis: The Impact of Threat Perceptions on Political Trust.” (with Keren LG Snider and Benjamin Amram).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>The Institute for Liberty &amp; Responsibility at Reichman</b>   <i>Research Assistant</i> Head: Dr. Amnon Cavari.	2022-2024
<b>“How Politicians Evaluate Public Opinion”</b>   <i>Research Assistant</i> A European Research Council (ERC) funded research team. PIs: Lior Sheffer (TAU) and Eran Amsalem (HUJI).	2022-2023

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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<b>2024-2026</b>	The Tel Aviv University Presidential Scholarship for Post Doctoratal Studies for Women (\$50,000).
<b>2024</b>	Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University (NIS 8,000).
<b>2022-2026</b>	The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship (NIS 366,000).
<b>2022-2023</b>	The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program (NIS 3,000).
<b>2022</b>	Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University (NIS 10,000) - Collaborated with Clareta Treger.

<b>2022</b>	Research Grant for outstanding graduate students, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv University (NIS 10,000)
<b>2021-2022</b>	Doctoral Fellowship Program at The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University (\$20,500)
<b>2021</b>	The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fellowship Fund Scholarship for the Enhancement of the Quality of Governance, Tel Aviv University (\$5,000).

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#### AWARDS & HONORABLE MENTIONS

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<b>2025</b>	Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) (\$500). Awarded to only 4% of applicants.
<b>2024</b>	Travel Grant, The Society for Political Methodology (\$1,000).
<b>2022</b>	Best Presentation Award, The 4 <sup>th</sup> Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students (\$700).
<b>2022</b>	Best Submission from Pre-tenure Scholars by the Joint IPE Conference of the DVPW, ÖGPW and SVPW.
<b>2022</b>	Tel Aviv University Graduate Students Excellence Award & Scholarship (NIS 7,000)
<b>2021</b>	Reichman University Teaching Assistant Excellence Award & Scholarship (NIS 2,000)
<b>2017-2018</b>	Dean's Honor List, B.A. (NIS 2,000)

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#### CONFERENCE TALKS

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<b>2025</b>	The 17 <sup>th</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The 2024 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science (March 2025); Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting (participation declined); The 82 <sup>st</sup> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (April 2025).
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<b>2024</b>	The 2024 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science; (De)polarisation in values, attitudes and beliefs: comparative perspectives, The Policy Institute at King's College London; The IASEI–NYU Workshop; The 81 <sup>st</sup> Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA); International Studies Association (ISA); The 2024 Virtual ESPAnet workshop; The 16 <sup>th</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The 2024 Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Conference (participation declined); Political Studies Association (PSA) Early Career Network 2024 online conference 'Politics Today'; 41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth); American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition (participation declined); The 2024 Virtual ISPP Academy (participation declined).
<b>2023</b>	Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS); International Studies Association (ISA); The 80 <sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA); The European Union Studies Association (EUSA) (Accepted; cancelled participation); The 15 <sup>th</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The 29 <sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists (Participation declined); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) (Participation declined); Foreign Aid and Political Gains Workshop at Haifa University; American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition.
<b>2022</b>	Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Forum for Empirical Studies in Politics; The 79 <sup>th</sup> Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA); Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS)'s First Research Colloquium for Ph.D. Students in International Studies; Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS); Annual conference of the Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA); The 4 <sup>th</sup> Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students (HSSC); PolMeth Europe; DVPW-ÖGPW-SVPW Joint International Political Economy Conference; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE); the 39 <sup>th</sup> Political Methodology (PolMeth); European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).
<b>2021</b>	International Political Economy Society (IPES); The Graduate Student International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop; GSIPE Mini-Conference: Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research in IPE.)

#### INVITED TALKS

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<b>2023</b>	The Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto. "How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies?" (March 13)
<b>2023</b>	Panelist; "Europe: a crisis in light of energy", Model UN, TAU (January 9)
<b>2022</b>	Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz. Lecture: "The Premium of Familiarity" (October 28)
<b>2022</b>	Department of Economics Seminar, University of Konstanz. Lecture: "How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies?" (November 3)

## RESEARCH STAYS & VISITS

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<b>2022</b>	Visiting doctoral student for one month (October) at the University of Konstanz. Host: Prof. Gerald Schneider.
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## TEACHING POSITIONS

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<b>2023-2024</b>	Project mentor of "Why do I need democracy now?" (for undergraduate students), The Unit for Social Involvement at Tel Aviv University.
<b>2020-2024</b>	Teaching assistant, Advanced Research Methods (for graduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.
<b>2019-2024</b>	Grading assistant, Europe in a crisis (for graduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.
<b>2020-2023</b>	Teaching assistant, Intermediate Research Methods (for graduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.
<b>2020-2023</b>	Teaching assistant, Empirical Research (for undergraduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.
<b>2019-2022</b>	Grading assistant, Political Economy in the Global Age (for graduate students), Security and Diplomacy, Tel-Aviv University.
<b>2019-2022</b>	Grading assistant, International Political Economy (for graduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.
<b>2019-2021</b>	Teaching assistant, Introduction to Writing and Research in Political Science (for undergraduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.
<b>2019-2021</b>	Teaching assistant, Introduction to International Relations and Strategy (for undergraduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

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- The Third IO Editorial Café workshop during the 2023 annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Montreal.
- Online oTree course at the Nuffield Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, at the University of Oxford (Instructor: Tommaso Batistoni).
- Data Science Bootcamp: a computational tools and programming for text analysis workshop, at Tel Aviv University (Instructor: Koby Mike).

## SERVICE AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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**Reviewer:** Journal of Regulation & Governance; International Studies Quarterly.

**Discussant:** GSIPE Mini-Conference; Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The IASEI-NYU Workshop.

**Statistical Consultant:** Provides statistical and analytical assistance for students.

**Workshops:** Programming and data analysis workshop using STATA: Beginner to Advanced.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

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- Bitton, G. "A Reflection of Society: Israeli Public Attitudes Toward Political Violence" The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman, 2024. Available [online](#).
- Bitton, G. "Does the Israeli Public Want an Anti-Democratic Leader?" The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman, 2023. Available [online](#).
- Bitton, G. "Does the Israeli Public Support the Override Clause?" The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman, 2023. Available [online](#).
- Bitton, G. "Jewish Identity or Democratic Values - What Do Israelis Prefer?" The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman, 2023. Available [online](#).
- Bitton, G. "Trust Crisis in the Israeli Public?" The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman, 2022. Available [online](#).

## INTERVIEWS & PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR MEDIA

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- DemocratTV: "Do Israelis Prefer Less Democratic Leadership Since October 7?" Host journalist: Attila Shumpelvi. Interview available [Online](#).
- Bitton, G. "Believe in Choice - What do Israelis think about abortion?" The Liberal, 22.9.2022. Available [online](#).

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** R, Python, STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown.

**Software:** RStudio, oTree, Git/GitHub, STATA, JMP, SPSS, and Qualtrics.

## LANGUAGES

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Hebrew (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic).

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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| <b>2021-2024</b> | Mentor in the "Sawa" program at Tel Aviv University, providing academic, personal, and emotional assistance to Israeli-Arab students.                          |
| <b>2017-2019</b> | Research assistant in The Social Guard, a non-governmental organization monitoring Knesset activities to promote social justice and increase civic engagement. |

## NON-ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

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### **First Aid, 28-hour training**

*Awarded by Malar, Israel*

### **200-hour training for yoga teachers**

*registered with the Yoga Alliance*