

# Gal Bitton

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## Appointment

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<b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b> <i>Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of International Relations</i>	<i>2027 -</i>
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Mossavar Rahmani Center for Business and Government (M-RCBG), Harvard Kennedy School of Government</i>	<i>January 2026-December 2026</i>
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program</i>	<i>January 2025-December 2025</i>

## Education

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<b>Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i> Dissertation: “ <i>From Barriers to Bridges: The Cultural Roots of International Financial Engagement</i> ”	<i>2025</i>
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>M.A., Magna cum Laude, Political Science</i>	<i>2021</i>
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>B.A., Political Science</i>	<i>2018</i>

## Fellowships

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<b>POLPOP III, Tel Aviv University</b> <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	<i>2025-2027</i>
<b>The Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University</b> <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	<i>2025-2027</i>
<b>Center for American Political Studies (CAPS), Harvard University</b> <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	<i>2025-2027</i>
<b>The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship</b> <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow</i>	<i>2022-2025</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only about 1.6% of social sciences PhD students are selected each year</li></ul>	
<b>The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS), Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow - Partnership with the Fulbright Program</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
<b>The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow</i>	<i>2021-2022</i>
<b>Tel-Aviv University</b> <i>Doctoral Fellow</i>	<i>2019-2025</i>

## Research Interests

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(International) political economy; Foreign policy analysis; Behavioral economics; Comparative politics; Political attitudes & behavior; Survey design and experimental methods.

## Projects

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### Publications

- “Shifting Sands? The Impact of Conflict Displacement on Voting Patterns.” **Political Studies** (*Forthcoming*).  
[Pre-registration](#)
- “Rally Around the Winner – A Two-Wave Panel Survey on the Impact of the U.S. Elections on Foreign Policy Stances.” **International Journal of Public Opinion Research** (2025) (with Eyal Rubinson).

### Under Review

#### Solo-Authored Papers

- “How Does Cultural Identity Shape Global Financial Engagements?” (*Revise & Resubmit, Business and Politics*).
- “The Premium of Familiarity: Experimental Evidence on Financial Interactions Between Foreigners.” (*British Journal of Political Science*).  
[Pre-registration](#)

#### Co-Authored Papers

- “Are findings of research on International Organizations generalizable?” (with Tal Sadeh and Bernhard Reinsberg) (*European Journal of Political Research*).
- “The Welfare Consequences of Political Rivalry in a Polarized Era.” (with Clareta Treger) (*Journal of European Public Policy*).  
[Pre-registration](#)  
[Pre-print](#)
- “Polarized Under Pressure: Threat Perceptions, Crisis Type, and the Fragility of Political Trust.” (with Keren LG Snider) (*Journal of European Public Policy*).

### Working Papers

- “Blame Attribution and Blame Shifting to International Organizations.” (with Tal Sadeh, Yuval Hirshorn, and Benjamin Daßler).  
[Pre-registration](#)
- “Do and When Adverse Banking Conditions Affect Public Support for the Government?” (with Tal Sadeh, and Yuval Hirshorn).
- “Do Voters Reward Eurosceptic Governments?” (with Tal Sadeh)  
[Pre-registration](#)
- “Terror, Interstate Conflict, and Peace: How Different Forms of Violence Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes” (with Keren LG Snider, Amit Cohen and Daphna Canetti).
- “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).

## Work in Progress

- “Moral Enemies or Misperceived Opponents? Issue Salience and Political Animosity” (with Sam Fuller).
- “How do Elites View Public Opinion on International Aid?” (with Lior Sheffer and Eran Amsalem) [Pre-registration](#)
- “Elite Cues and Public Support for Security Alliances: A Survey Experiment” (with Eyal Rubinson).

## Research Experience

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<b>The Institute for Liberty &amp; Responsibility at Reichman University</b> <i>Research Assistant</i>	<i>2022-2025</i>
	Head: Dr. Amnon Cavari
<b>“How Politicians Evaluate Public Opinion” (POLPOP II)</b> <i>Research Assistant</i>	<i>2022-2023</i>
ERC-funded research team; PIs: Lior Sheffer (TAU) and Eran Amsalem (HUJI)	

## Grants

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<b>The Tel Aviv University Presidential Scholarship for Post Doctoral Studies for Women</b>	<i>2024-2026</i>
	(\$50,000)
<b>Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University</b>	<i>2024</i>
	(NIS 8,000)
<b>The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship</b>	<i>2022-2026</i>
	(NIS 366,000)
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<b>The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program</b>	<i>2022-2023</i>
	(NIS 3,000)
<b>Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University</b>	<i>2022</i>
	(NIS 10,000) - Collaborated with Claretta Treger
<b>Research Grant for outstanding graduate students, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv University</b>	<i>2022</i>
	(NIS 10,000)
<b>Doctoral Fellowship Program at The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University</b>	<i>2021-2022</i>
	(\$20,500)
<b>The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fellowship Fund Scholarship for the Enhancement of the Quality of Governance, Tel Aviv University</b>	<i>2021</i>
	(\$5,000)

## Awards & Honorable Mentions

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<b>Harrell Rodgers Travel Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</b>	<i>2025</i>
	(\$500)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awarded to only 4% of applicants</li></ul>	
<b>Travel Grant, The Society for Political Methodology</b>	<i>2024</i>
	(\$1,000)
<b>Best Presentation Award, The 4<sup>th</sup> Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students</b>	<i>2022</i>
	(\$700)
<b>Best Submission from Pre-tenure Scholars by the Joint IPE Conference of the DVPW, ÖGPW and SVPW</b>	<i>2022</i>
<b>Tel Aviv University Graduate Students Excellence Award &amp; Scholarship</b>	<i>2022</i>
	(NIS 7,000)
<b>Reichman University Teaching Assistant Excellence Award &amp; Scholarship</b>	<i>2021</i>
	(NIS 2,000)
<b>Dean's Honor List, B.A.</b>	<i>2017-2018</i>
	(NIS 2,000)

## Conference Talks

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### 2026

- Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS)
- The 83<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (April)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) (June)
- The 49<sup>th</sup> International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting (July)

### 2025

- The 17<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)
- The 2024 Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science
- Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting (Accepted; cancelled participation)
- The 82<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference
- The Virtual International Political Economy Society (VIPES)
- The 19<sup>th</sup> European Union Studies Association (EUSA)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on the Political Economy of Aid and International Organization (PEAIO)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition.
- International Political Economy Society (IPES)

## 2024

- 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 (Accepted; cancelled participation)
- 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 (Accepted; cancelled participation)
- The 2024 Virtual ISPP Academy (Accepted; cancelled participation)

## 2023

- 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 (Accepted; cancelled participation)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) (Accepted; cancelled participation)
- Foreign Aid and Political Gains Workshop at Haifa University
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

## 2022

- 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> Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

## 2021

- 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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**The Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto** *March 13, 2023*  
*“How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies?”*

**Panelist; “Europe: a crisis in light of energy”, Model UN, TAU** *January 9, 2023*

**Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz** *October 28, 2022*  
*Lecture: “The Premium of Familiarity”*

## Research Stays & Visits

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**Visiting doctoral student at the University of Konstanz** *2022*  
*One month (October)* Host: Prof. Gerald Schneider

## Teaching

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**Teaching assistant, Advanced Research Methods** *2020-2024*  
*Lauder School of Government, Reichman University* For graduate students

**Grading assistant, Europe in a crisis** *2019-2024*  
*School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University* For graduate students

**Teaching assistant, Intermediate Research Methods** *2020-2023*  
*Lauder School of Government, Reichman University* For graduate students

**Teaching assistant, Empirical Research** *2020-2023*  
*Lauder School of Government, Reichman University* For undergraduate students

**Grading assistant, Political Economy in the Global Age** *2019-2022*  
*Security and Diplomacy, Tel-Aviv University* For graduate students

**Grading assistant, International Political Economy** *2019-2022*  
*School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University* For graduate students

**Teaching assistant, Introduction to Writing and Research in Political Science** *2019-2021*  
*School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University* For undergraduate students

**Teaching assistant, Introduction to International Relations and Strategy** *2019-2021*  
*School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University* For undergraduate students

## Service and Other Academic Activities

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- **Reviewer:** Comparative Political Studies; European Journal of International Relations; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Regulation & Governance.
- **Chair & Discussant:** GSIPE Mini-Conference; Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The IASEI-NYU Workshop; The 19<sup>th</sup> European Union Studies Association (EUSA).
- **Statistical Consultant:** Provides statistical and analytical assistance for students.
- **Workshops:** Programming and data analysis workshop using STATA: Beginner to Advanced.
- **Mentor:** Project mentor of “Why do I need democracy now?”, for undergraduate students. The Unit for Social Involvement at Tel Aviv University (2023-2024).

## 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](#).

## 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).

## Research 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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**Mentor in the “Sawa” program at Tel Aviv University**

*2021-2024*

*Providing academic, personal, and emotional assistance to Israeli-Arab students*

**Research assistant in The Social Guard**

*2017-2019*

*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)