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Appointment

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

Education

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

Fellowships

POLPOP III, Tel Aviv University <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	2025-2027
The Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), Harvard University <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	2025-2027
Center for American Political Studies (CAPS), Harvard University <i>Scholar Fellow</i>	2025-2027
The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow</i>	2022-2025
• Only about 1.6% of social sciences PhD students are selected each year	
The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS), Tel-Aviv University <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow - Partnership with the Fulbright Program</i>	2022-2023
The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel-Aviv University <i>Pre-doctoral Fellow</i>	2021-2022
Tel-Aviv University <i>Doctoral Fellow</i>	2019-2025

Research Interests

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

Peer-Reviewed 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).

Research in Preparation

Under Review

- “How Does Cultural Identity Shape Global Financial Engagements?” (*Revise & Resubmit, Business and Politics*).
- “The Premium of Familiarity: Experimental Evidence on Financial Interactions Between Foreigners.” (*Review of International Political Economy*).
[Pre-registration](#)
- “The Welfare Consequences of Political Rivalry in a Polarized Era.” (with Claretta Treger) (*Revise & Resubmit, Journal of European Public Policy*).
[Pre-registration](#)
[Pre-print](#)
- “When Threat Narrows the Gap: Terror Exposure and the Ideological Convergence of Surveillance Support” (with Daphna Canetti, Julia Elad-Strenger, and Sivan Hirsch-Hoefer) (*Public Opinion Quarterly*).

Working Papers

- “Are findings of research on International Organizations generalizable?” (with Tal Sadeh and Bernhard Reinsberg)
- “Not All Crises Are Equal: Crisis Type, Ideological Filtering, and Political Trust in a Polarized Democracy.” (with Keren LG Snider).
- “Who Deserves a Safety Net? Labour-Market Dualization and Moral Heuristics.” (with Gianluca Busilacchi).
- “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).
- “Terror, Interstate Conflict, and the Politics of Restraint: How Different Forms of Violence Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes” (with Keren LG Snider, Amit Cohen and Daphna Canetti).
- “Why Some Distress Radicalizes: A Cognitive Flexibility Framework of War Exposure and Political Violence” (with Tal Shaanan, Daphna Canetti, and Sivan Hirsch-Hoefer).

Work in Progress

- “The Effect of Targeted Corrections of High Salience Misperceptions on Partisan Threat Attribution, Antidemocratic Attitudes, and Support for Political Violence” (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).
- “Do Voters Reward Eurosceptic Governments?” (with Tal Sadeh)
[Pre-registration](#)

Research Experience

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

Grants

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

Awards & Honorable Mentions

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

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA)	2023, 2024*, 2025
Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)	2024*
Political Economy of Aid and International Organization (PEAIO)	2025
Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)	2023, 2024, 2025
Democracy and Political Violence (DPV) Mini-Conference (Organizer)	
• First Annual Meeting, Harvard University	2026
(De)polarisation in Values, Attitudes and Beliefs Workshop, King's College London	2024
DVPW–ÖGPW–SVPW Joint International Political Economy Conference	2022
ESPAnet Virtual Workshop	2024
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)	2022
European Union Studies Association (EUSA)	2023*, 2025
Foreign Aid and Political Gains Workshop, University of Haifa	2023
Graduate Student International Political Economy (GSIPE)	
• Workshop	2021
• Mini-Conference: Qualitative & Mixed Methods Research in IPE	2021
Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students (HSSC)	2022
IASEI–NYU Workshop	2024
International Conference of Europeanists	2023*

International Political Economy Society (IPES)

- Annual Meeting 2021, 2025
- Virtual IPES 2025

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

- Annual Meeting 2026
- Virtual Academy 2024*

International Studies Association (ISA)

2023, 2024

Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS)

- Annual Meeting 2022, 2023, 2026
- Research Colloquium for Ph.D. Students in International Studies 2022

Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA)

2022

Jerusalem–Tel Aviv Forum for Empirical Studies in Politics

2022

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

2022–2025, 2026*

Political Studies Association (PSA) Early Career Network

2024

Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science

2024, 2025

Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth)

- Annual Meeting 2022, 2024
- PolMeth Europe 2022

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

2022, 2023*, 2026

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

2025*

* Accepted; cancelled participation.

Invited Talks

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

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

Teaching

Lecturer

The Hebrew University, Department of International Relations

- *The International Financial System and Economic Crises* (graduate) 2027–
- *The Microfoundations of International Political Economy* (graduate) 2027–

Teaching Assistant

Reichman University, Lauder School of Government

- *Advanced Research Methods* (graduate) 2020–2024
- *Intermediate Research Methods* (graduate) 2020–2023
- *Empirical Research* (undergraduate) 2020–2023

Tel-Aviv University, School of Political Science

- *Europe in a Crisis* (graduate) 2019–2024
- *Political Economy in the Global Age* (graduate) 2019–2022
- *International Political Economy* (graduate) 2019–2022
- *Introduction to Writing and Research in Political Science* (undergraduate) 2019–2021
- *Introduction to International Relations and Strategy* (undergraduate) 2019–2021

Service and Other Academic Activities

- **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 19th 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

- 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

- 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

- The 2026 ISPP Academy in University of Newcastle, United Kingdom.
- 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

- **Languages:** R, Python, STATA, L^AT_EX, Markdown.
- **Software:** RStudio, oTree, Git/GitHub, STATA, JMP, SPSS, and Qualtrics.

Languages

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

Community Engagement

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

- First Aid, 28-hour training (Awarded by Malar, Israel)
- 200-hour training for yoga teachers (registered with the Yoga Alliance)