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Academic Positions

Lecturer (U.S. assistant professor), the Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University, Israel, 2022-present

Research fellow, the Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, UCLA, 2017-2022

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2011-2017

Dissertation title: *It's a matter of time: a temporal perspective on elections and democracy*
Dissertation Committee: Michal Shamir (Chair), Yaron Ezrahi, Eyal Chowers.
Won the Israel Political Science Association Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award.

Visiting Graduate Researcher, the Political Science Department and the Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015-2016
Sponsor: Joshua Dienstag (UCLA Political Science Department)

M.A., Political Science, Tel-Aviv University, 2008-2011 *(with honors)*

Dissertation title: *Doing chronology: performative and temporal perspectives on national identity* (advisor: Amal Jamal)

B.A., Psychology and Political Science, Tel-Aviv University, 2005-2008 *(with honors)*

Advanced Training

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, 2013

The Warren E. Miller Scholarship

Winter Institute in Computational Social Sciences, University of Arizona, 2021

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Lavi, Liron and Harsgor, Liran. 2024. Surrogate Representation by Parties: A cross-national perspective. Party Politics. Online first.

Lavi, Liron, Treger, Clareta, Rivlin-Angert, Naama, Sheafer, Tamir, Waismel-Manor, Israel, Shenhav, Shaul, Harsgor, Liran, and Shamir, Michal. 2024. "The Pitkinian Public: Representation in the Eyes of Citizens". European Political Science, 23, 506-524

Dvir-Gvirsman, Shira, Tsuriel, Keren, Sheafer,Tamir, Shenhav, Shaul, Zoizner, Alon, **Lavi, Liron**, Shamir, Michal, and Waismel-Manor, Israel. 2022. Mediated Representation at the Age of Social Media: How Connection with Politicians Contributes to Citizens' Feelings of Representation. Evidence from a Longitudinal Study, *Political Communication* (online first)

Lavi, Liron. 2022. "Between populism and democracy: 'the People' in election discourse". *European Political Science* 21, 359–377

Lavi, Liron. 2020. "Time and Meaning-Making in the 'Hybrid' Media: Evidence from the 2016 U.S. Election". *Journal of Communication* 70(2), 195-218.

Shamir, Jacob, Shamir Michal, and **Lavi, Liron**. 2015. "Voter Election Frames: What Were the Elections About?". *Political Studies* 63(5), 995-1013.

Lavi, Liron. 2013. "Making Time for National Identity: Theoretical Concept and Empirical Glance on the Temporal Performance of National Identity". *Nations and Nationalism* 19(4), 696-714.

Shoshani, Anat, Zubida, Hani, **Lavi, Liron**, Nakash, Ora, and Harper A. Robin. 2013. "Home and Away: Hybrid Perspective on Identity Formation in 1.5 and Second Generation Adolescent Immigrants in Israel". *Glocalism: Journal of Culture, Politics and Innovation,* 1 (online only).

Chapters in Edited Volumes (Peer-Reviewed)

Lavi, Liron. 2025. "Fragile Trust: Israel's Volatile Political Landscape and the Dynamics of Institutional Trust." In: A. Nishikida, C. Ezaki, and T. Tsujita (Eds.), *'Fragile Stability' as a Political Background of 10.7: Current and Foreseeable Issues in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Springer, pp. 65-87

Lavi, Liron, Rivlin, Naama, Treger, Clareta, Sheafer, Tamir, Waismel-Manor, Israel, and Shamir, Michal. 2022. "King Bibi: The Personification of Democratic Values in the 2019-2021 Election Cycle". In: M. Shamir and G. Rahat (Eds.), *The Elections in Israel – 2019-2021.* London: Routledge*,* pp. 77-99

Lavi, Liron. "Working on it: The Creation of Chronological Time in Political Discourse and the Democratic Meaning of Elections". In: A. Piata, D. Alcarez, and A. Gordejuela (Eds.), *On the Edges of Time: Time Representations in the Perspective of Human Creativity*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company (forthcoming).

Zubida, Hani and **Lavi, Liron**. 2015. "The Process of National Parties Decay in Municipal Elections – A Houdini Trick or Pure Rationality". In: I. Beeri and E. Razin (Eds.), *Local Democracy in Israel: Decentralization, Localism, Participation and Local Politics.* Jerusalem: Floersheimer Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Hebrew).

Book Reviews

Lavi, Liron. 2022. Continuity and Change in Political Culture: Israel and Beyond, by Yael Aronoff, Ilan Peleg, and Saliba Sarsar. Lanham, Lexington Books, 2020, *Political Science Quarterly 137(1)* (invited)

Lavi, Liron. Israel's Regime Untangled: Between Democracy and Apartheid, By Gal Ariely. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021, *Perspective on Politics* (invited, forthcoming)

Awards and Honors

The Israel Political Science Association Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award, 2018

AIS travel grant, Association for Israel Studies, 2018

APSA travel grant, American Political Science Association, 2013, 2015

Warren E. Miller Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2013

Excellence award for distinguished academic achievements, Faculty of Social Sciences, TAU, 2010, 2013

Dean excellence award in Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, TAU, 2007

Invited Talks

Israeli Political Science Association, 2025, Round table presentation "Politics and policy during wartime" (Annual meeting, Ben Gurion University)

Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 2023, " The Pitkinian Public: Representation in the Eyes of Citizens." (Unelected Representatives and their Claims workshop)

UCLA Israel Studies Research Seminar 2021, "The Pitkinian Public: Representation in the Eyes of Citizens."

Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya 2020 "Time and Meaning-Making in the 'Hybrid' Media: Evidence from the 2016 U.S. Election."

UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy 2019: "The 2019 Elections: What do they say about democracy in Israel?"

CREATIME Workshop at The University of Navarra, Pamplona (Spain) 2017, "Political Discourse in Changing Times – Temporal Structures of Political Discourse in an Accelerated Social Environment."

Conferences and Panels Organization

Tel Aviv University, 2022, Political Representation Discourse in Light of the Crisis of Democracy (organizer)

UCLA, 2020-21, Democracy in Israel: Past, Present and Future colloquium (coordinator).

UCLA Israel Studies Undergraduate Conference 2021 & 2022 (Coordinator and moderator).

Western Political Science Association 2020, Los Angeles: "Popular Sovereignty in American Presidential Elections: Theoretical Framework and Discursive Approach to a Multidimensional Concept" (Presenter and Panel organizer, Cancelled due to Covid-19).

UCLA, 2018, "'Fake News': New Media and the Changing Political Culture in the US & Israel" expert panel (organizer and moderator).

UCLA, 2018: Water in the Middle East & Africa: a Nexus of Cooperation & Conflict Conference (organizer).

Tel Aviv University 2010, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES) Planning Committee Meeting (coordinator).

Presentations in Conferences and Research Groups

Policy-Oriented Political Philosophy Workshop, Oxford: "Conceptual concretization: What makes a concept applicable?" (With Nahshon Perez)

Israeli Political Science Association, 2025, Ben Gurion University: "Who Testifies? Witnesses in Knesset Committees" (With Ilana Shpaizman)

Canadian Political Science Association, 2024, Montreal: "Who opposes democratic backsliding?" (With Elisabeth Gidengil, John Hicks and Dietlind Stolle)

Israeli Political Science Association, 2023, Tel Aviv University: "Surrogate Representation by Parties: A Cross-National Perspective" (With Liran Harsgor, also served as a chair and discussant)

Midwest Political Science Association and European Political Science Association 2022, Chicago and Online: "Democracy on the Ballot: Representation and Support for Democracy."

Midwest Political Science Association and European Political Science Association 2021, Online: "The Pitkinian Public: Representation in the Eyes of Citizens."

European Consortium of Political Research 2019, Wrocław: "The representation deficit and the crisis of democracy: Shifting the focus to subjective perceptions" (With Liran Harsgor and Michal Shamir).

Midwest Political Science Association 2019, Chicago: "Present (not) Perfect: Time Horizons and the Different Levels of Popular Sovereignty in Elections."

Association for Israel Studies 2018, Berkeley: "Changing Times: Social Acceleration and Democratic Legitimacy in Israeli Electoral History."

Midwest Political Science Association 2018, Chicago: "Old Times in the New Media – The Social Construction of Democracy in an Accelerated Media Environment."

American Political Science Association 2016, Philadelphia: "Every Vote Counts: The Effect of Election Results on Their Interpretation." (With Michal Shamir).

International Institute Graduate Conference 2016, Los Angeles: "The Temporal Aspects of Elections and Democracy: Evidence from Israel."

Western Political Science Association 2016, San Diego: "Ups and Downs: Thinking about Democratic Legitimacy from a Performative Perspective."

American Political Science Association 2015, San Francisco: "Acting Out: A Performative Perspective on Democracy."

Israeli Political Science Association 2014, Be'er Sheva: "It's a Matter of Time: A Temporal Perspective on Elections and Democracy."

The 9th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science 2013, Jerusalem: "Around the Clock: The Time of Elections and Democracy."

American Political Science Association 2013, Chicago: "'Chrono-Work': Temporal and Performative Perspectives on National Identity" (poster presentation).

The 8th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science 2012, Jerusalem: "'Chrono-Work': Temporal and Performative Perspectives on National Identity."

Teaching

Lecturer, Bar Ilan University: Introduction to Israeli politics, Elections and voting in Israel, Democracy in crisis? Populism, polarization, and representation in Israel and beyond, 2022-

Lecturer, *Populism, Polarization, and the Crisis of Representation: Israeli Politics as a Case Study of Global Trends,* UCLA Department of Political Science, Spring 2021, 2022

Guest lecturer, *Political Communication in the Hebrew Cultural Immersion Program,* UCLA Extension, 2018

Teaching assistant, *The Political Regime and Society in Israel,* The M.A. Political Communication program, Tel-Aviv University, 2010-2012

Lead teaching assistant, *The Political Regime in Israel,* Department of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University, 2008-2011

Professional Services

Managing Editor: *Currents: Briefs on Contemporary Israel*, 2018-2022

Program Committee Member, the Automated Extraction of Socio-political Events from News Conference (AESPEN), 2020

Editorial board: *The Public Sphere*, 2013-2014

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Nations and Nationalism, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, African Journalism Studies*

Discussant: MPSA 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Memberships: Midwest Political Science Association, Association for Israel Studies, International Communication Association.

Assistant to the Advisor of TAU President for Gender Equality, Tel Aviv University, 2007-2012

Public Talks and Media Contributions

Australian Institute of International Affairs, What to Expect from Israel's Upcoming Election, June 2022

How to understand Israel's 36th government: Israeli politics as a two-dimensional space (guest column), June 2021

UCLA, Analyzing the 2021 Israeli Election: Results and Prospects (speaker), March 2021

Three Elections, More Voters: Why have increasing numbers of Israelis voted in recent elections (guest column), March 2020

Pro vote podcast, (guest contributor), October 2019

The Washington Post (interview), August 2019

Crusoé magazine (interview), March 2019, May 2019

Israel Policy Forum (invited public talk), March 2019

LSE Democratic Audit (blog), September 2015

BBC World News (interview), March 2015

Skills and Languages

Software and programming: SPSS, R, Python

Languages: Hebrew, English