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CURRICULUM VITAE

APPOINTMENTS

Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science, Government and International Relations,
Tel-Aviv University (2021--).

Lecturer, School of Political Science, Government and International Relations, Tel-Aviv
University (2016-2021).

Polonsky Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (2011-2016).

Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG), Cologne
(2010-2011).

Adjunct Lecturer of political economy, Political Science / PEP Program, Hebrew
University of Jerusalem (2012-2016).

EDUCATION (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

PhD, Political Science, 2011, *summa cum laude*.

MA, Political Science, 2005.

BA, Philosophy, Economics, and Political Science (PEP), 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Privatization of Israel: The Withdrawal of State Responsibility (with Amir Paz-Fuchs and
Itzhak Galnoor (eds.)), 2018, Palgrave Macmillan

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“Explaining the Political Strategies of Radical Left Parties in Europe after 2008”, 2025,
(with Or Dar), *Party Politics*, doi:10.1177/13540688251352412

“Ideas and the Changing Relationship between States and Markets in Social Policy: A
Review Essay”, 2024, (with Daniel Béland), *International Journal of Social Welfare*,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12701>

“Counterproductive Evolution: The Long-Term Effects of Short-Term Interventionism
Following the Great Financial Crisis” (with Tami Oren), 2023, *Review of International Political
Economy*: 1–26. doi:[10.1080/09692290.2023.2286511](https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2286511).

“Trade-Offs of Government Credibility Institutions: Market Credibility vs. Social
Credibility” (with Michal Koreh), *Journal of European Public Policy*, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13501763.2023.2243295>

“Credible Interventionism: Economic Ideas of Government and Macroeconomic Policy in the Great Recession” (with Tami Oren), *New Political Economy*, 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2022.2067839>

“The Politics of Welfare State Financialisation: The Case of Israel’s ‘Saving for Every Child’ Programme,” (with Zeev Rosenhek), *Critical Policy Studies*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1080/19460171.2021.1902361>.

“The Technocratic Tendencies of Economists in Government Bureaucracy” (with Johan Christensen), *Governance* 35(1), 2022, -257.

“Training the Public: Advancing Neoliberal Reforms Through Model Experiences.” *New Political Economy* (with Amit Avigur-Eshel), 26(3), 2021, 344-358.

“Neoliberal ideas of government and the political empowerment of economists in advanced nation-states: The case of Israel,” *Socio-Economic Review* 19(2), 2021, 659-679.

“A dynamic model of gradual institutional changes: evidence from social policy transformations in Israel” (with Michal Koreh and Ilana Shpaizman), *Public Administration* 97(3), 2019, 605-620.

“Interrupting gradual institutional change: how ‘continuity agents’ have stalled and even reversed gradual welfare-state reforms in Israel,” (with Michal Koreh), *Journal of European Public Policy*, 25(11), 2018, 1706-1725.

“Explaining the Striking Similarity in Macroeconomic Policy Responses to the Great Recession: The Institutional Power of Macroeconomic Governance.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 49 (2), 2016, 219-52.

“The February 1962 “New Economic Policy:” How Israeli Economists almost Changed the Israeli Economy,” *Israel Studies Review*, 31(2), 2016, 41-60.

“What made Economists so Politically Influential? The Institutional Origins of Economic Liberalization in Israel and beyond,” *New Political Economy*, 20(6), 2015, 924-941.

“Power and the Ascendancy of New Economic Policy Ideas: Lessons from the 1980s Crisis in Israel” (with Michael Shalev), *World Politics* 62 (3), 2010, pp. 459-495.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Ideas as Explanations in Social Policy Analysis” (with Daniel Béland). In *Handbook on the Political Economy of Social Policy*, eds. Bent Greve, Amílcar Moreira, and Minna van Gerven. Edward Elgar (Forthcoming).

“Teaching about the role of ideas in social policy” (with Daniel Béland), in Irving (ed.) *Teaching Social Policy*, Elgar (2023).

“The Political Economy of Israeli Neoliberalism,” (with Michael Shalev), in Hazan et al. (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Politics and Society in Israel*, Oxford UP (2018).

“From Nationalized Ownership and Provision to Privatization in Israel: The Politics of Institutional Change”, in Paz-Fuchs, Mandelkern and Galnoor (eds.), *The Privatization of Israel: The Withdrawal of State Responsibility*, Palgrave Macmillan (2018).

“Institutionalizing the Liberal Creed: Economists in Israel's Long Journey towards Political-Economic Liberalization” in Maron and Shalev (eds.), *The Rise of Neoliberalism and the Reshaping of the Welfare State in Israel*, Oxford UP (2017).

“Parties and Labour Federations in Israel” (with Gideon Rahat) in Allern and Bale (eds.), *Centre-Left Parties and Trade Unions in the Twenty-First Century*, Oxford, Oxford UP (2017).

PUBLICATIONS IN HEBREW

“The Political Economy of Uneven Neoliberalization in Israel” (with Michael Shalev), in Helman (ed.), *Spaces of Neoliberalization in Israel: Political Economy, Ethnicity, Religion and Gender*, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (2024).

“Redistribution and the Politics of Welfare Policy Financialisation: The Case of ‘Saving for Every Child’ Program” (with Zeev Rosenhek), *Bitachon Soʿzjali (Social Security)* 116, 2022, pp. 71-92.

“The Governmental Aspects of Neoliberalism: Theoretical Challenges,” *Teoria ve’Bikoret* 50, 2018, pp. 89-105.

“Economic theories of government and the consolidated political influence of Israeli economists,” *Megamot*, 53(1), 2018, 45-72.

“Unregulated, and Unsurprisingly So: the Inherent Failure of Regulation in Outsourced Services.” (with Amir Paz-Fuchs) *Mishpatim (The Hebrew University Law Review)* 43, 2013, pp. 1195-1256.

“The Politics of Partial Privatization of Social Services in Israel: The case of Housing for People with Intellectual Disabilities,” *Bitachon Soʿzjali (Social Security)* 90, 2012, pp. 121-153.

“The Interaction of Ideas and Institutions and its Impact on the Responses of the Bank of Israel and the Budgets Division to the Recession,” *Riv'on LeKalkala (Israeli Economic Quarterly)* 58 (1-2), 2012, pp. 66-89.

“The Privatization of Social Services Delivery in Israel” in Galnoor, Paz-Fuchs and Zion (eds.), *Privatization Policy in Israel: State Responsibility and the Boundaries between the Public and the Private*. Jerusalem, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (2015) (with Arik Sherman).

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of Arie Krampf “The national origins of the market economy : economic developmentalism during the formation of the Israeli capitalism”, *Bitachon Soʿzjali (Social Security)* 101, 2017, pp. 177-179

“A Short History of Neoliberalism in Israel” (in Hebrew, Afterword to the Hebrew version of David Harvey's *Neoliberalism: A Short History*) (2015).

Book Review on Dan Lainer-Vos “Sinews of the Nation: Constructing Irish and Zionist Bonds in the United States,” *Israeli Sociology*, 16(1), 2014, pp. 208-210.

Book Review on Christina Boswell “The Political Uses of Expert Knowledge,” *European Economic Sociology Newsletter*, 14(2), 2013, pp. 70-72.

Book Review on Barelli et al. (eds.) “*Society and Economy in Israel: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*,” *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* XXIII, 2009, pp. 285-287.

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

Period	Funding Body	Project Title	Funding
2021-2022	Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University	Provision of Welfare Services by Business Corporations	8,000\$

2021-2025	The Israel Science Foundation (ISF)	The Impact of Macroeconomic Policy Rules on Popular Discourse and Preferences	1,064,000 NIS
2018-2021	The Israel Science Foundation (ISF)	Why Neoliberalism Prevails: Political-Economic Continuity after the Financial Crisis of 2007–2008	750,000 NIS
2016-2017	The Israel Institute	The State of Neoliberalism: Israel's Political Economy since Summer 2011	10,000 US\$
2010-2011	Sapir Forum for Economic Policy (Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University)	Comparison of the Responses of the Bank of Israel and the Budgets Division to the Financial Crisis	40,000 NIS

INVITED TALKS

“Neoliberal Ideas of Government and the Resilience of Neoliberal Policies between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 Pandemic,” School of Political Science, University of Haifa, April 2022

“Neoliberal Ideas of Government and the Resilience of Neoliberal Policies between the Great Recession and the Covid-19 Pandemic,” Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel, March 2022

“Amalgams, not Paradigms: Macroeconomic Ideas in the Great Recession” (with Tami Oren), Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University, January 2020.

“Crisis as an Opportunity for Institutional Consolidation: Monetarism in Israel after the Great Recession,” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University, December 2013.

“To which extent Do Experts Influence Policy Changes? Israeli Macroeconomic Policy in Response to the Great Recession as Case Study,” School of Public Policy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2012.

“Experts in Politics: Providers of Knowledge or Legitimacy? The Case of Israeli Economists,” Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2012.

“The Change in the Political Status of Israeli Economists 1950s-1980s,” Graduate Program in Science, Technology and Society, Bar Ilan University, January 2012.

“Institutional Entrepreneurs and Power: Economists and Power in Israel’s Political-Economic Liberalization,” German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, January 2011.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Director of Graduate Studies, School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, 2020-2024

Member, Graduate Students Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2024—

Member, LEAD project for teaching reform, 2023--

Member, Academic Committee, Goldman Scholarships, School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, 2020-2024

Member, Academic Committee, Brody Institute, School of Political Science, Government and International Affairs, 2020-2024

AD HOC REVIEWS

American Political Science Review, Capital and Class, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Critical Policy Studies, Evidence and Policy, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Journal of Public Policy, Journal of Social Policy, New Political Economy, Policy Studies Journal, Public Administration, Social Policy & Administration, Socio-Economic Review, Regulation & Governance, Theory & Society, World Politics, Oxford Bibliographies, Routledge, MPIfG Discussion Paper Series, The Public Sphere (Hebrew), Society & Welfare (Hebrew), Social Security (Hebrew); The German Research Foundation (DFG), The Israel Science Foundation (ISF).

CONFERENCES/EVENTS

Chair, The Annual Conference of the Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA), Tel Aviv, February 2023.

Co-organizer (with Benjamin Braun) of “Economic policymaking under stress: Reconsidering the limits of technocracy” (panel co-organizer), International Conference of Europeanists (CES), Zoom, June 2021

Co-organizer (with Benjamin Braun) of “Crisis, Change and Continuity: (re-)Establishing Macroeconomic Governability in Europe and Beyond” panel, *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference*, June 2015.

Co-convener of “Neoliberalism and Democracy beyond the Economic Crisis” research group, *Van Leer Jerusalem Institute*, 2015.

Co-organizer of "Policy and Ideas" workshop, *Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Van Leer Jerusalem Institute*, February 2012.

Co-organizer of “The Politics of Economic Crisis Management – Ideas and Institutions in the Service of Continuity” panel, 18th *International Conference of Europeanists*, Barcelona, June 2011.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), Council for European Studies (CES), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA) (Board Member, 2022--)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“Neoliberal Ideas of Government and Post-2008 Policy Continuity: Comparing Sweden & Israel,” *International Conference of Europeanists (CES)*, Lisbon, June 2022

“Neoliberal Ideas of Government and Post-2008 Policy Continuity: Comparing Sweden & Israel,” *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)*, Amsterdam, July 2022

“Redefining policy credibility: neoliberalism and struggle between social credibility and market credibility” (with Michal Koreh), *European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE)*, Zoom, September 2021

“Neoliberal Ideas of Government and Post-2008 Policy Continuity: Comparing Sweden & Israel,” *SASE*, Zoom, July 2021

“Redefining policy credibility: neoliberalism and struggle between social credibility and market credibility” (with Michal Koreh), *CES*, Zoom, June 2021

“The Technocratic Tendencies of Economists in Government Bureaucracy” (with Johan Christensen), European Consortium of Political Research (*ECPR*) General Conference, Wroclaw, September 2019.

“The Politics of Welfare State Financialization: The Case of Israel’s ‘Savings Plan for Each Child’” (with Zeev Rosenhek), *ECPR*, Wroclaw, September 2019.

“Welfare State Financialization as Driver of Regulation: The Case of Israel’s ‘Savings Plan for Each Child’” (with Zeev Rosenhek), *Regulating for Welfare? Workshop*, Jerusalem, May 2019.

“The long-term effects of 'short-term' interventions: Constructivist-Evolutionary Analysis of Institutional Transformation Following the Great Recession” (with Tami Oren), *SASE*, Kyoto, June 2018.

“Amalgams, not Paradigms: Macroeconomic Ideas in the Great Recession” (with Tami Oren), *ECPR Joint Sessions*, Nicosia, April 2018.

“A Dynamic Theory of Gradual Institutional Changes: Evidence from Welfare State Reforms in Israel” (with Michal Koreh and Ilana Shpaizman), *CES*, Glasgow, July 2017.

“Economists’ Political Power and the Institutionalization of Economic Ideas of Government: Evidence from Israel”, *SASE*, Lion, June 2017.

“Interrupting gradual institutional change: How "continuity agents" have stalled and even reversed neoliberal welfare state reforms in Israel” (with Michal Koreh), *SASE*, Berkeley, June 2016.

“Amalgams, not Paradigms: Macroeconomic Ideas in the Great Recession,” *SASE*, Berkeley, June 2016

“Two-dimensional social learning and the dynamics of change and continuity in macroeconomic policymaking following the Great Recession,” *SASE*, London, June 2015.

“Macroeconomic Policymaking in Response to the Great Recession: The Role of Monetarist Institutions,” *European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference*, Edinburgh, June 2014.

“‘Activist’ central banks and ‘conservative’ ministries of finance? An institutionalist analysis of macroeconomic policy responses to the crisis”, *CES*, Barcelona, June 2011.

“Bringing Power to the Ideational Analysis of Institutional Change”, *APSA*, Toronto, September 2009.

TEACHING (SELECTED)

2017-present Introduction to Public Policy and Public Administration (BA)

2016-present Political Behavior in Israel (BA)

2016-present Democracy and Capitalism (BA / MA seminar)

2016-2020 The Political Economy of Israel (BA)

2012-2016 Introduction to Political Economy (BA)

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2016-present Co-founder and co-coordinator of the [Political Economy of Neoliberalism \(PEN\) Workshop](#)
- 2023-present Senior Research Fellow, [Arlozorov Forum](#)
- 2022-present Country Expert (Israel), Bertelsmann Stiftung's [Sustainable Governance Indicators \(SGI\) project](#)
- 2007-2019 Research Associate, State Responsibility and the Limits of Privatization Project, Chazan Center for Social Democracy and Justice ([Hebrew website](#)).
- 2016-Current Fellow, [Social Welfare program](#), Taub Center