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## EDUCATION

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**Tel-Aviv University** October 2019 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate (fast-track), Political Science.

Dissertation: “*Culture, Currency, and Power: The Cultural Roots of Financial Liberalization.*”

Committee: Tal Sadeh (Chair), Lawrence Broz, Mark Copelovitch.

**Tel-Aviv University** 2021

M.A., *Magna cum Laude*, Political Science.

**Tel-Aviv University** 2018

B.A., Political Science.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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**The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship** 2022-2026

Pre-doctoral Fellow

**The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program** 2022-2023

Pre-doctoral Fellow

Tel-Aviv University

**The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics** 2021-2022

Pre-doctoral Fellow

Tel-Aviv University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International political economy, international relations, currency internationalization, cultural finance, behavioral economics, political behavior.

## PROJECTS

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### Single-authored Manuscripts

- “How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies? A Macro-Level Analysis Using Instrumental Variables” (Under Review).
- “The Premium of Familiarity: Experimental Evidence on Financial Interactions Between Foreigners”.  
[Pre-registration](#)

### Collaborative Manuscripts

- “The effect of polarization on perceptions of welfare deservingness” With Claretta Treger.  
[Pre-registration](#)
- “Do Voters Reward Eurosceptic Governments?” With Tal Sadeh (Under Review).  
[Pre-registration](#)
- “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.
- “Unraveling Trust in Times of Crisis: The impact of threat perceptions on political trust.” With Keren LG Snider and Benjamin Amram.
- “Conspiratorial Thinking in Israel” With Omer Yair and Keren LG Snider

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility at Reichman** | *Research Assistant*

2022-2023

Head: Dr. Amnon Cavari.

**"How Politicians Evaluate Public Opinion"** | *Research Assistant*

2022-2023

A European Research Council (ERC) funded research team.

PIs: Lior Sheffer (TAU) and Eran Amsalem (HUJI).

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

<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
<b>2022</b>	Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University (NIS 10,000).
<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 (\$20,000)
<b>2021</b>	The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fellowship Fund Scholarship for the Enhancement of the Quality of Governance, Tel Aviv University (\$5,000).

## AWARDS & HONORABLE MENTIONS

<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>2020</b>	Reichman University Teaching Assistant Excellence Award & Scholarship (NIS 2,000)
<b>2017-2018</b>	Dean's Honor List, B.A. (NIS 2,000)

## CONFERENCE TALKS

<b>2023</b>	Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS); International Studies Association (ISA); The 80th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA); The European Union Studies Association (EUSA) (Accepted; cancelled participation); The 15th Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The 29th 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 (Scheduled: August 2023).
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<b>2022</b>	Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Forum for Empirical Studies in Politics; The 79th 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 (IPSA); The 4th 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 39th 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	
<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	
<b>2022</b>	Visiting doctoral student for one month (October) at the University of Konstanz. Host: Prof. Gerald Schneider.
TEACHING POSITIONS	
<b>2023-Present</b>	Project mentor of "Why do I need democracy now?" (for undergraduate students), The Unit for Social Involvement at Tel Aviv University.
<b>2020-Present</b>	Teaching assistant, Advanced Research Methods (for graduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.
<b>2019-Present</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.

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

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

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

**Mentorship:** Mentor in the "Sawwa" program at Tel Aviv University, an initiative designed to support Arab students by offering academic, personal, and emotional assistance.

## PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR MEDIA

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- 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-Present</b>	Mentor in the "Sawa" program at Tel Aviv University, providing guidance and support for 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*