

Gal Bitton

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EDUCATION

Tel-Aviv University October 2019 - Present

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

Dissertation: “*From Barriers to Bridges: The Cultural Roots of International Financial Engagement.*”

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

The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Fellowship, Harvard University 2025-2026

Postdoctoral Fellow

POLPOP II, The Hebrew University 2025-2026

Non-resident Postdoctoral Fellow

The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship 2022-2025

Pre-doctoral Fellow

The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program, Tel-Aviv University 2022-2023

Pre-doctoral Fellow

The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel-Aviv University 2021-2022

Pre-doctoral Fellow

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PROJECTS

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” (*Under Review*).
[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.
[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.
- “Bank-State Capture and Blame Avoidance in the EU.” With Tal Sadeh, Yuval Hirshorn, and Benjamin Daßler
- “Unraveling Trust in Times of Crisis: The impact of threat perceptions on political trust.” With Keren LG Snider and Benjamin Amram.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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

AWARDS & HONORABLE MENTIONS

2024	Travel Grant, The Society for Political Methodology (\$1,000).
2022	Best Presentation Award, The 4 th Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students (\$700).
2022	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 (NIS 7,000)

2020 Reichman University Teaching Assistant Excellence Award & Scholarship (NIS 2,000)

2017-2018 Dean's Honor List, B.A. (NIS 2,000)

CONFERENCE TALKS

- 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 81st Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA); International Studies Association (ISA); The 2024 Virtual ESPAnet workshop; The 16th Conference on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The 2024 Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Conference (participation declined); Political Studies Association (PSA) Early Career Network 2024 online conference 'Politics Today'; 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth); American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition (participation declined).
- 2023** 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.
- 2022** 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 (ISPSA); 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).
- 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

- 2023** 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)
- 2023** Panelist; "Europe: a crisis in light of energy", Model UN, TAU (January 9)
- 2022** Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Konstanz. Lecture: "The Premium of Familiarity" (October 28)

2022 Department of Economics Seminar, University of Konstanz. Lecture: “How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies?” (November 3)

RESEARCH STAYS & VISITS

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

TEACHING POSITIONS

2023-Present Project mentor of “Why do I need democracy now?” (for undergraduate students), The Unit for Social Involvement at Tel Aviv University.

2020-Present Teaching assistant, Advanced Research Methods (for graduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.

2019-Present Grading assistant, Europe in a crisis (for graduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.

2020-2023 Teaching assistant, Intermediate Research Methods (for graduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.

2020-2023 Teaching assistant, Empirical Research (for undergraduate students), Lauder School of Government, Reichman University.

2019-2022 Grading assistant, Political Economy in the Global Age (for graduate students), Security and Diplomacy, Tel-Aviv University.

2019-2022 Grading assistant, International Political Economy (for graduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.

2019-2021 Teaching assistant, Introduction to Writing and Research in Political Science (for undergraduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.

2019-2021 Teaching assistant, Introduction to International Relations and Strategy (for undergraduate students), School of Political Science, Tel-Aviv University.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 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

Reviewer: Journal of Regulation & Governance.

Discussant: GSIPE Mini-Conference; Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO); The IASEI-NYU Workshop.

Statistical Consultant: Provides statistical and analytical assistance for students.

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

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](#).

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

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| 2021-Present | Mentor in the ”Sawa” program at Tel Aviv University, providing academic, personal, and emotional assistance to Israeli-Arab students. |
| 2017-2019 | Research assistant in The Social Guard, 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