

# Gal Bitton

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>Tel-Aviv University</b>   | October 2019 - Present |
| Ph.D. Candidate (fast-track), Political Science.<br>Dissertation: “ <i>Culture, Currency, and Power: The Cultural Roots of Financial Liberalization.</i> ”<br>Committee: Tal Sadeh (Chair), Lawrence Broz, Mark Copelovitch. |                        |
| <b>Tel-Aviv University</b>   | 2021                   |
| M.A., <i>Magna cum Laude</i> , Political Science.  |                        |
| <b>Tel-Aviv University</b>   | 2018                   |
| B.A., Political Science.   |                        |

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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| <b>The Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowship</b>  | 2022-2026 |
| Pre-doctoral Fellow   |           |
| <b>The Center for the Study of the United States (CSUS) in Partnership with the Fulbright Program</b> | 2022-2023 |
| Pre-doctoral Fellow<br>Tel-Aviv University  |           |
| <b>The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics</b>  | 2021-2022 |
| Pre-doctoral Fellow<br>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”.

### 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

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**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).

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## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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**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

**2022**      Research grant from the Institute for Freedom and Responsibility at Reichman University (NIS 10,000).

**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 (\$20,000)

**2021**      The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fellowship Fund Scholarship for the Enhancement of the Quality of Governance, Tel Aviv University (\$5,000).

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## AWARDS & HONORABLE MENTIONS

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**2022**      Best Presentation Award, The 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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## CONFERENCE TALKS

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**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 (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.   |

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| <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*