Gal Bitton

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EDUCATION

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

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

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

PROJECTS

Single-authored Manuscripts

- "How Does Cultural Identity Shape Financial Policies? A Macro-Level Analysis Using Instrumental Variables"
- "The Premium of Familiarity: Experimental Evidence on Financial Interactions Between Foreigners".

Collaborative Manuscripts

- "The effect of polarization on perceptions of welfare deservingness" With Clareta 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.
- "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

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).

Awards & Honorable Mentions

2022	Best Presentation Award, The 4th 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

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).

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.

TEASCHING POSITIONS

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

- Bitton, G. "Believe in Choice - What do Israelis think about abortion?" The Liberal, 22.9.2022. Available online.

SKILLS

Languages: R, Python, STATA, LaTeX, Markdown.
Software: RStudio, oTree, Git/GitHub, STATA, JMP, SPSS, and Qualtrics.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic).

VOLUNTEERING

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