

## Curriculum Vitae

### Johanan "JD" Mussel

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#### Personal details

Born 1994

Nationalities: Dutch, Israeli, American

Lived in: The Netherlands (current), USA, Israel, South Korea

#### Education

**2016-2023** *University of California, Davis USA*

PhD, Political Science (graduated September 2023)

Dissertation: 'Consensus or Deadlock at the Last Gate: How Veto Players Shape the Frequency of Constitutional Amendment'

**2015-2016** *Leiden University, The Netherlands*

MSc, Political Science

Thesis: 'Parliamentary Power and the Prevalence of States of Emergency'

**2012-2015** *Leiden University College, The Hague*

BSc, Policy Science

Thesis: 'Dissolution Rules and Party Unity'

#### Research interests

*Comparative Political institutions*

Veto player analysis

Constitutional design

Legislative politics

Democracy and rule of law equilibria

*Specific institutions (central examples):*

Electoral systems

Executive type

Constitutions & the judiciary

Federalism/multi-level governance

#### Publications

**2025** Mussel, Johanan D., and Matthew Shugart. 2025 "Majoritarian politics in a consensus democracy: how judicialization of politics helped lay bare the contradictions of Israel's constitution." *Frontiers in Political Science* 7: 1554064.

(IF: 2.3)

**2023** Mussel, Johanan D., and Henry Schlechta. 2023. "Australia: No party convergence where we would most expect it." *Party Politics* 30(6): 13540688231189363. (IF: 2.2)

**in progress** *Advanced Introduction to Political Institutions* (book project under contract for Elgar Publishing). Co-authors: prof. Matthew S. Shugart, prof. Brandon C. Zicha

### **Teaching experience**

**2017-2023** *Teaching Assistant*, University of California, Davis

Introduction to Comparative Politics, American National Government, UK Politics, Russian Politics, Israeli Politics, Climate Change & Politics, Legislative Process, Electoral Systems, Constitutional Politics of the First Amendment, Mass Media & Politics, the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Politics and Sports

**Aug-Dec 2022** *Research clinic convenor*, Leiden University College

Led a research team of about ten undergraduate students. Instructed and coordinated data collection on constitutional amendments for comparative research project.

### **Research experience**

**2024-present** *Post-doctoral fellow*

Safra Centre for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

**2023** *Research Assistant*

Supervisors: profs. J. Santucci, M. S. Shugart, and M. S. Latner  
Assisted with proof-checking and editing for submission on US electoral reform to the APSA Presidential Task Force on Political Parties

**2019** *Research assistant*

Supervisor: Prof. Matthew Shugart  
Responsible for collecting and checking data about professional background of Israeli and Dutch parliament committee members for Party personnel strategies: Electoral systems and parliamentary committee assignments)

**May-Jun 2016,** *Freelance researcher* International IDEA

**Jul-Sep 2017** Constitution-Building Unit

Collected data and produced map infographics about global constitutional variations; edited texts on Dutch constitution

**Jan-Apr 2016** *Intern*, International IDEA

Responsible for researching and writing primer on the subject of emergency provisions in constitutions and country case study profiles for *ConstitutionNet* website

### **Presentations**

**April, 2022** *Midwest Political Science Association*

Mussel, J. D., "Consensus or Deadlock at the Last Gate: How Veto Players Shape the Frequency of Constitutional Amendment"

### **Other scholarly activities**

- 2024-present** Co-author, *Mekor Mayim Hayim*  
blog and podcast on originalism in Jewish studies
- 2021-present** Co-author, *Leviathan's Couch*  
blog and podcast on politics, institutions, and society
- 2013-present** Contributor, *Fruits and Votes*  
Matthew Shugart 's blog on electoral systems and constitutional design
- 2013-2016** Advocacy and lectures on electoral and constitutional reforms within JOVD (liberal party youth movement) and other organisations in the Netherlands

### **Languages**

*English* – native    *French* – good  
*Hebrew (modern)* – native    *Afrikaans* – good  
*Dutch* – native    *Ancient Hebrew & Aramaic* - intermediate

### **Computer languages**

*R* – proficient