

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.
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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