# SAAR ALON-BARKAT

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#### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Leiden University, Institute of Public Administration. *Postdoctoral researcher* 

2018 -

# **EDUCATION**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Department of Political Science.

2014-18

Ph.D. in Public Administration.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Department of Political Science. *M.A in Political Science (Summa cum Laude)* 

2012-14

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2007-11

B.A. in law and Political Science (Magna cum Laude).

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, and Chagai Weiss. 2018. "Bureaucratic politics and the translation of movement agendas". *Governance*. DOI: <u>10.1111/gove.12383</u>. (5-year journal IF = 3.326)
- Gilad, Sharon, and **Saar Alon-Barkat**. 2018. "Enhancing Democracy via Bureaucracy: Senior Managers' Social Identities and Motivation for Policy Change". *Governance* 31: 359–380. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12300 (5-year journal IF = 3.326)
- **Alon-Barkat**, **Saar**, and Sharon Gilad. 2017. "Compensating for Poor Performance with Promotional Symbols: Evidence from a Survey Experiment". *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 27(4): 661-675. DOI: 10.1093/jopart/mux013 (5-year journal IF = 4.981)
- Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, and Alexandr Braverman. 2016. "Large-Scale Social Protest: A Business Risk and a Bureaucratic Opportunity". *Governance* 29(3): 371-392. DOI: 10.1111/gove.12173 (5-year journal IF = 3.326)
- **Alon-Barkat, Saar**, and Sharon Gilad. 2016. "Political control or legitimacy deficit? Bureaucracies' symbolic response to bottom-up public pressures". *Policy & Politics* 44(1):41-58. DOI: 10.1332/030557315x14443003393944 (5-year journal IF = 1.845)

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

**Alon-Barkat**, **Saar**. "Can government public communications elicit undue trust? Exploring the interaction between symbols and substantive information in communications". (Under review).

**Alon-Barkat**, **Saar**. "The persuasion of symbolic elements in government public communications, and their moderation by personal relevance". (Under review).

Gilad, Sharon and **Saar Alon-Barkat**. "Civil Servants' Identification with the Public as a Counter to Tunnel Vision Reputation Maximization". Work in progress.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

Azrieli Foundation Fellows program fellowship (68,000€ over three years).	2016-18
Hoffman leadership and responsibility program fellowship, the Hebrew	2014–17
University of Jerusalem (38,000€ over three years).	
Advanced Graduate Studies program fellowship ("Telem"). The Hebrew	2012-17
University of Jerusalem, the department of Political Science (49,000€ over five	
years).	

<sup>\*</sup> These aforementioned amounts represent the full amount for each fellowship, in separate. Note that the Hebrew University has limitations with regard to maximum income from multiple scholarships per student (approximately 25,000€ annually).

## **SELECTED PRIZES AND AWARDS**

Research grant by the Azrieli Foundation as a part of the fellowship program (8,800€)	2016–18
Award for an Outstanding MA Thesis by the Israel Political Science Association	2015
(250€). The Nancy & Lawrence E. Glick Prize in Israeli Democracy, for Best MA thesis	2015
(1,700€).	2010
The Hebrew University's Rector's honor list award for MA students (1,200€).	2014
Law Faculty Dean's honor list Awards for BA students for academic years: 2008,	2009-11
2009, 2010.	

# **REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS**

Public Administration.	2017–19
Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.	2016–18
Governance.	2016
Regulation & Governance.	2015

Publons: https://publons.com/a/1367408/

#### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Structure and Organization of Governance (SOG); Public Administration Research Association (PMRA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA).

#### PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **Saar Alon-Barkat**. "The effects of symbols and information in government communications on citizens trust: Evidence from a survey experiment". 14<sup>th</sup> Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD), Bucharest (June 2018).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat**. "The Effects of Substantive Information and Symbols on Citizens' Attitudes, and Their Moderation by Personal Relevance". 21st Annual IRSPM Conference, Budapest (April 2017).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat** and Gilad, Sharon. "Offsetting the Effect of Bad Performance with Promotional Symbols: Evidence from a Survey Experiment". World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Poznan (July 2016).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat** and Gilad, Sharon. "Offsetting the Effect of Bad Performance with Promotional Symbols: Evidence from a Survey Experiment". Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Aarhus (June 2016).
- Saar Alon-Barkat. "Bureaucracies' Shaping of Citizens' Attitudes: Functional, Informational, Procedural-Fairness and Symbolic Effects". The 73rd Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago (April 2015).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat** and Sharon Gilad. "Political Control or Legitimacy Deficit? Bureaucracies' Symbolic Response to Bottom-Up Public Pressures". 8th ECPR General Conference, Glasgow (September 2014).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat** and Sharon Gilad, "Political Control and Organizations Symbolic Responses to Bottom-Up Public Pressures". 5th Biennial ECPR Standing Group for Regulatory Governance Conference, Barcelona (June 2014).
- Sharon Gilad and **Saar Alon-Barkat**, "A Comparison of Public and Private Organizations' Management of Mass Social Protest via Communications". Paper presented at the 2014 SOG (Structure and Organization of Government) conference, Jerusalem (Jan 2014).
- **Saar Alon-Barkat**, "Designing Universal Measures for Dimensional Publicness". Paper presented at the 2014 SOG (Structure and Organization of Government) conference, Jerusalem (Jan 2014).

#### **ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS:**

ECPR Joint sessions of Workshops. Workshop on "Accountability and Reputation". Nicosia, Cyprus.

Workshop on mismatches between performance and reputation in Governance.	2017
Utrecht, Netherlands.	
Successful Public Governance (SPG) workshop. Utrecht, Netherlands.	2017
Israeli-Canadian Workshop on "Institutions and Individual, Organizational and	2015
Field Level Identities", Halbert Center and the Jerusalem School of Business	
Administration.	

# ACADEMIC TEACHING

Lecturer, "A theoretical lens on Public Administration" course (graduate, honors program). The Federmann School of Public Policy and Government, Hebrew	2016–17
University of Jerusalem.	
Teaching assistant, "A theoretical lens on Public Administration" course	2013-14
(graduate, honors program). The Federmann School of Public Policy and	
Government, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	
Teaching assistant, "Research methods" course (undergraduate). The	2013-15
Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	
Teaching assistant, "Political institutions in Israel" course (undergraduate), The	2012-14
Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	
Teaching assistant, "Introduction to Public Administration" course	2012-13
(undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of	
Jerusalem.	
Teaching assistant, "Academic reading and writing" course (undergraduate), The	2012-13
Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	

# METHODOLOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

Academic graphic presentation, by Guy Adler (Zugraphi studio)	2017
Causal inference, by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of University of	2017
Pennsylvania)	
Communication of academic research, by Kave Shafran and Noam Feinholtz.	2016
Visualising data, by Prof. Andrea Ruggeri (Oxford University).	2016
Experiments in Public Management Research: Methods and Opportunities, by	2016
Prof. Oliver James (University of Exeter), Dr. Sebastian Jilke and Prof. Gregg Van	
Ryzin (Rutgers University).	
Experimental methods in Political Science, by Dr. Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan	2015
(Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor (Haifa	
University).	
Mediation analysis, by Amit Gal.	2015
Multilevel Analysis in R, by Dr. Paul Bliese (University of South Carolina).	2015
Introduction to R, by Amit Gal.	2015
Designing and constructing questionnaires for quantitative research, by Andre	2014
Alster (Hebrew University)	
Advanced regression analyses workshop. SWARM: Recanati Business School,	2014
Tel Aviv University, by Prof. Ayala Cohen (Technion University) and Dr. Dana	
Vashdi (Haifa University).	
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## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Co-founder of project <i>Israeli research in 500 words</i> : an online platform enabling	2017–18
Israeli academic scholars to communicate their researches with Israeli non-	
academic audiences.	
See: https://www.facebook.com/israeliresearch500words/	
Founder and coordinator of a study group of Hebrew University graduate	2017-18
students on "R" (open source software environment for statistical computing and	
graphics).	
Co-founder and coordinator of a study group of Hebrew University graduate	2015–16
students ("Limud BeChevruta") on "Politics Now: Issues and Dilemmas in the	
Political Research of Contemporary Events".	
Co-organizer of a full-day workshop for Political Science graduate students,	2015
facilitated by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania).	

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Employee at the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, the Department of Governance	2012
and Policy Planning.	
Employee at the Ministry of Justice. Legal internship at the Attorney General of	2011–12
the state of Israel, Adv. Yehuda Weinstein.	

## **NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

Active Volunteering at the <u>The Public Knowledge Workshop</u> – Israeli non-profit organization working to make public information accessible to citizens using open sourced digital projects. Developer and data analyst in the "Budget-key project" (<u>www.obudget.org</u>), which aims to make information on government spending accessible to the public.

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