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# Saar Alon-Barkat – CV

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

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## EDUCATION

2014-Present: Ph.D. candidate in Public Administration, at the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Academic Supervisor: Prof. Sharon Gilad.

Dissertation title: "The symbolic aspects of government bureaucracies' public communications, and its influence on citizens' attitudes".

2012-2014: M.A *Summa cum Laude* in Political Science, at the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (advanced graduate studies program). Academic Supervisor: Prof. Sharon Gilad.

MA Thesis title: "Political Control and Organizations Symbolic Responses to Bottom-Up Public Pressures".

2007-2011: B.A. *Magna cum Laude* in law and Political Science, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## PUBLICATIONS

Gilad, Sharon, and **Saar Alon-Barkat**. In Press, 2017. "Enhancing Democracy via Bureaucracy: Senior Managers' Social Identities and Motivation for Policy Change". *Governance*. DOI: [10.1111/gove.12300](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/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](https://doi.org/10.1332/030557315x14443003393944) (5-year journal IF = 1.845)

## WORKING PAPERS

Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, and Chagai Weiss. "Government Translation Of Social Movements' Agendas And Its Shaping By Bureaucratic Politics". Work in progress (submitted for publication).

**Saar Alon-Barkat**. "The effects of symbols and information in government public communication on citizens' trust: Evidence from a survey experiment". Work in progress.

**Alon-Barkat, Saar**. "Bureaucracies' Shaping of Citizens' Attitudes: Functional, Informational, Procedural-Fairness and Symbolic Effect". Work in progress.

Gilad, Sharon and **Saar Alon-Barkat**. "Civil Servants' Social Identities as Factor Balancing Between Reputation Seeking and Accountability". Work in progress.

## FELLOWSHIPS

2016-present: [Azrieli Foundation Fellows program fellowship](#) (68,000€ over three years).

2014-2017: [Hoffman leadership and responsibility program](#) fellowship, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (38,000€ over three years).

2012-2017: [Advanced Graduate Studies program fellowship \("Telem"\)](#). The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the department of Political Science (49,000€ over five years).

\* 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

2016-present: Research grant by the Azrieli Foundation Fellows program fellowship (8,800€)

2015: Award for an Outstanding MA Thesis by the Israel Political Science Association (250€).

2015: The Nancy & Lawrence E. Glick Prize in Israeli Democracy, for Best MA thesis (1,700€).

2014: The Hebrew University's Rector's honor list award for MA students (1,200€).

2009-2011: Law Faculty Dean's honor list Awards for BA students for years: 2008, 2009, 2010.

## REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

2017-Present: *Public Administration*.

2016-Present: *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

2016: *Governance*.

2015: *Regulation & Governance*.

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

**Saar Alon-Barkat.** "The effects of symbols and information in government public communication on citizens' trust: Evidence from a survey experiment". Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Singapore (June 2018).

**Saar Alon-Barkat.** "The Effects of Substantive Information and Symbols on Citizens' Attitudes, and Their Moderation by Personal Relevance". 21<sup>st</sup> 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:**

- 2018: ECPR Joint sessions of Workshops. Workshop on "Accountability and Reputation". Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2017: Workshop on mismatches between performance and reputation in Governance. Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 2017: Successful Public Governance (SPG) workshop. Utrecht, Netherlands.

- 2015: Israeli-Canadian Workshop on "Institutions and Individual, Organizational and Field Level Identities", Halbert Center and the Jerusalem School of Business Administration.

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

- 2016-2017: Lecturer, "A theoretical lens on Public Administration" course (graduate, honors program). The Federmann School of Public Policy and Government, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2013-2014: Teaching assistant, "A theoretical lens on Public Administration" course (graduate, honors program). The Federmann School of Public Policy and Government, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2013-2015: Teaching assistant, "Research methods" course (undergraduate). The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012-2014: Teaching assistant, "Israeli politics" course (undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012-2013: Teaching assistant, "Introduction to Public Administration" course (undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2012-2013: Teaching assistant, "Academic reading and writing" course (undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- 2017–present: Co-founder of project [Israeli research in 500 words](#): an online platform enabling Israeli academic scholars to communicate their researches with Israeli non-academic audiences.
- 2017–present: Founder and coordinator of a study group of Hebrew University graduate students on "R" (open source software environment for statistical computing and graphics).
- 2015-2016: Co-founder and coordinator of a study group of Hebrew University graduate students ("Limud BeChevruta") on "Politics Now: Issues and Dilemmas in the Political Research of Contemporary Events".
- 2015: Co-organizer of a full-day workshop for Political Science graduate students, facilitated by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

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

## **NON-ACADEMIC VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:**

2012-present: Active Volunteering at the ['The Public Knowledge Workshop'](#) – 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" ([www.obudget.org](http://www.obudget.org)), which aims to make information on government spending accessible to the public.