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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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University of Haifa, School of Political Sciences, Department of Public Administration and Policy. 2020–  
*Assistant professor (lecturer).*

Leiden University, Institute of Public Administration. 2018–2020  
*Postdoctoral researcher.*

## EDUCATION

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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Department of Political Science. 2014–19  
*Ph.D. in Public Administration.*  
Dissertation title: *The symbolic aspects of government bureaucracies' public communications, and its influence on citizens' attitudes.* (Approved January 2019)  
Supervisor: Prof. Sharon Gilad.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Department of Political Science. 2012–14  
*M.A in Political Science (Summa cum Laude).*

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 2007–11  
*B.A. in law and Political Science (Magna cum Laude).*  
*Certified attorney, accepted as a member of the Israeli Bar (2012).*

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal articles*

Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, Faibish, Nitzan and Sarah Goldberg. 2022. "Leveraging city officials' professional and social Identities to facilitate affordable housing". *\*Political Geography\**, 94: 102570. DOI: 10.1016/j.polgeo.2021.102570

**Alon-Barkat, Saar**. 2020. "The emotive effect of government branding on citizens' trust and its boundaries: Does the personal relevance of the policy issue matter?". *Public Administration* 98: 551– 569. DOI: 10.1111/padm.12647.

**Alon-Barkat, Saar**. 2020. "Can government public communications elicit undue trust? Exploring the interaction between symbols and substantive information in communications". *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 30(1): 77–95. DOI: 10.1093/jopart/muz013.

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- Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, and Chagai Weiss. 2019. "Bureaucratic politics and the translation of movement agendas". *Governance* 32: 369–385. DOI: [10.1111/gove.12383](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12383).
- 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](https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12300)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)

### *Book chapters*

- Alon-Barkat, Saar** and Sharon Gilad. 2019. "Political control or legitimacy deficit?: Bureaucracies' symbolic responses to bottom-up public pressure". In Schillemans T. & Pierre J. (Eds.), *Media and governance: Exploring the role of news media in complex systems of governance*. Bristol: Bristol University Press. pp. 53-76. DOI: [10.2307/j.ctvb1hrq8.8](https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctvb1hrq8.8). [Article also published on *Policy & Politics* 2016]

### *Accepted for publication*

- "Human-AI Interactions in Public Sector Decision-Making: 'Automation Bias' and 'Selective Adherence' to Algorithmic Advice" (together with Madalina Busuioc). Conditionally accepted to *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* on December 2021.

### *Under review*

- "Testing the link between regulatory agencies' independence and credibility: Evidence from a survey experiment with regulatory stakeholders" (together with Madalina Busuioc)
- "Behavioural Public Administration Meets Data Science: A Behavioural Research Agenda on Algorithmic Decision-Making" (together with Madalina Busuioc)

### *Working papers*

- "Independent Agencies, Credible Policies? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Four EU Countries on COVID-19 Vaccine Authorization" (together with Madalina Busuioc, Thijs de Boer and Benjamin Tida)

## FELLOWSHIPS

<u>Azrieli Foundation Fellows program fellowship.</u>	2016–18
<u>Hoffman leadership and responsibility program fellowship</u> , the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	2014–17
<u>Advanced Graduate Studies program fellowship ("Telem")</u> . The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the department of Political Science.	2012–17

## SELECTED PRIZES AND AWARDS

Selection for a list of emerging scholars, by Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART).	2020
Research grant by the Azrieli Foundation as a part of the fellowship program.	2016–18
Award for an Outstanding MA Thesis by the Israel Political Science Association.	2015
The Nancy & Lawrence E. Glick Prize in Israeli Democracy, for Best MA thesis.	2015
The Hebrew University's Rector's honor list award for MA students.	2014
Law Faculty Dean's honor list Awards for BA students for academic years: 2008, 2009, 2010.	2009–11

## REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

<i>Party politics</i>	2020–
<i>Public Management Review</i>	2020–
<i>Public Administration</i> .	2017–19
<i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i> .	2016–18
<i>Governance</i> .	2016
<i>Regulation &amp; Governance</i> .	2015

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

## Editorial board:

<i>Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i> .	2022–
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## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

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Daily supervision of PhD students:

Benjamin Tidå, PhD candidate, Leiden University. 2018–  
 Title: *Understanding Institutions of Accountability: What Drives Account-holders' Focus and Interest in Accountability?*

Thijs de Boer, PhD candidate, Leiden University. 2018–  
 Title: *Voluntary Accountability: Pro-Active Accountability Practices*

## MEDIA COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Jerusalem City-Center Radio. 20 December 2016. Interview about my PhD research in internet radio show.

The Marker. 10 July 2016. "The protest also changed advertising patterns: the commercial entities entered the bunker". Print article about co-authored research with Sharon Gilad.  
<https://www.themarker.com/career/1.3001609>

Policy & Politics Journal Blog. 25 November 2015. "Does political control increase bureaucracies' responsiveness to public pressures?" (Together with Sharon Gilad).  
<https://policyandpoliticsblog.com/2015/11/25/does-political-control-increase-bureaucracies-responsiveness-to-public-pressures/>

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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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. 2017–19  
 See: <https://www.facebook.com/israeliresearch500words/>

Founder and coordinator of a study group of Hebrew University graduate students on "R" (open source software environment for statistical computing and graphics). 2017–18

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". 2015–16

Co-organizer of a full-day workshop for Political Science graduate students, facilitated by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania). 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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

## NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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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" ( <a href="http://www.obudget.org">www.obudget.org</a> ), which aims to make information on government spending accessible to the public.	2012–18
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