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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 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

- 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

Journal articles

- Saar Alon-Barkat** and Madalina Busuioc. Forthcoming. "Independent Agencies, Credible Policies? The Role of Prior Beliefs in Shaping Stakeholder Perceptions of Credibility in a Contested Environment". *Journal of European Public Policy*. 10.1080/13501763.2023.2294145
- Saar Alon-Barkat** and Madalina Busuioc. Forthcoming. "Public Administration Meets Data Science: Towards a Meaningful Behavioural Research Agenda on Algorithmic Decision-Making in Government". *Journal of Behavioural Public Administration*.
- Alon-Barkat, Saar** and Madalina Busuioc. 2022. "Human-AI Interactions in Public Sector Decision-Making: 'Automation Bias' and 'Selective Adherence' to Algorithmic Advice". *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. DOI: 10.1093/jopart/muac007.

- Gilad, Sharon, **Saar Alon-Barkat**, Nitzan Faibish 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.
- 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.
- 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. [Article also published on *Policy & Politics* 2016]

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)
- "Algorithmic Discrimination in Public Service Provision: Understanding Citizens' Attribution of Responsibility for Human vs Algorithmic Discriminatory Outcomes" (with Madalina Busuioc, Kayla Schwoerer and Kristina S. Weißmüller)

“Partisan bias in citizens’ evaluations of public services under conditions of high political polarization: Investigating the impact of Israel’s 2021 and 2022 government changes on citizens’ evaluations” (with Amnon Cavari and Lior Shvarts)

“Civil Servants’ Polarized Interpretations of Democratic Backsliding and Willingness to Contribute” (with Nir Losti, Sharon Gilad and Ilana Shpaizman)

RESEARCH GRANTS

Isarel science foundation (ISF) personal research grant 1855/22. “Negative stereotypical associations of the public sector and their influence on citizens’ evaluation of public services and compliance”. 667,600 NIS.	2022–26
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FELLOWSHIPS

<u>Azrieli Foundation Fellows program fellowship.</u>	2016–18
<u>Hoffman leadership and responsibility program</u> fellowship, 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

Regulation & Governance.

2015

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

Editorial board:

Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.

2022–

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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 (ISPSA).

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Daily supervision of PhD students:

Benjamin Leidorf-Tidå, PhD candidate, Leiden University.

2018–24

Title: *Understanding Institutions of Accountability: What Drives Account-holders' Focus and Interest in Accountability?*

Thijs de Boer, PhD candidate, Leiden University.

2018–23

Title: *Voluntary Accountability: Pro-Active Accountability Practices*

Supervision of MA students:

Michal Gilboa.

2022–24

Title: *A multidimensional approach for exploring public sector stereotypes to study their impact on citizens' evaluations*

MEDIA COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Kol Hamada. 2023. "Research examines: why citizens in Israel hold negative attitudes towards the public administration even when it is functioning well".

<https://kolhamada.isf.org.il/%d7%92%d7%90%d7%95%d7%95%d7%94-%d7%95%d7%93%d7%a2%d7%94-%d7%a7%d7%93%d7%95%d7%9e%d7%94/>

Calcalist. 07 March 2023. "The fear of the judicial overhaul: a quarter of the civil servants would leave". https://www.calcalist.co.il/local_news/article/rycfdi71n

Globes. 02 February 2022. "Elected officials in local authorities: want houses to be built, but not in their city". <https://www.globes.co.il/news/article.aspx?did=1001401230>

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/>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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

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" (www.obudget.org), which aims to make information on government spending accessible to the public.	2012–18
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