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Academic Appointments

- 2017-Present: Tenured Senior lecturer (equivalent to Associate Professor in the U.S)
- 2010- Senior Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor in the U.S), School of Political Science, Governance and International Relations, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- 2023-2024 Israel Institute Visiting Faculty at Rutgers University

Education

- Ph.D: Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science, 2010.
- M.A: Michigan State University, Ph.D student, Department of Political Science, 2003-2005.
- M.A: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, MA, Department of Political Science, 2003, Summa Cum Laude.
- B.A: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, BA, Department of Political Science and Department of International Relations, 2001.

Teaching and Research interests

Comparative Politics, Political Institutions, Legislative Studies, Parties and Party System, Electoral Systems, Candidate Selection Processes, Democratic Backsliding, Political Methodology, Israeli Politics.

Grants, Fellowships, Donations, and Awards

- The Center for Empirical Study of Israel's Democracy, 7,500\$ for 1 year.
- Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, 375,000 NIS for the Israeli National Election Studies (~105,000\$).
- Israel Science Foundation Individual Research Grant, 117,000 NIS (~30,000\$) for 3 years.
- Israel Science Foundation Research Workshop Grant, 70,000 NIS.

- Israel Science Foundation Individual Research Grant, 150,000 NIS (~43,000\$) for 3 years.
- Excellence in teaching award, 2021, Tel-Aviv University.
- Apolitical Foundation's list of "50 Influential Researchers Whose Work Could Help Shape 21st Century Politicians", 2022,
<https://apolitical.foundation/resources/50-influential-researchers>.
- Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, 100,000 €.
- Research Grants for Young Scientists in the Social Sciences, Israel Foundation Trustees, 25,000\$.
- "The Evolution of Parliamentarism and its Political Consequences", partner in the grant from the Research Council of Norway, 7.7 Million NOK (~1.3 Million \$).
- Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University, 2009-2010.
- Washington University Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2009.
- Washington University Summer Research Grant, 2006-2008.
- Prof. David Rohde's Political Institutions and Public Choice Program, 2003-2005.

Publications

1. Fernandes Jorge, Yakter Alon, Shomer Yael and Put Gert-Jan. "The Electoral Implications of Legislative Candidate Selection Democratization", *British Journal of Political Science*, Forthcoming [IF 5.7; 16/322]
2. Shomer Yael, Tzalgov Eitan and Zur Roi. 2025. "The Crises of the Israeli Democracy: Introduction to a Research Topic", *Frontiers in Political Science*, Forthcoming [IF 2.5; 90/322].
3. Tzalgov Eitan, Roi Zur and Yael Shomer (Eds.). 2025. "The Crisis of Israeli Democracy", *Frontiers in Political Science*, Forthcoming [IF 2.3; 94/297].
4. Freund Amir and Yael Shomer. 2025. "National Leaders' Gender effect on European Countries' Performance during the COVID-19 Crisis", *European Journal of Political Research* 64(2): pp. 864-871 [IF 5.3; 9/187].
5. Fernandes Jorge, Yael Shomer and Matthew Shugart. 2024. "Electoral Systems and the Personal Vote", in Adrian Vatter and Rahel Freiburghaus (Eds.) *The Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*, Edward Elgar Publishing.
6. Shomer Yael, Bjørn Erik Rasch and Osnat Akirav. 2024. "Termination of parliamentary governments: revised definitions and implications", In Reuven Y. Hazan, Bjørn Erik Rasch (Eds.) *Parliaments and Government Termination: A New Perspective on Parliamentary Democracies* NY: Routledge, pp. 95-120.
7. Yael Shomer and Gert-Jan, Put. 2023 "Are citizens more politically engaged when candidate selection is democratic? Analysis of seven parliamentary election cycles in Israel (1996-2015)", *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(3), pp.1119-1133 [IF 3.254; 67/187].
8. Yael Shomer, Bjørn Erik Rasch and Osnat Akirav. 2022. "Termination of parliamentary governments: revised definitions and implications", *West European Politics*, 45(3), pp. 550-575. [IF 4.055; 30/187].
9. Shomer, Yael 2020. "Women's Representation in Israel: Between Selection Processes and Protective Mechanisms". In *Gender Gaps in Israeli Politics*, ed. Michal Shamir, Hanna Herzog and Naomi Chazan, Van Leer Institute Press.

10. Shomer, Yael, Gert-Jan, Put and Einat Gedalya-Lavy. 2018. "Does intra-party democracy affect levels of trust in parties? The cases of Belgium and Israel", *Acta Politica*, 53, pp. 167-183. [IF 1.398; 69/162].
11. Shomer, Yael. 2017. "The Conditional Effect of Electoral Systems and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Processes on Parties' Behavior", *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 42(1), pp. 63-96. [IF 1.406; 51/161].
12. Shomer, Yael. 2017. "Institutional Reforms and Their Effect on Legislators' Behavior: The Israeli Experience, 1992-2011", *Party Politics*, 23(3), pp. 297-308. [IF 2.286; 19/161].
13. Shomer, Yael, Gert-Jan, Put and Einat Gedalya-Lavy. 2016. "Intra-Party Politics and Public Opinion: How Candidate Selection Processes affect Citizens' Satisfaction with Democracy", *Political Behavior*, 38(3), pp.509-534 [IF 2.868; 9/161].
14. Shomer, Yael. 2016. "The Electoral Environment and Legislator Dissent", *Comparative Politics*, 48(4), pp.557-578. [IF 1.417; 49/161]
15. Shomer, Yael. 2015. "Electoral Incentives and Individual Parliament Members' Rights", *West European Politics*, 38(5), pp. 1106-1127. [IF 1.692; 38/161]
16. Rosas, Guillermo, Shomer, Yael and Haptonstahl, Steve. 2015. "No News is News: Non-Ignorable Non-Response in Roll-Call Data Analysis", *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(2), pp. 511-528. [IF 4.506; 3/161].
17. Shomer, Yael. 2014. "What Affect Candidate Selection Processes? A Cross-National Examination", *Party Politics*, 20(4), pp. 533-546. [IF 2.286; 19/161].
18. Shomer, Yael and O'Brien, Diana. 2013. "A Cross-National Analysis of Party Switching", *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 38(1), pp. 111-141.[IF 1.406; 51/161].
19. Shomer, Yael. 2009. "Candidate Selection Procedures, Seniority, and Vote-Seeking Behavior: Lessons from the Israeli Experience." *Comparative Political Studies*, 42(7), pp. 945-970.[IF 2.659; 7/157].
20. Rosas, Guillermo and Yael Shomer. 2008. "Models of Nonresponse in Legislative Politics." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33(4), pp. 573-601. [IF 1.406; 51/161].
21. Rosas, Guillermo and Yael Shomer. 2009. "Non-ignorable Abstentions in Mexico's Instituto Federal Electoral." In *The Political Economy of Democracy*, ed. Enriqueta Aragonès, Carmen Beviá, Humberto Llavador and Norman Schofield, pp. 245-261.
22. Crisp, Brian F., Kathryn M. Jensen, and Yael Shomer. 2007. "Magnitude and Vote Seeking." *Electoral Studies* 26(4), pp. 727-734.[IF 1.570; 42/161].

In Progress

- "Government instability: revised measures in comparative perspective", with Osnat Akirav.
- "Government Productivity: Evidence from Israel", with Osnat Akirav.
- "Israeli Democratic Backsliding through Legislation", with Liron Lavi.
- "Unti-Democratic Legislation: Introduction of a New Data-set", with Liron Lavi.
- "What Political Scientists Owe Democracy: Political Science Activism against Regime Overhaul in Israel", with Hanna Lerner, Liron Lavi and Osnat Akirav.
- "Government instability and political trust", with Osnat Akirav.
- "The Strategies of Strategic Voting", with Ram Hardy.

- “Female Representation and electorability”, with Alon Yakter and Jorge M. Fernandes.
- “Bringing Cameral Procedures Back In: the Influence of Electoral Systems, Intra-Party Selection Mechanisms and Intra-Cameral Procedures on Legislators Behavior”.
- “Knesset Member's voting behavior, 1992-2020”
- “Voting Dimensionality in the Knesset”.

Conference Participation

2025: The Annual Conference of the Israeli Political Science Association, Tel-Aviv Conference: Israel's Future, International Constitutional Advising in the Age of Democratic Instability.
2024: MPSA, The Annual Conference of the Israeli Legislation Organization.
2023: APSA.
2022: ISPSA.
2019: EPSA, Workshop on candidate selection, Portugal.
2018: MPSA, APSA.
2015: APSA, PIPC conference.
2014: APSA, ECPR Joint Sessions, IPSA.
2013: APSA, IPSA.
2012: EPSA, MPSA, The Annual Workshop in Political Economy, ECPR, IPSA.
2011: MPSA, ECPR Joint Sessions, APSA.
2009: APSA, WUSTL (vote-maximizing strategies of political parties).
2008: PolMeth, MPSA, Bayesian Methods in the Social Sciences Conference (Mexico).
2007: MPSA, WUSTL (Measure of Legislators Policy Preferences).
2006: APSA.
2005: MPSA, ECPR annual meeting.

Organizing Workshops

- “Multi-dimensional measurements of government (in)stability”, Western Galilee Collage, with Osnat Akirav (14-16 May, 2023).
- “Institutional Determinants of Legislative Coalition Management”, Tel-Aviv University, (16-19 November, 2015).

Invited Presentations

- Political Science Departmental Seminar, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 2025.
- Does and Why the Coalition's legislation endanger academic freedom and civil rights, Tel-Aviv University, 2025.
- Rule of Law Challenges in Israel, Tel-Aviv University, 2024.
- Political Science Departmental Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, 2024.
- Kornitzer Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis, 2024.
- Hillel Center, New Brunswick, 2024.
- Jewish Studies Departmental Seminar, Rutgers University, 2023.
- Transition Series, 2023.
- Excellence in Research Series, Social Sciences Tel-Aviv University, 2022.
- Departmental Seminar, Interdisciplinary Center, 2020.

- Departmental Seminar, Interdisciplinary Center, 2012.
- Social Science's Magna cum Laude Ceremony, Tel-Aviv University, 2012.
- Tel-Aviv University Science Night, 2011.
- The Business-Academic Club, Friends of Tel-Aviv University, 2010.
- Haifa Conference in Memory of Asher Arian, Haifa University, 2010.

Additional Methodological Training

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, WashU, 2006.
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2005 (Teaching Assistant for Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Prof. Charles Franklin).
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2004 (Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Advanced Topics in Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Scaling and Dimensional Analysis).

Research Project Membership

- Co-investigator in the Israeli National Election Study (INES).
- Member at the Checks and Balances Laboratory at the Center for Applied Research on Risks to Democracy, Tel-Aviv University.
- Member at the Comparative Candidate Survey's Questionnaire Development Committee-Module 4.

Teaching Experience

- Instructor for Elections, Representation and Government in the Cyber Era.
- Instructor for Research Methods, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for Israeli Political Culture.
- Instructor for Israeli Politics.
- Instructor for Politics and Governance in Israel, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for a seminar on Democratic Political Institutions, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for The Politics of Electoral Systems, and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Politics, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for a seminar American Politics in Cinema and Television.
- Instructor for a seminar Politics and the Movies: Theories and Political Institutions in Cinematic Eyes.
- Instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics, University College, Washington University in Saint Louis, Summer 2008.
- Teaching Assistant for Topics in Politics: Israeli Politics, Spring 2009.
- Teaching Assistant for Politics and the Theory of Games, Spring 2009.
- Teaching Assistant for Topics in American Politics: Politics of the Civil Rights Movement, Fall 2007.

- Teaching Assistant for Comparative Political Parties, Fall 2006.
- Teaching Assistant for Advanced Modern Hebrew, 2006.
- Teaching Assistant for Comparative Politics, Fall 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Maximum Likelihood Estimation, ICPSR, Summer 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Political Socialization and Public Opinion, Fall 2004.
- Teaching Assistant for War and Revolution, Spring 2004.
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2003.

Departmental and Discipline Service

- Editorial Board member: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Politica*.
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *Eastern European Political Studies*, *Political Studies*, *East European Politics and Society*, *Party Politics*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *West European Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Political Science Review*, *Public Choice*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion and Parties*, *Israel Studies*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Representation*, *European Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *The Public Sphere*, *Gender and Politics*, *Electoral Studies*.
- Grant Referee: *American National Science Foundation*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, *the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)*, *Israeli Science Foundation*.
- Member of the nominating committee for the Representation and Electoral Systems section of APSA.
- Chair of the nominating committee for Best Dissertation Award, Israel Political Science Association, 2022.
- Chair of the nominating committee for Life Time Achievement Award, Israel Political Science Association, 2023.
- Committee member of the Lawrence Longley Award for the best article(s) on Representation and Electoral Systems, given by the APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section.
- Member at the ECPR Council.
- Editor of the series "The Israeli Democratic Model", Bashaar, with Eppie Yaar.
- Dissertation Committee Member: Yael Hadar, Sharon Hason, Aliza Forman.
- PhD advisor: Ram Hardi, Yaara Shapira, Elie BERESSI (Sciences Po).
- M.A Thesis Advisor: Ram Hardi, Liron Shemesh, Ori Koskas, Amir Freund, Netanel Malca, Liron Talker, Noga Gur-Arie, Tamar Adar, Shir Samuel, Regev Bialer.
- Dissertation Reviewer: Elad Klein, Gert-Jan Put, Michael Miro.
- M.A. Thesis Reviewer: Ilan Myer, Roi Zur, Asaf Shirman.

- Tel-Aviv University representative in the Governing Council of the Israel Political Science Association.
- Board member of the Israel Association of Legislation.
- A representative in Tel-Aviv University's Disciplinary Committee (2012-2016).
- A representative in Tel-Aviv University's Teaching Committee (2025- Now).
- Director of B.A. Studies 2017-now.
- Organizer of the Political Science departmental seminars.
- Organizer of doctorate students' professionalisation series.
- Graduate Studies Committee, Michigan State University, (2004-2005)

Computer Skills

- R; Stata; SPSS; \LaTeX

Languages

- Hebrew (native)
- English (almost native fluency)

Personal Information

- Nationality: Israeli
- Date of Birth: Oct 9, 1976.