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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

- 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.

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- 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]

Under review

- "Testing the link between regulatory agencies' independence and credibility: Evidence from a survey experiment with regulatory stakeholders" (together with Madalina Busuioc)
- "Policy-makers' Processing of AI Algorithmic Advice – An Experimental Study of 'Automation Bias' vs Selective Adherence" (together with Madalina Busuioc)
- "Bureaucrats as a Countervailing Force to Local NIMYism" (together with Sharon Gilad, Nitzan Faibish and Sarah Goldberg)

WORKING PAPERS

FELLOWSHIPS

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| <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</u> ("Telem"). The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the department of Political Science. | 2012–17 |

SELECTED PRIZES AND AWARDS

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 & Governance.</i>	2015

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

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).

PRESENTATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Saar Alon-Barkat and Madalina Busuioc. "Automation bias in public policy? Assessing decision-makers' overreliance on algorithmic advice via a survey experiment". European Group for Public Administration Conference (EGPA), virtual conference (September 2020).

Saar Alon-Barkat and Madalina Busuioc. "Automation bias in public policy? Assessing decision-makers' overreliance on algorithmic advice via a survey experiment". ECPR general conference, virtual conference (August 2020).

Saar Alon-Barkat and Madalina Busuioc. "Testing the link between regulatory agencies' independence and credibility: Evidence from a survey experiment with regulatory stakeholders". European Group for Public Administration Conference (EGPA), Belfast, UK (September 2019).

Saar Alon-Barkat and Madalina Busuioc. "Testing the link between regulatory agencies' independence and credibility: Evidence from a survey experiment with regulatory stakeholders". Public Management Research Conference (PMRC), Chapel Hill NC (June 2019).

Saar Alon-Barkat. "The effects of symbols and information in government communications on citizens trust: Evidence from a survey experiment". 14th 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". 2014 SOG (Structure and Organization of Government) conference, Jerusalem (Jan 2014).

Saar Alon-Barkat, "Designing Universal Measures for Dimensional Publicness". 2014 SOG (Structure and Organization of Government) conference, Jerusalem (Jan 2014).

ACADEMIC TEACHING

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

Teaching assistant, "Introduction to Public Administration" course (undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	2012–13
Teaching assistant, "Academic reading and writing" course (undergraduate), The Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.	2012–13

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Daily supervision of PhD students:

Benjamin Tidå, PhD candidate, Leiden University. Title: <i>Understanding Institutions of Accountability: What Drives Account-holders' Focus and Interest in Accountability?</i>	2018–
Thijs de Boer, PhD candidate, Leiden University. Title: <i>Voluntary Accountability: Pro-Active Accountability Practices</i>	2018–

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

ECPR Joint sessions of Workshops. Workshop on "Accountability and Reputation". Nicosia, Cyprus.	2018
Workshop on mismatches between performance and reputation in Governance. Utrecht, Netherlands.	2017
Successful Public Governance (SPG) workshop. Utrecht, Netherlands.	2017
Israeli-Canadian Workshop on "Institutions and Individual, Organizational and Field Level Identities", Halbert Center and the Jerusalem School of Business Administration.	2015

METHODOLOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

Academic graphic presentation, by Guy Adler (Zugraphi studio)	2017
Causal inference, by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania)	2017
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 Prof. Oliver James (University of Exeter), Dr. Sebastian Jilke and Prof. Gregg Van Ryzin (Rutgers University).	2016
Experimental methods in Political Science, by Dr. Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor (Haifa University).	2015

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 Alster (Hebrew University)	2014
Advanced regression analyses workshop. SWARM: Recanati Business School, Tel Aviv University, by Prof. Ayala Cohen (Technion University) and Dr. Dana Vashdi (Haifa University).	2014

MEDIA COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Co-founder of project <i>Israeli research in 500 words</i> : an online platform enabling Israeli academic scholars to communicate their researches with Israeli non-academic audiences.	2017–19
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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
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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
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Co-organizer of a full-day workshop for Political Science graduate students, facilitated by Dr. Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania).	2015
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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