

Barak Zur

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2021–Present **Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science**, Tel Aviv University, Israel
Dissertation title: *Living with an Exit Option: How Opportunities to Move Abroad Affect National Solidarity*
Committee: Yotam Margalit (Supervisor), Thomas Kurer, Yossi Harpaz, Ronen Mandelkern
- 2019–2021 **M.Sc. in Economics**, University of Bayreuth, Germany
Thesis title: *The Dividends of Religious Toleration: Did Toleration Toward Jews Have a Positive Impact on Maritime Trade? Evidence From the Iberian Jews in Amsterdam During the First Half of the 17th Century*
- 2017–2020 **M.A. in Economic History**, University of Bayreuth, Germany
Thesis title: *Did Israel Overcome Rodrik's Trilemma? Modifying Dani Rodrik's Impossible Trilemma in Light of the Israeli Case*
- 2014–2017 **B.A. in Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics (PPE)**, Tel Aviv University, Israel

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Oser, Jennifer, and Barak Zur. “Guide for the (Soon-to-be) Perplexed: Considerations for Scholars Launching and Leading Survey Data Harmonization Journeys.” Accepted on February 26, 2026. *PS: Political Science & Politics*.
- Krampf, Arie, Uri Ansenberg, and Barak Zur. “Bringing Politics Back In: Embedded Neoliberalism in Israel during Rabin's Second Government.” *Israel Studies Review* 37(2) (2022): 1–35.

WORKING PAPERS

- Zur, Barak. “Opportunities Abroad, Preferences at Home: Migration Options and Support for Redistribution.” Working paper.
- Zur, Barak. “Who Can Move? Mapping Cross-Border Employment Opportunities in Europe.” Working paper.
- Mandelkern, Ronen, and Barak Zur. “The Impact of Fiscal Rules on Media Coverage of Macroeconomic Policy.” Working paper.
- Hirshorn, Yuval, Ronen Mandelkern, and Barak Zur. “Matching Corpus-Building Methods to Different Types of Text Universes.” Working paper.
- Zur, Barak, and Yossi Harpaz. “National Solidarity in the Light of Dual Citizenship: Narratives of Belonging in Israel.” Working paper.
- Givati, Yehonatan, Ariel Karlinsky, and Barak Zur. “War and Charitable Contributions: Evidence from October 7.” Working paper.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- COMPTExT Annual Meeting, Birmingham, April 2026
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, September 2025
- The Jerusalem-Tel Aviv Forum for Empirical Research in Politics, Tel Aviv, May 2025
- COMPTExT Annual Meeting, Vienna, April 2025

The Israel Political Science Association’s annual conference, Beer Sheva, February 2025

The International European Social Survey (ESS) Conference, Lisbon, July 2024

The Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy at Max Planck, Cologne, March 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Researcher, European Research Council (ERC) Project** 2023 – Present
Participation and Representation in the Digital Age. Focus on data harmonization. PI: Prof. Jennifer Oser.
- Researcher, Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Project** 2021 – Present
The Impact of Macroeconomic Policy Rules on Popular Discourse and Preferences. Focus on computational text analysis. PI: Prof. Ronen Mandelkern.
- Researcher, Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Project** 2024 – 2025
Toxic Discourse in Israeli Politics. Focus on computational text analysis. PIs: Prof. Yotam Margalit in collaboration with Prof. Noam Gidron.
- Researcher, Israel Science Foundation (ISF) Project** 2019 – 2022
Israel’s Growth Strategy in the Post-Fordist Era: Ideology, Security, and Economy. Focus on data collection and analysis. PI: Prof. Arie Krampf.

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

- Academic Writing (BA)** Spring 2026
Instructor: Dr. Alon Yakter, Tel Aviv University.
- Analysis of Empirical Research (MA)** Spring 2025
Instructor: Prof. Yotam Margalit, Tel Aviv University.
- Research Methods (BA)** Fall 2024
Instructor: Dr. Lior Sheffer, Tel Aviv University.
- Political Economy in the Global Age (MA, international students)** Spring 2023
Instructor: Dr. Tal Sadeh, Tel Aviv University.

VISITING & INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Researcher, Centre for Political Research (CEVIPOF)** 2025 – 2026
Sciences Po, Paris. Academic host: Dr. Damien Bol.
- Visiting Researcher, Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality”** 2024
University of Konstanz, Germany. Academic host: Dr. Thomas Kurer.
- Erasmus Programme Exchange Student** 2019 – 2020
University of Southampton, United Kingdom.
- Erasmus Programme Exchange Student** 2016 – 2017
University of Konstanz, Germany.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2025–2026	Carl Menger Fellowship, Academic & Student Programs, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, USA.
2023	Academic grant for academic excellence, Department of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University.
2021	Fully funded scholarship for a 4-year Ph.D. program, Tel Aviv University.

SKILLS

Data Skills Python, R, Stata, SQL, GitHub.

Languages Hebrew (mother tongue), English (proficient), German (intermediate).

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Head of Research Department, JGive

April 2017 – March 2023

Researcher in a growing Israeli start-up, with a focus on business planning, marketing strategy, and data analysis.

Intern, PwC

March 2017 – July 2017

Provided business consulting support to an Israeli start-up in the gig economy sector.

REFERENCES

Prof. Yotam Margalit — Tel Aviv University / King's College London

Brian Mulroney Chair in the School of Political Science at Tel Aviv University and a Professor in the Department of Political Economy at King's College London

Relation: Ph.D. supervisor

Prof. Ronen Mandelkern — Tel Aviv University

Senior Lecturer, School of Political Science

Relation: Ph.D. committee member, project PI and co-author

Prof. Jennifer Oser — Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Government

Relation: Project PI and co-author

Dr. Thomas Kurer — University of Zurich

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Relation: Ph.D. committee member

Dr. Damien Bol — Sciences Po, Paris

Assistant Professor, Centre de recherches politiques (CEVIPOF)

Relation: Academic Host