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Academic Employment

Professor, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, 6/2025-

Associate professor, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, 12/2016-6/2025

Senior lecturer, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, 10/2015-12/2016

Lecturer, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, 7/2010-10/2015

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D., Government, 2009.

Tel Aviv University, Israel
LL.B., magna cum laude, Law, 2001. Ranked 1st in a class of 140 students.
Diploma, summa cum laude, Political Science, 2001.

Visiting Positions

Visiting scholar, European University Institute (EUI), 4-5/2018

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell Law School, 7/2008-6/2010

Publications

Books

Governing Guns, Preventing Plunder: International Cooperation against Illicit Trade, Oxford University Press, 2012. Paperback, 2014.

Winner, 2013 Harold D. Lasswell Prize, awarded by the Society of Policy Scientists

Intolerant Justice: Conflict and Cooperation on Transnational Litigation. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.

Honorable mention, Best Book Award of the International Law Section, International Studies Association, 2025

Articles

"Do International Rankings Affect Public Opinion?" (with Amnon Cavari and Omer Yair), *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 27:1 (2025), 349-368.

"Foreign Agents? Public Attitudes toward NGOs in a Backsliding Democracy," (with Omer Yair), *Political Studies* 73:1 (2025), 218-239.

"Conspiracy Thinking and Electoral Trust during Tumultuous Times: The Case of Israel" (with Omer Yair and Amnon Cavari), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 36:2 (2024), edae014.

"International Rankings and Public Opinion: Compliance, Dismissal, or Backlash?" (with Omer Yair), *Review of International Organizations* 18:4 (2023), 607-629 (lead article)

"Should We Sell Arms to Human Rights Violators? What the Public Thinks," (with Omer Yair), *Defence and Peace Economics* 35:6 (2024), 694-712.

"How Alive is the Anti-Death Penalty Norm? Evidence from the British and French Treatment of ISIS Foreign Fighters." (with Daphne Richemond-Barak), *Journal of Global Security Studies* 8:1 (2023), ogac030.

"How to Handle Offending Troops Abroad: The U.S. Military's Legal Strategy during the Cold War," *Armed Forces and Society* 49:2 (2023), 489-506.

"Troop Crime in Peacetime: Criminality and Accountability of U.S. Troops Worldwide during the Cold War," *Armed Forces and Society* 48:3 (2022): 657-678.

"Facing U.S. Extraterritorial Pressure: American Troops in Foreign Courts during the Cold War," *Journal of Politics* 84:1 (2022), 242-257.

"Defending Core Values: Human Rights and the Extradition of Fugitives" (with Abraham Newman), *Journal of Peace Research* 57:4 (2020), 581-596.

"Intolerant Justice: Ethnocentrism and Transnational-Litigation Frameworks" (with Abraham Newman), *Review of International Organizations* 15:1 (2020), 271-299.

"Assessing Mutual Trust among EU Members: Evidence from the European Arrest Warrant," *Journal of European Public Policy* 26:5 (2019), 656-675.

"Cultural Intolerance and Aversion to Foreign Judgments in the American States" (with Abraham Newman), *Asian Journal of Law and Economics* 9:2 (2018), 1-15.

"Divulging Data: Domestic Determinants of International Information Sharing" (with Abraham Newman), *Review of International Organizations* 13:3 (2018), 395-419.

"Value-free Extradition? Human Rights and the Dilemma of Surrendering Wanted Persons to China" (with Marcello Tomasina), *Journal of Human Rights* 17:5 (2018), 605-621.

"Resisting Cooperation against Crime: Britain's Extradition Controversy, 2003-2015," *International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice* 52:1 (2018), 118-128. Hebrew translation published in *Mishpat U'Mimshal* 22 (2021).

"Deciding to Defer: The Importance of Fairness in Resolving Transnational Jurisdictional Conflicts" (with Abraham Newman), *International Organization* 70:2 (2016), 409-441.

"Legal Traditions and Nonbinding Commitments: Evidence from the UN's Model Commercial Legislation," *International Studies Quarterly* 60:4 (2016), 624-635.

"Promoting Trade through Private Law: Explaining International Legal Harmonization," *Review of International Organizations* 11:3 (2016), 311-336.

"Global Efforts against Human Trafficking: The Misguided Conflation of Sex, Labor, and Organ Trafficking," *International Studies Perspectives* 17:1 (2016), 34-54.

"Babies across Borders: The Political Economy of International Child Adoption" (with David Leblang, Steven Liao, and Sonal Pandya), *International Studies Quarterly* 59:3 (2015), 615-628.

"Do Human Rights Violations Hinder Counterterrorism Cooperation? Evidence from the FBI's Deployment Abroad," *Review of International Organizations* 10:3 (2015), 329-349.

"Professional Socialization and International Norms: Physicians against Organ Trafficking," *European Journal of International Relations* 21:3 (2015), 647-671.

"Cross-national Interviewing at International Conferences: How to Make the Most of a Unique Research Opportunity," *International Studies Perspectives* 16:3 (2015), 302-311.

"The Politics of Combating the Organ Trade: Lessons from the Israeli and Pakistani Experience," *American Journal of Transplantation* 13:7 (2013), 1650-1654.

"Combating the Kidney Commerce: Civil Society against Organ Trafficking in Pakistan and Israel," *British Journal of Criminology* 53:5 (2013), 764-783.

"The Rise and Decline of Israel's Participation in the Global Organ Trade: Causes and Lessons," *Crime, Law and Social Change* 60:1 (2013), 81-105.

"Getting Governments to Cooperate against Looting: Insights from the American and British Experience," *Journal of Art Crime* 8 (2012), 31-44. Reprinted in *Art Crime: Terrorists, Tomb Raiders, Forgers and Thieves*, edited by Noah Charney (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

"Toward Internationally Regulated Goods: Controlling the Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons," *International Organization* 64:1 (2010), 97-131.

"A Theory of Internationally Regulated Goods," *Fordham International Law Journal* 32:5 (2009), 1466-1523.

Other Writings

The Public Does Not Give a Blank Check to the Use of Force. *Zman Israel*, June 11 (in Hebrew).

Boundaries of Freedom of Speech: What Does the Public Think? *Jerusalem Post*, May 9, 2025.

Israelis Give the War a "Fail" Grade. *Zman Israel*, February 25, 2025 (in Hebrew).

Should Israel Expand Its Borders? Secular and Religious Jews Have Different Views. *Jerusalem Post*, January 30, 2025.

The Coalition's Anti-Democratic Legislation: Does the Public Support It? *Jerusalem Post*, January 7, 2025.

The War is Making Israelis More Religious. *Zman Israel*, December 9, 2024 (in Hebrew).

The War Crimes of which Netanyahu and Galant are Accused Enjoy Broad Public Support. *Zman Israel*, November 26, 2024 (in Hebrew)

In Italy, The Right to Parenthood is Denied; In Right-leaning Israel, Support for the Gay Community is Getting Stronger. *The Marker*, November 5, 2024 (in Hebrew).

Israelis Don't Care What the World Thinks about the War. *Jerusalem Post*, October 13, 2024.

Do Israelis Think that Hamas Detainees Deserve Fundamental Rights? *Zman Israel*, September 30, 2024 (in Hebrew).

Wars Increase Public Support for the Leader. Why Hasn't This Happened to Netanyahu? *Zman Israel*, June 15, 2024 (in Hebrew).

Anti-Israel Campus Protests Shake Israelis' Sense of Trust in US. *Jerusalem Post*, May 29, 2024.

An International Ranking Grades Israel Poorly? The Public is Indifferent. *Zman Israel*, May 2, 2024 (in Hebrew).

The Universities Have Been Left Alone: The Israeli Public Does Not Recognize the Importance of Higher-Education Independence. *The Marker*, April 14, 2024 (in Hebrew).

Not Every Protest is an Incitement (with Adam Shenar). *Liberal*, March 17 (in Hebrew).

The Decision of the High Court of Justice on the Reasonableness Cause: What Does the Public Think? *Zman Israel*, February 2, 2024 (in Hebrew).

The War and the Commitment to Democracy. *Jerusalem Post*, December 26, 2023.

A Gun for Every Citizen? The Public is Skeptical. *Zman Israel*, December 4, 2023 (in Hebrew).

October 7th Massacre Did Not Change the Public's Position on the Death Penalty. *Zman Israel*, November 20, 2023 (in Hebrew).

Undermining Democracy in Wartime? The Public is in Favor. *Zman Israel*, November 16, 2023 (in Hebrew).

Do We Resemble Poland and Hungary? Foreign Analogies in the Debate over the Regime Overhaul. *Zman Israel*, September 18, 2023 (in Hebrew).

Are Antidemocratic Basic Laws Immune from the High Court of Justice? Most of the Public Says No. *Zman Israel*, September 10, 2023 (in Hebrew).

Complacency that Might Cost Us Dearly? *Liberal*, January 2, 2023 (in Hebrew).

The End to Arms? *Liberal*, spring 2022 (in Hebrew).

Review of Judith Kelley, Scorecard Diplomacy: Grading States to Influence their Reputation and Behavior. H-Diplo | ISSF Roundtable 13-6, 2022

"Boosting Trade through Legal Harmonisation," *The Business Times* (Singapore), February 25, 2020.

"A major museum has to return another looted artifact. Welcome to the dark side of the art world." Monkey Cage (*Washington Post*), August 7, 2017.

"Organ traffickers lock up people to harvest their kidneys. Here are the politics behind the organ trade." Monkey Cage (*Washington Post*), December 7, 2016.

Book review of *Global Shell Games: Experiments in Transnational Relations, Crime, and Terrorism*, by Michael Findley, Daniel Nielson, and J. C. Sharman (Cambridge University Press, 2014). *Perspectives on Politics* 14:1 (2016), 274-275.

Selected Presentations

Winners and Losers in a Weakening Democracy: The Growing Gap in Democratic Satisfaction. Presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli Political Science Association, 2025.

Foreign Agents? Public Attitudes toward NGOs in a Backsliding Democracy. Presented at the Association for Israel Studies conference, 2024.

Do International Rankings Affect Public Opinion? Presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies, 2023; faculty seminar of the law school, Reichman University, 2023; faculty seminar of the International Relations Department, Hebrew University, 2024; Regulation group (online seminar), 2024; faculty seminar of the school of government, Reichman University, 2024; Association for Israel Studies conference, 2024.

How Alive is the Anti-Death Penalty Norm? Evidence from the British and French Treatment of ISIS Foreign Fighters. Presented at the annual convention of the International Studies Association, 2023.

Should We Sell Arms to Human Rights Violators? Presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies, 2022; workshop on experiments and international law,

2022; annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, 2022; annual convention of the International Studies Association, 2023; ECPR Joint Sessions, 2023.

Facing U.S. Extraterritorial Pressure: American Troops in Foreign Courts during the Cold War. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2021.

Defending Core Values: Human Rights and the Extradition of Fugitives. Presented at an IDC workshop on cooperation against crime, 2019; opening of Jean Monnet Network on EU Counter-Terrorism, 2020.

Value-free Extradition? Human Rights and the Dilemma of Surrendering Wanted Persons to China. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2019.

Assessing Mutual Trust Among EU Members: Evidence From the European Arrest Warrant. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2019.

Divulging Data: International Information Sharing and the Role of Trust (with Abraham Newman). Presented at the ECPR General Conference, 2016.

Promoting Trade through Private Law: Explaining International Legal Harmonization. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2016; ECPR General Conference, 2016.

Legal Traditions and Nonbinding Commitments: Evidence from the UN's Model Commercial Legislation. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2016.

Deciding to Defer: The Importance of Fairness in Resolving Transnational Jurisdictional Conflicts (with Abraham Newman). Presented at the Political Economy of International Organizations conference, 2015; annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2015; annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, 2015.

Professional Socialization and International Norms: Physicians against Organ Trafficking. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2014.

Global Efforts against Human Trafficking: The Misguided Conflation of Sex, Labor, and Organ Trafficking. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2014; general conference of the ECPR standing group on organized crime, 2015.

Cooperative Cops: The International Deployment of the FBI. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2013.

Babies across Borders: The Political Economy of International Child Adoption (with David Leblang, Steven Liao, and Sonal Pandya). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2013.

The Politics of Combating the Organ Trade: The Israeli and Pakistani Experience. Presented at the 3rd ELPAT Congress on ethical, legal, and psychosocial aspects of transplantation, 2013.

Combating the Kidney Commerce: Civil Society against Organ Trafficking in Pakistan and Israel. Presented at the Hebrew University's International Law Forum, 2013.

Policy Change in Difficult Times: Illicit Trade in Israel. Presented at the Stanford-IDC conference on U.S.-Israel relations, 2013.

Political Will to Curb Human Trafficking: Evidence from Israel. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies, 2012.

Designing International Agreements: Evidence from the Global Regulation of Small arms. Presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies, 2011; annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2012; roundtable at the University of Virginia School of Law, April 2012; annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, 2012.

Preventing Plunder: The United States and the International Efforts against Looting of Antiquities. Presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, 2009; Global Politics Seminar, Syracuse University, 2009; International Law-International Relations Seminar, Cornell University, 2010; annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 2012; annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, 2012.

Regulating Rifles: International Control of the Small Arms Trade. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2008; Third Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2008; Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, 2008.

Governing Guns, Opposing Opium: The Politics of Internationally Regulated Goods. Presented at the Winter 2008 International Law Roundtable, Vanderbilt Law School.

Tackling Traffic: International Cooperation against Illicit Trade. Presented at a conference on “Crossing Boundaries, Spanning Regions: Movements of People, Goods, and Ideas”, Columbia University, 2006; annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2006.

Protecting Minority Rights: When Will International Organizations Intervene? Presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, 2004.

Locked in Chains: The Logic of Exit Barriers in International Agreements. Presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, 2004.

Grants

2025 International dimensions of public opinion in democratic backsliding (with Amnon Cavari) (\$288,000)

2024 Policy views of the Israeli Public, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (€20,000)

2024 EU-GLOCTER (EU Marie Curie Action for training PhD students in counterterrorism)

2023 Study on foreign funding of NGOs (with Omer Yair), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (€3,500)

2023 Study on international rankings and public opinion (with Amnon Cavari and Omer Yair), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (€4,000)

2020 Jean Monnet Network on EU Counterterrorism (with Boaz Ganor and Amichai Magen) (€15,276)

2018 EU grant - Horizon 2020: RECONNECT (with Sivan Hirsch and Amichai Magen)
(€260,000)
2011 EU Career Integration Grant (€100,000)

Honors and Awards

Honorable mention, Best Book Award of the International Law Section, International Studies Association, 2025
Reichman University Award for Excellence in Research, 2024
Reichman University Award for Publication in a Leading Journal, 2021
Reichman University Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2021
Reichman University Award for Publication in a Leading Journal, 2020
Reichman University Award for Publication in a Leading Journal, 2016
Reichman University Award for Publication in a Leading Journal, 2015
Reichman University Award for Excellence in Research, 2015
Harold D. Lasswell Book Prize, awarded by the Society of Policy Scientists, 2013
Reichman University Award for Publication in a Leading Journal, 2012
Reichman University Award for Best Article by a Young Scholar, 2011
Wolf Foundation Award for Outstanding Students, 2001
Award for Outstanding Graduate Students in the Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University, 2001
Member of the Special Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University, 1997-2001
Rector's List for Achievements in Law and Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 1999
Dean's List, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, 1999, 2000, and 2001
Dean's List, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University, 1999 and 2000

Teaching Experience

Reichman University

- *Introduction to International Relations*
- *MA Research seminar*
- *Armed Conflict and International Law*
- *Global Governance*
- *International Political Economy*

Cornell Law School

- *International Cooperation*
- *International Law and Politics*

Harvard University

- *International Cooperation*

Undergraduate Senior-Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

Roles in Academic Administration

Counsellor of the PhD Program, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University, 2025 -

Substitute head of the Institute for Liberty and Responsibility, Reichman University, 2023-2024

Head of the MA Program, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University, 2020 -

Head of the MA Thesis Track, Lauder School of Government, Reichman University, 2012 -

Director of the Faculty Seminar, Lauder School of Government, IDC Herzliya, 2011-2015

Co-convener, International Law and International Relations Seminar, Cornell University, 2009-2010

Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the University

Membership in professional associations:

International Studies Association

Israeli Association for International Studies (member of the executive committee)

Association for Israel Studies

International Political Science Association

Editorial roles:

Member of advisory board, Transnational Crime Law Review

Reviewer for the following journals: Armed Forces and Society, American Journal of Transplantation, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Contemporary Nurse, Global Policy Review, International Journal of Human Rights, International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice, International Interactions, International Migration Review, International Organization, International Political Science Review, International Security, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Politics, Law and Society Review, Millennium, Perspectives on Politics, Political Studies, Politika, Regulation and Governance, Research and Politics, Review of International Studies, Security Studies, Sociological Forum

Reviewer for book publishers: Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press

Reviewer for foundations/organizations: Israel Science Foundation, Israel Political Science Association, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Israeli Association for International Studies, National Science Foundation, European Research Council

Public-policy involvement: Member of Yanshoof: an NGO that promotes respect for human rights and transparency in the export of arms

Languages

Fluent in English and Hebrew

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