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Curriculum Vitae

1. Personal Details

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2. Higher Education

A. Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Period of Study	Name of Institution and Department	Degree	Year of Approval of Degree
1988-1991	Tel Aviv University, Political Science	BA Degree	1992
1992-1994	Tel Aviv University, Political Science	MA Degree	1994
1995-2003	Hebrew University, Political Science	PhD Degree	2003

B. Post-Doctoral Studies

Period of Study	Name of Institution, Department and Host	Degree	Year of Completion
4 months in US and 8 months in Israel.	The Department of Political Science. University of California, San Diego (UCSD), USA.	Post-Doc	2007

3. Academic Ranks and Tenure in Institutes of Higher Education

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
1997-2003	Western Galilee College, Political Science	Adjunct Lecturer
1997-2000	The Open University, Political Science	Advisor
2003- 2012	Western Galilee College, Political Science	Lecturer
2012-Present	Western Galilee College, Political Science	Senior Lecturer
2003-Present	University of Haifa, the School of Political Sciences	Adjunct Lecturer
2016	Stanford University, Political Science	Visiting Scholar
2020-Present	Western Galilee College, Political Science	Associate Professor

4. Offices in Academic Administration

2011-2013	Co-Initiator and Co-chair (with Dr. Ari Neuman) of the teacher training of faculty members, which led to the establishment of the division for promoting teaching at Western Galilee College.
2013-2017	Member of the steering team of the division for promoting teaching at Western Galilee College.
2015-2017	Head of the Division of Human Resources, Western Galilee College.
2015-Present	Head of the Department of Political Science, Western Galilee College.
2016-2017	Member of the strategic committee of Western Galilee College.
2017	Member of the scientific committee of the Israel Political Science Association.
2017	Member of the Israel Political Science Association's committee for the best book award
2018	Chairperson of the teaching committee for interdisciplinary studies at Western Galilee College
2018	Member of the internal academic council of Western Galilee College
2019-Present	Head of the Galilee Research Institute, Western Galilee College.
2019-Present	Vice president of the Israel Political Science Association

(ISPSA).

- 2020 Board member of the Research Committee of Legislative Specialists (RCLS) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- 2020 The Western Galilee College president' advisor for gender fairness.

5. Scholarly Positions and Activities outside the Institution

Reviewer for Academic Journals

1. American Political Science Review (SJR=Q1, IF=3.895).
2. Party Politics (SJR=Q1, IF=2.615)
3. Political Research Quarterly (SJR=Q1, IF=1.581)
4. British Journal of Political Science (SJR=Q1, IF=4.292)
5. Journal of Legislative Studies (SJR=Q1)
6. Public Choice (SJR=Q1, IF=0.970)

Membership in Academic Associations

1. American Political Science Association (APSA)
2. Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA)
3. International Political Science Association (IPSA)
4. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
5. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Membership in Academic Activities

1. Member of the advisory board of the Pathways Project, an international cooperation led by four universities: University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), University of Bamberg (Germany), University of Leicester (United Kingdom), University of Manchester (United Kingdom), and SciencesPo (France), studying representation, gender and minority representation, and immigrants and representation (2015-2017).

2. ParlGov contributor. ParlGov is a data infrastructure for political science and contains information for all EU and most OECD democracies (37 countries). <http://www.parl.gov.org/documentation/credits/>
3. Member of the executive committee of the Israel Political Science Association (2018).
4. Voluntary mentor for the Passages Project, which provides Ph.D. candidates and postdoc candidates with professional networking. Established by Professor David Levi-Faur from the Hebrew University (2018).
5. Chairperson of the annual meeting of the Israel Political Science Association (2018-2019).
6. One of the research coordinators of parliament and pedantic project of the RCLS (2020-Present). (The research coordinators are: Prof. Dr. Kenneth Coghill, Swinburne University, Australia; Dr. Petra Guasti, University of Jena and the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague; Prof. Dr. Werner Patzelt, Dresden University of Technology; PD Dr. Sven T. Siefken, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany (lead).

Reviewer of MA, PhD and tenure candidates

1. Reviewer of Masters thesis entitled 'The Influence of Available Electronic Information on Perception of Representativeness, Governance, and Decision-Making among Council-Members at Local Authorities' by Shunit Harpaz. University of Haifa, School of Political Science (2012).
2. Reviewer of PhD thesis entitled 'Turnover of Knesset Members in Israel: Its Patterns and Causes, 1949-2013', by Yael Hadar. The Hebrew University, The Department of Political Science (2017).
3. Reviewer of the article 'Unpacking Party Unity: The Combined Effects of Electoral Systems and Candidate Selection Methods on Legislative Attitudes and Behavioral Norms' by Reut Itzkovitch-Malka, for her candidacy for tenure at the Hebrew University, The Department of Political Science (2017).
4. Reviewer of PhD thesis entitled 'The Constructive Vote of No-Confidence' by Ayelet Rubabshi Shitrit. The Hebrew University, The Department of Political Science (2019).

Membership in committees as an academic advisor

1. Member of the executive committee for creating 'Government Indicators: Governability, Performance and Effectiveness' of the Citizen's Empowerment Center in Israel (CECI), a non-profit organization dedicated to diagnosing

systemic failures in the government system and devising methods to monitor progress toward social and political changes through research and education (2015).

2. Member of a research group entitled 'Measurements and their Challenges: From Practice to Theory'. The Hebrew University, Department of Political Science. With Professor David Levi-Faur (2018).

Public activities using my academic expertise

1. "Women in National and Local Politics in Israel". International Workshop on **Gender and Local Governance**. June 30, 2013. Golda Meir Carmel Center. Haifa. Israel.
2. "Women to Local Government". **Local Government Community 10th Conference**. May 17, 2016. University of Haifa.
3. "Women's Political Participation". **The NGO Committee on the Status of Women**. March 12, 2018. United Nations, New York.
4. "Active Civic Engagement". Keynote speaker. **ISEF Annual Meeting**. March 23, 2018. Ashkelon, Israel.

6. Participation in Scholarly Conferences

a. Active Participation - Israel

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
May 2005	Israel Political Science Association (IPSA), The Annual Conference	Tel-Aviv – Jaffa Academic College	The parliamentary question as a tool for the supervision of the government's work	Presenter
November 2005	New Voices in Political Science – 1 st Annual Young Researchers Conference in Political Science	Bar-Ilan University	The primaries and their effect on the behavior of the elected representatives in the 13 th Knesset	Presenter

May 2006	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Open University, Raanana	Developing an index for assessing the quality of private MKs' bills	Presenter
February 2007	The Israel Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) 4 th Annual Conference	Ben Gurion University of the Negev	The promise of social change	Presenter
May 2007	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Western Galilee College	Local representatives: What do they do?	Presenter
May 2008	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Beit Berl Academic College, Kfar Saba	Agenda control in the Israeli Knesset during Ariel Sharon's second government	Presenter
April 2009	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Academic College of Emek Yezreel	Methodology in political science	Chair of the session and presenter
May 2010	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya	Studying methodology in political science	Chair of the session and presenter
December 2010	Perspectives of Israeli Politics Conference in Memory of	University of Haifa	Legislators' productivity	Presenter

	Prof. Asher Arian			
May 2011	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Ben-Gurion University of the Negev	Minority-Majority relations in Arab MKs' speeches	Presenter
* May 2012	Toward a New Partnership: George Washington University and Western Galilee College	Western Galilee College	Budgeting education – Essence and effectiveness	Presenter
*June 2012	The Fourth Bridges International Faculty Workshop	Western Galilee College	Information and communication technology integration in Western Galilee College	Presenter
*February 2014	The 9 th Chais Conference for the Study of Innovation and Learning Technologies: Learning in the Technological Era	Open University Ra'anana	The role of team work in the assimilation of changes in teaching attitudes and assisted teaching methods	Presenter
*June 2014	George Washington University and Western Galilee College Seminar	Western Galilee College	Gender, education and policy in local government	Presenter
*November 2015	Workshop - Institutional determinants of legislative coalition management	Tel Aviv University	Twitter and representatives	

*May 2019	Israel Political Science Association (ISPSA), The Annual Conference	Western Galilee College	The MINT Model and gender mainstreaming	Presenter and organizer
*December 2019	Israel Association for Japanese Studies	The Hebrew University	Legislators' productivity in Japan, the UK and Israel	Presenter With Professor Masuyama
*February 2020	Israeli Democracy and Politics	The Hebrew University	The inflated measures of government instability	With Dr. Shomer and Professor Rasch

Active Participation - International

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Lecture/Discussion	Role
July 2006	International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference	Fukuoka, Japan	The primaries and their effect on the behavior of elected representatives in the 13 th Knesset	Presenter
April 2007	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 65 th Annual Conference	Chicago, USA	How the lobby for the reduction of social disparity influences the executive administration	Presenter
April 2009	European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) 37 th Joint	Lisbon, Portugal	Setting the agenda by motions: Comparison between Israel and England	Presenter and discussant

	Sessions and Workshops			
September 2010	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	Washington DC, USA.	Hard times in one-minute speeches: The case of the Israeli Parliament	Presenter
April 2011	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 69 th Annual Conference	Chicago, USA	From legislative productivity to legislators' productivity	Presenter
July 2011	8 th Annual International Conference on Law	Athens, Greece	Preliminary framework for significant legislation	Presenter
*June 2012	The Inaugural General Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments	Dublin, Ireland	Position taking by opposition members in the Israeli Parliament 2000-2005	Presenter and discussant
*July 2012	IPSA – XXII World Congress of Political Science	Madrid, Spain	Position taking by opposition members in the Israeli Parliament 2005-2011	Presenter
*March 2013	ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops	Mainz, Germany	Cooperation strategies MPs use to initiate and co-sponsor bills	Presenter and discussant
*July 2014	IPSA - World Congress of Political Science	Montreal, Canada	Transparency and accountability in legislatures: The case of the 2013 elections in Israel	Presenter
*September 2014	ECPR General Conference	Glasgow, Scotland	Legislators in a changing digital world	Presenter

*September 2015	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	San Francisco, USA	Come on, let's tweet again like we did last summer	Presenter
*September 2017	ECPR General Conference	Oslo, Norway	Fragmented party systems and flexible governments: Investiture rules and government formation in Israel	Presenter With Professor Rasch
*September 2018	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	Boston, USA	The inflated measures of governmental instability	With Professor Rasch and Dr. Shomer Dr. Shomer was the presenter
*September 2019	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	Washington, DC. USA	Re-Election and Parliamentary Activity in Germany, Israel and the UK	With Professor Saalfeld

b. **Organization of Conferences or Sessions**

Date	Name of Conference	Place of Conference	Subject of Conference/Role at Conference/Comments	Role
December 2006	The 2 nd Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin	University of Haifa, Israel	Discussant and advisor for PhD candidates in legislative studies	
December 2009	The 5 th Annual Graduate Conference in Political	The Hebrew University, Jerusalem Israel	Discussant and advisor for PhD candidates in legislative studies	

	Science in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin			
April 2011	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 69 th Annual Conference	Chicago, USA	Chair of session	
July 2014	IPSA - World Congress of Political Science	Montreal, Canada	Member of the executive committee of IPSA as the Israeli representative	
July 2018	IPSA - World Congress of Political Science	Brisbane, Australia	Member of the board of RCLS (Research Committee Legislative Studies)	
September 2019	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference	Washington, DC, USA.	Organizer of a session about individual legislative activity In addition, chair of another session	

7. Research Grants

a. Grants Awarded

Role in Research	Co-Researchers	Topic	Funded by/Amount	Year
PI	Professor Cox, Professor McCubbins	Agenda Control in the Israeli Knesset during Ariel Sharon's Second Government	Israel Scholarship Education Foundation (ISEF) \$10,000	2007
Co-PI	Dr. Yael Shomer, Tel	The inflated measures of	ISF	2019-2022

	Aviv University, Department of Political Science	governmental instability	Application 1543/19 450,000 NIS for three years	
Co-PI	Dr. Zvika Winer, Western Galilee College Dr. Zahi Tavor Academic College of Emek Yezreel	Integration of mentally disabled people in the community: The willingness to pay and the new public governability	The National Insurance Institute 200,000 NIS for two years	2020-2021

Based on the grant from 2007, I published an article (in Articles in Refereed Journals no. 2) Akirav, O., Cox, W.G., and McCubbins, D.M. (2010). Agenda Control in the Israeli Knesset during Ariel Sharon's Second Government. *Journal of Legislative Studies*, June, Vol.16, No.2, 251-267.

b. Submission of Research Proposals - Pending

c. Submission of Research Proposal – Not Funded

Role	Co-Researchers	Topic	Funded by	Year	Score
Co-PI	Dr. Muhammad Suwaed	The Five Anchors Model – Political Participation of Arab Women	Ministry of Science and Technology	2017	We did not receive a numeric score, just compliments in the letter.

8. Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

Year Name of Grant/Award

- 2007 Post Doc fellowship, Western Galilee College \$2500
- 2010 Excellent Lecturer Prize, Western Galilee College \$5000
- 2010 Excellent Lecturer Prize, The American Political Science Association.
- 2012 Edmond J. Safra Award for High Achievement, Excellence, and Social Contribution. The Edmond J. Safra Foundation and the ISEF Foundation
- 2012 Prize for Best Article, Israel Political Science Association
- 2015 Excellent Lecturer Prize, The American Political Science Association
- 2015 Excellence in Research Prize, Western Galilee College, \$2500
- 2015 Excellent Lecturer Prize, Western Galilee College, \$2500
- 2016 Prize for Best Article, Israel Political Science Association, 2000 NIS
- 2018 Excellence in Research Prize, Western Galilee College, \$2500
- 2019 Excellent Researcher and Lecturer Prize, Western Galilee College, 26,533 NIS
- 2020 Excellent Researcher and Lecturer Prize, Western Galilee College, 32,342 NIS

9. Teaching

a. Courses Taught in Recent Years

Year	Name of Course	Type of Course	Degree	Number of Students
2018, 2017, 2014	The History of Political Thought	Lecture	BA Degree	25-70
2018, 2017, 2016, 1999	Introduction to Government and Politics	Lecture	BA Degree	25-40
2018, 2017, 2016	Introduction to Public Administration	Lecture	BA Degree	40-80

2018	The Israeli Political System	Workshop	BA Degree	25
2018, 2017	Israeli Politics	Seminar	BA Degree	20
2004-Present	Research Workshop	Workshop	MA Degree	25
2010-Present	Practicum	Workshop	MA Degree	25
2016, 2015, 2014	The Role of the Country	Seminar	BA Degree	20
2018, 2017, 2013, 2010, 1999, 1998	Analyzing Legislators' Work in the Knesset	Lecture	BA Degree	20
2016, 2015, 2013, 2010, 1998	Research Methods	Lecture	BA Degree	20-40
2016, 2015, 2014, 2013	Introduction to Employee Management in the Public Sector	Lecture	BA Degree	50-250
2015, 2014	Introduction to the Basic Elements of the Israeli Regime	Lecture	BA Degree	30
2014	Management of Urban Systems	Lecture	BA Degree	10
1998, 1999, 2004	Statistics for Social Sciences	Lecture	BA Degree	20-40
2007	Approaches to Public Administration	Lecture	MA Degree	20

10. Miscellaneous

I received my Ph.D. Degree in 2003, just three months after I gave birth to twins, brothers to two more boys I had before. Between 2003 and 2006, I taught in universities and colleges.

In July 2006 I participated for the first time in an international conference, and then understood that I would like to be part of academic life. In June 2007, I began my post-doc studies with four little boys and my husband at the University of California in San Diego.

2010 was the first year I published in academic journals, and since then, as noted in my publications section, I have published several studies every year.

I have also used my academic knowledge to participate in non-scientific conferences to encourage young people, particularly women, to participate in the public arena. These are the main non-academic conferences in which I have participated in recent years:

1. "Community takes responsibility –the challenge" **Maof Conference**, December 6, 2005. Acre. Israel.
2. "Election reform as a tool for encouraging founding leadership" **Maalot-Tarshiha 3rd Conference for Joint Life**, July 7, 2009. Maalot-Tarshiha. Israel.
3. Akirav, O. "Women create change in the third millennium" **Women Create Change**. March 3, 2010. Western Galilee College. Acre, Israel.
4. Chairperson of the session: "Peace agreements" **Peace Processes in the Middle East**", March 15, 2010. Western Galilee College.
5. "Private legislation in a comparative perspective" **MKs' Legislation: Social Contribution or Populism?** June 10, 2010. The Open University. Raanana, Israel.
6. "Significant legislation". **Seminar about Legislation**. Military Attorney's Office of the IDF. July 28, 2010. Tzrifin. Israel
7. "Young people for politics" **Israel for Young People Conference**. November 2010. Western Galilee College.

11. Professional Experience

Year	Activities/Roles
1990-1994	Member of PERACH Organization, coordinator of the Educators Project, The Children of Prisoners Project and the Educators Enrichment Project program at Tel Aviv University.
1990-1994	ISEF – The ISEF Foundation - Member of the foundation and the coordinator of the Academic Program at Tel Aviv University.

November 1995	Member of a delegation of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). The delegation consisted of 10 members who were chosen from various organizations as young leaders. The delegation's goal was to create a dialogue with the Jewish community in the Diaspora.
1994-1996	Director of HALEV - the Movement for Fighting Poverty in Israel, which established a holistic plan to reduce poverty in Israel. Tried to include this plan in the government's budget.
1995-1997	A volunteer member of the Roteract Club (Junior Division of Rotary), and the chairperson of the community section. Our main project was to help young patients in the children's ward in Nahariya Hospital.
1999-2000	A volunteer member of the governing council of Kfar Vradim representing young families in the town.
2002-2003	Voluntary chairperson of the Parent's Leadership of the elementary school of Kfar Vradim.
2003-2013	Voluntary Council Member of the Kfar Vradim Local Regional Council and Chairperson of the education committee of the Kfar Vradim Local Regional Council.
2008-Present	Voluntary academic advisor and lecturer at WePower – a non-profit, non-partisan Israeli NGO. WePower promotes women's leadership, gender integration and equality at all levels of Israeli society.
2011-Present	Voluntary lecturer at Gal, a military preparatory program, and mentor in their second year Adva program.
2016-Present	Voluntary mentor for the women representatives' union in local government.

Publications

Osnat Akirav Ph. D

(* publications since last promotion)

A. Ph.D. Dissertation

"The Connection Between Candidate Selection Methods and the Parliamentary Activities of MKs at the 13th Knesset" (2003). (Hebrew, 250 pages). The Hebrew University Jerusalem. Advisor: Professor Yaron Ezrahi.

B. Articles in Refereed Journals

Published

1. **Akirav, O.** (2010). Candidate Selection and a Crowded Parliament: The Israeli Knesset 1988-2006. UK. *Journal of Legislative Studies*, March. Vol.16, No.1. 96-120. (SJR H index: 16, Q1, GS Number of Citations=29).
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13572330903542142>
2. **Akirav, O.**, Cox, W.G., and McCubbins, D.M. (2010). Agenda Control in the Israeli Knesset during Ariel Sharon's Second Government.UK. *Journal of Legislative Studies*, June, Vol.16, No.2, 251-267. (SJR H index: 16, Q1, Number of Citations=22).
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13572331003740149>
3. **Akirav, O.** (2011). The Use of Parliamentary Questions in the Israeli Parliament 1992-1996. *Israel Affairs*, April, Vol. 17, No. 2, 259-277. (SJR H index: 9, Q2, JCR I.F: 0.247, 5 year I.F: 0.328, GS Number of Citations=7).
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13537121.2011.547278>
4. **Akirav, O.** (2012). "The Cartel Model and Motions for the Agenda: Israel as a Case Study (2003-2009)". *Theory in Action*, Vol. 5, No. 3. 93-116. (Number of Citations=2). (Ranking was not found).
<https://search.proquest.com/openview/a3c022ca8430b294eef6b330f38a31f7/1?pq-origsite=scholar&cbl=2006343>
5. ***Akirav, O.** (2012). "May the Best Man Win: Local Government Representatives". *World Political Science*. Vol. 8, N.1. (SJR H index: 6, Q3, Number of Citations=1).
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/wps.2012.8.issue-1/1935-6226.1114/1935-6226.1114.xml>
6. ***Akirav, O.** (2013). "Re-election: Different Skills for Different Roles". *Government and Opposition*. November. 1-29. (JCR 5 year I.F: 2.008, SJR H index: 41, Q1 JCR I.F: 2.582, 5 years IF: 2.515, GS Number of Citations=13).

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/government-and-opposition/article/reelection-different-skills-for-different-roles/B875DF3CF79B02C91C812312FCB896B1>

7. *Akirav, O. (2014). "Setting the Agenda by Early Day Motions (EDMs): The Case of the United Kingdom Parliament". *International Journal of Political Science and Development*. 2(1): 1-11. (Ranking was not found)
<https://www.academicresearchjournals.org/IJPSD/PDF/2014/January/Akirav.pdf>
8. *Akirav, O. (2014). "What Do Representatives Produce? Work Profile of Representatives". *Party Politics*. 1-11. (SJR H index: 62, Q1, JCR I.F: 2.615, 5 year I.F: 2.796, GS Number of Citations=11).
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1354068814549344>
9. *Akirav, O. (2014). "Legislators' Use of One-Minute Speeches". *Global Journal of Human Social Science*. 14(3); 34-44. (GS Number of Citations=3). (Ranking was not found)
<https://socialscienceresearch.org/index.php/GJHSS/article/view/1134>
10. *Akirav, O. (2014). "Catch-22: Arab Members of the Israeli Parliament". *Representation*. 1. December. 1-24. (SJR H index: 29, Q1, JCR I.F: 0.589, 5 year I.F: 0.724GS Number of Citations=5).
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00344893.2014.982692>
11. *Akirav, O. (2014). "Channels of Communication and Accountability in the Digital Age". *International Journal of Development Research*. 4(8):1698-1704. (Ranking was not found).
https://www.researchgate.net/publication/269992673_CHANNELS_OF_COMMUNICATION_AND_ACCOUNTABILITY_IN_THE_DIGITAL_AGE
12. *Akirav, O. and Ben-Horin, Y. (2016). "The Four Anchors Model – Women Political Participation". *World Political Science*. (SJR H index: 6, Q3).
<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/wps.2016.12.issue-2/wps-2016-0007/wps-2016-0007.xml>
13. *Akirav, O. (2016). "Occupational Inequality among Representatives". *Study of The Organization and Human Resource Quarterly* 1(3): 63-89 (Hebrew) (Ranking was not found).
http://organizations3.haifa.ac.il/images/vol_3.pdf
14. *Akirav, O. (2016). "Do Natural Antagonists Ever Cooperate in Legislation? Jewish and Arab Legislators in the Israeli Knesset". *Global Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*. 5(4): 17-28. (Ranking was not found).
<https://www.longdom.org/abstract/do-natural-antagonists-ever-cooperate-in-legislation-jewish-and-arab-legislators-in-the-israeli-knesset-2672.html>
15. *Akirav, O. (2017). "Legislators' Pattern of Cooperation". *International Journal of Social Science Studies*. 5(2): 30-42. (Ranking was not found).

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16. *Akirav, O. (2017). "Weapon of the Weak: One-Minute-Speeches in the Israeli Parliament". *Review of European Studies*. 9(3): 75-88. (SJR H index: 16, Q2).
<http://www.ccsenet.org/journal/index.php/res/article/view/69106>
17. *Akirav, O. (2017). "The Talk-Listen-Respond (TLR) Model of Representatives on Twitter". *Journal of Legislative Studies*. (SJR H index: 16, Q1, Number of Citations=2).
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13572334.2017.1359942>
18. *Akirav, O. (2017). "Israeli Representatives' Use of and Attitudes towards Web Applications". *The International Journal of E-Politics*. 8(4), 1-20. (Ranking was not found).
<https://www.igi-global.com/chapter/israeli-representatives-use-of-and-attitudes-toward-web-applications/220235>
19. *Akirav, O., Cox, W., G. (2018). "The Formateur's Bonus in European Constitutional Monarchies, 1901-1999". *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. September. **Equal contribution**. (SJR H index: 48, Q1, JCR I.F: 1.655, 5 year I.F: 1.717)
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/lsq.12216>
20. *Akirav, O. (2018). "Candidate Selection Methods, Cooperation and Legislative Effectiveness". *Review of European Studies*. 10(1). (SJR H index: 16, Q2).
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21. *Akirav, O. (2018). "Electoral Rules and Legislators' Productivity". *Parliamentary Affairs*. 0:1-26. (SJR H index: 39, Q1, JCR I.F: 1.798, 5 year I.F: 1.636).
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22. *Akirav O. (2019). "The Lioness from Peki'in". *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*. 37(2):232-249. (SJR H index: 26, Q2).
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24. *Akirav, O. (2019). "A new approach to measuring legislators' activity". *International Political Science Review*. 1-9. DOI.0192512119860258. (SJR H index: 46, Q1, JCR I.F: 1.769, 5 year I.F: 2.074).
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DOI: 10.1080/20508840.2019.1568774 (SJR H index: 7, Q3).

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27. * **Akirav, O.** (2020). "Measuring the Formation of a New Government: The Case of the Israeli Parliament 1949-2016". *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/13572334.2020.1731973. (SJR=H index: 16, Q1).
28. * **Akirav, O.** (2020). "Agenda Power Using Non-Legislative Tools". *Israel Affairs*. Accepted. (SJR=H index: 9, Q1-Cultural Studies / Q2-Political Science and International Relations, JCR I.F: 0.247).

Articles or Chapters in Scientific Books

Published

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F. Other Work Connected with my Scholarly Field

As the head of the department of political science at Western Galilee College, I have introduced a teaching program based on innovative pedagogy. All of the syllabuses in the political science program include practical projects in which students must apply the theoretical knowledge they learn to real life issues. In addition, the grades in the courses are based on various evaluation methods.

In September 2018, Western Galilee College submitted a proposal for an independent program for the study of political science. As the head of the department my faculty members and I wrote the entire program. I believe that one of the important skills undergraduate students of political science should have is debating skills. Therefore, this program includes a unique, mandatory course entitled “The Skills of the Debate Club.”

H. Summary of my Activities and Future Plans

My academic areas of expertise include legislative studies, government agenda-setting, government formation, election studies, mixed research methods, the Israeli political system, local government studies, gender and politics, minorities and politics, Big Data analysis, and social media and legislators. For example, in the field of legislative studies I have examined key issues in legislators' behavior and have written several articles concerning legislators' productivity and their ability to be reelected. Another area discussed in my papers concerns the under-representation of minority groups

and under-representation of women in politics.

1. Research

In my doctoral research at the Hebrew University, under the supervision of Professor Yaron Ezrahi, I studied the theoretical and empirical aspects of candidate selection methods and parliamentary tools available for legislators. In the theoretical aspect of the research I analyzed the different parliamentary tools such as legislation, parliamentary questions and motions for the agenda available to legislators and demonstrated the changes in their behavior in the way they used these tools, especially with regard to their candidate selection methods. An article based on this research used Israel as a case study. It focused on the changes in the legislators' use of parliamentary tools that resulted from the adoption of primaries as a candidate selection reform by the Labor Party in 1992 and later by three more parties: Likud, Meretz and Tzomet. The findings showed that there has been a significant increase in the use of parliamentary tools since the 13th Knesset (the first Knesset with Members of Knesset elected through primaries). The research provided strong support for the reasons I posited for the difference in parliamentary activities in the Knesset terms before and after the introduction of primaries (See article (2) in the list of journal articles, above). Based on the empirical part of the research, I developed a model for analyzing the efficiency and effectiveness of parliamentary questions as a tool for the oversight of the government. This article used a content analysis of 1,041 parliamentary questions based on four criteria: efficiency (how long it takes to be answered); effectiveness (achieving its goals); the need for a supplementary question; and the publicity surrounding the minister's answer. The findings showed that although in the 13th Knesset parliamentary questions became a more efficient and effective parliamentary tool than in previous Knesset terms, its ability to serve as a means for controlling the government leaves much to be desired (See article (3) in the list of journal articles, above).

Based on the research described above, I conducted further investigations in a range of studies both independently and in collaboration with various scholars.

1.1 Legislators' activities

My primary research investigates various aspects of legislators' activities. I created a scale reflecting a new way of looking at legislators' activity. I argued that if the goal of a study is to understand the cost-benefit analysis that legislators make every day regarding which parliamentary tool to use, the productivity scale I created provides a broader view of their actions. The scale includes private bills, parliamentary questions, motions for the agenda and one-minute speeches, which have never been explored together (See articles (3, 8, 21, 23, 24) in the list of journal articles, above).

1.2 Social media and legislators' activities

In recent years I have been interested in social media issues. One aspect concerns the question of how legislators use social media to connect with their voters. In order to address the question, I developed a model called TLR (talk-listen-respond), which was an initial attempt at understanding how representatives use Twitter. Each element in the model moves from static, informational messages to increasingly interactive forms of communication. The findings showed that some of the representatives use the TLR components extensively, while others use them infrequently (See article (17) in the list of journal articles, above).

Another aspect of the use of social media concerns the attitudes of legislators toward the use of social media. My studies found that legislators regarded themselves as very accountable to their voters using various types of communications, but considered their colleagues to be less so. In addition, while some legislators make use of digital channels of communication, many still cling to the more traditional formats (See articles (11, 18) in the list of journal articles, above).

1.3 Electoral systems and candidate selection methods

Israel is a unique environment in which to study electoral systems, electoral reforms and candidate selection methods, and provides an interesting comparison to other countries. I conducted such cross-national comparisons with regard to the effect of candidate selection methods on parliamentary activities, the effect of electoral systems on parliamentary activities or the use of social media, and the effect of individual characteristics such as gender and being a member of a minority group, or institutional explanations such as opposition-coalition affiliation or the ability to be re-elected on the original connection between electoral systems and legislators' activities (See articles (1,6, 20, 21, 23) in the list of journal articles, above).

1.4 Formation of the government

I conducted two different research projects regarding how governments are formed. The first was with Professor Cox from Stanford University. Together, we analyzed Baron and Ferejohn's (1989) canonical model of government formation predicting that the formateur—the individual leading the negotiations to form a new government—would secure a disproportionate share of cabinet portfolios for his or her own party (See article (19) in the list of journal articles above). The second research project with Professor Rasch from Oslo University was about the procedures in Israel for forming a government, with a focus on the investiture vote in parliament. (See article (3) in the list of submitted publications above). I also conducted a third research project independently in which I collected data about how governments are formed (See article (27) in the list of journal articles, above). In addition, I work with two colleagues—Professor Rasch from Oslo University and Dr. Shomer from Tel Aviv University—on research in this area. With Dr. Shomer I received ISF funding for a study entitled "The Inflated Measures of Governmental Instability".

1.5 Elections in local government

I conducted three research projects regarding elections in local government. The first I did independently and investigated two questions: 1) Why do people who are successful in fields other than politics not want to become more active in politics? 2) What are the preferred characteristics of a political leader? The goal of the research, the first of its kind in the field of local government, tried to create changes in the people who serve in local governments and in the system itself. The article won the best article prize from the Israel Political Science Association in 2012 (See article (5) in the list of journal articles above). The second project I conducted with a colleague, Dr. Ben-Horin. We examined the causes of the increase in the number of women candidates in local Israeli government elections during October 2013. To do so, we developed a new model called the four anchors model based on (1) authentic leadership, (2) organizations with gender awareness, (3) practices that provide organized training for women only and (4) networking for women. The article won the best article prize from the Israel Political Science Association in 2016 (See article (12) in the list of journal articles above). The third I did independently and investigated the increase in the number of female candidates for the position of mayor. I conducted interviews with 57 of the 72 female candidates for mayor in Israel before the October 2018 elections, and 37 of the 72 female candidates for mayor after the election. In addition, I interviewed 11 male candidates and men elected as mayors after the election, as well. I found that there are four components whose synergy results in more women being encouraged to run for mayor: mentoring, information, networking for women and training. I called this model the MINT model. On the societal level, gender mainstreaming is important for increasing public awareness of the importance of gender representation and hence, voting for women to be mayors (See article (1) in the list of revised and resubmit articles above).

2. Style of work

My work style has two characteristics: 1) individualism and collaboration, and 2) mixed research methods. Most of my articles were written independently. However, when there is an option, I prefer partnering with others in collaborative work, especially researchers from other countries or other disciplines. In this way I can expand and deepen the research project and establish fruitful discussions throughout the entire process of the research. For example, I collaborated with Professor Gary Cox from Stanford University on a research project about the formateur's bonus in European constitutional monarchies between 1901 and 1999. The second characteristic of my work style is the use of mixed research methods. I select the methodological tool depending on the research questions. When needed, I use in-depth interviews, content analysis using big data analysis techniques, factor analysis or any other statistical analysis that is relevant to the research project. My goal is to create a comprehensive picture of the subject being investigated. To do so, I may need to use several research methods from different angles.

3. Present and future research plans

The current projects I am working on are:

1. **Individual Legislative Activity in Parliamentary Systems of Government: A Cross-National Comparison** with Professor Thomas Saalfeld from the University of Bamberg, Germany.

The proposed project will look at the availability and use of personal policy instruments more comprehensively. It will combine quantitative data about each parliamentary tool across a large number of legislatures. While such data can be analyzed quantitatively, we are proposing to examine a smaller number of crucial cases using qualitative methods (semi-structured interviews with party leaders and legislators in particular and content analysis of the parliamentary tools) in Germany and Israel. Furthermore, we will utilize qualitative and quantitative analysis to investigate how representatives use social media.

2. **The inflated measures of governmental instability** with Dr. Yael Shomer from Tel Aviv University and Professor Erik Rasch Bjørn from Oslo University, Norway.

We challenge the accepted measures and definitions of governmental instability common in the literature and databases, which are based on the durability of governments. We argue that these measures that rely on the combination of three criteria (change in partisan composition; change in the identity of the Prime Minister, and occurrence of general elections) are in some ways too inclusive (not **any** change in the government's partisan composition signifies instability) and in others are too narrow (focusing almost exclusively on a government as a whole).

We look at whether broadening the scope of the conceptualization of government instability makes a difference and demonstrate that countries might be characterized as unstable in one way and stable in another. We also show that the commonly used measurement of a government's duration inflates its instability, at least for some countries. We demonstrate that using more precise definitions of a government's longevity—ones that do not equate **any** changes in the government's partisan composition as a sign of instability—has important ramifications for the rank-order of the instability of various countries' governments.

3. **From Legislative to Legislators' Productivity** - Book proposal

The purpose of the book is to fill a gap in the field of legislative studies by providing a comprehensive model for understanding legislators' behavior, especially legislators' productivity. My general approach is that the complexity of legislators' roles cannot be measured only by legislation, as

scholars to date have done. Legislators have to balance their activities with their constituents and their work in the legislature, meaning that their roles are multi-dimensional, overlapping and constraining. Hence, a comprehensive understanding of their roles can be achieved by analyzing all of their parliamentary activities together. Furthermore, the book argues that adopting new theoretical and empirical measurements for legislators' productivity does not mean that we must abandon the existing measurements. Each one can serve a different purpose. Analyzing parliamentary tools separately provides detailed explanations for each one of them, while using the productivity scale enables us to see the actual daily life of the individual legislator, because in order to use a specific tool they must decide in which other tool they will invest less time. The book argues that both approaches to analysis are valid depending on the goal of the research. Institutional and individual explanations are used to identify the characteristics of more productive legislators across countries. In general, the findings show that female legislators, junior legislators, opposition legislators and legislators from small parties are more productive than male legislators, senior legislators, coalition legislators and legislators from large parties. However, for each case study the composition of these variables is a bit different.

4. Social Media and its Impact on Democracy

I am studying the use that legislators make of social media in order to connect with their voters and gain their support in the coming elections. The essence of the research project is to develop both a theoretical and operational model to reveal and measure the gap between the statements legislators post on social media and their actual parliamentary activity regarding the posts. The research project will contribute to the study of representation and to the computational social science literature by using large text collections to better understand political interactions. In the research project, I will analyze the Facebook and Twitter accounts of Israeli representatives to determine how they present their parliamentary work to the voters through social media, bypassing the traditional media and its obstacles to connect directly to the voters. Then, I will contrast their statements with their actual parliamentary work in terms of passing legislation and using parliamentary questions, one-minute speeches, motions for the agenda and voting on the floor, using information from the Knesset's website and the Open Knesset website. The comparison between the two datasets will help us measure the gap between their actual work and the way they present it on their social media accounts.

5. Big data analysis

I follow Grimmer's (2015) argument that the promise of the "big data" revolution is that it provides answers to fundamental questions about

businesses, governments, and social sciences. As an expert in legislators' behavior, my next step is to embrace the use of big data analysis to understand the content of legislators' activities on the floor (asking parliamentary questions, presenting motions or delivering one-minute speeches) and in committees as participants in the debates there. Several of my previous studies used data mining to collect data and used big data analysis to understand the content of legislators' activities (See articles (21, 23) in the list of journal articles, above). Future research projects including with Professor Saalfeld about individual legislative activity (project no.1 in this list), the book proposal about legislators' productivity (project no. 3 in this list) and the analysis of social media use by legislators (project no. 5 in this list) are going to use big data analysis. During my time as a visiting scholar at Stanford University in 2016 I had several meetings with Professor Grimmer regarding research projects on legislators' behavior that would benefit from the use of big data analysis. As Grimmer (2013, 3) noted, "Without the new statistical tools, the insights into the process of representation would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to make".