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Department of Public Administration & Policy, Sapir Academic College, Sderot.

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Hebrew University (2014).

Dissertation title: The Middle Classes and the Politics of Neoliberalism in Israel and in Chile.

Committee: Prof. Mario Sznajder (advisor), Prof. Dani Filc, Prof. Raanan Rein, Prof. Michael Shalev.

MA, Political Science, Hebrew University (2008, *magna cum laude*).

BA, Political Science, Hebrew University (2005, *magna cum laude*).

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Political economy; Political sociology; Populism; Public Policy.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. *Avigur-Eshel, A. and Filc, D. (forthcoming). Growth models and the question of popular legitimacy. *Globalizations*.
2. *Avigur-Eshel, A. (2023). Individualized promises in times of pandemic: Green Pass and the legitimization of covid-19 vaccination policies. *Critical Policy Studies*, 17(3).
3. *Filc, D. and Avigur-Eshel, A. (2023). The constitutional crisis as a hegemonic crisis: The unsolved conflict between the Exclusionary-Populist bloc and the Bourgeois bloc. *Israeli Sociology*, 24(2).
4. Avigur-Eshel, A. and Filc, D. (2023). From social bloc to historical bloc: Politics, social relations, and ideology in political economy. *Capital and Class*, 47(3).
5. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Filc, D. (2021). Not merely ideological: The political economy of populism in government. *Swiss Political Science Review*, 27(1), 506-525.
6. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Mandelkern, R. (2021) Training the public: Advancing neoliberal reforms through model experiences. *New Political Economy*, 26(3),

344-358.

7. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Berkovich, I. (2019) Introducing managerialism into national educational contexts through pseudo-conflict: A discursive institutionalist analysis. *International Journal of Educational Development*, 68, special issue: “Intractable conflict in the age of globalization – multidimensional examination of the education system in Israel”.
8. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2019) Speaking to the outraged: Discursive responses of political elites to social unrest over economic issues. *Critical Policy Studies*, 13(9), 470-487.
9. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2019) Mobilization against liberalization in Latin America: Neoliberal promises and their failure as a source of grievances. *Journal of Global South Studies*, 36(2), 253-278.
10. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Filc, D. (2018) Military conflict and neo-liberalization in Israel (2001-2006): A Neo-Gramscian approach. *Political Studies*, 66(2), 503-520.
11. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Berkovich, I. (2018) Who 'Likes' public education: Social media activism, middle class parents and education policy in Israel. *British Journal of Sociology of Education*, 39(6), 844-859.
12. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2018) Synthesizing depoliticization and responsabilization: The case of financial education in Israel. *Competition and Change*, 22(5), 509-528.
13. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2018) Encouraging action in the private sphere: Demand-side practices in the depoliticization of economic policy. *Politics & Policy*, 46(1), 84-109.
14. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2018) More of the same: Discursive reactions of members of Knesset to the 2011 ‘Social Protest’ in Israel. *Middle East Law and Governance*, 10(2), 117-140.
15. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Berkovich, I. (2017) Using Facebook differently in education policy protests. *Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy*, 11(4), 596-611.
16. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2015). Study to succeed: The neoliberal promise and the 2011 summer protest. *Israeli Sociology*, 16(2), 31-55.
17. Avigur-Eshel, A. (2014). The ideological foundations of neoliberalism’s political stability: An Israeli case study. *Journal of Political Ideologies*, 19(2), 164-186.

Books

Avigur-Eshel, A. & Berkovich, I. (eds.) (2022). *Public Policy in the Information Age*. Jerusalem: Academ Press. (in Hebrew)

Berkovich, I. & Avigur-Eshel, A. (2019). *Digital Protest and Activism in Public Education: Reactions to Neoliberal Restructuring in Israel*. UK: Emerald.

Book chapters

Avigur-Eshel, A. & Berkovich, I. (2022). Using facebook for a policy-oriented protest: The relations between patterns of use and life experiences. In: Avigur-Eshel and Berkovich (eds.) *Public Policy in the Information Age*. Jerusalem: Academ Press, pp. 170-191. (in Hebrew)

Other Publications

Avigur-Eshel, A. & Filc, D. (2021). A class perspective on the hegemonic struggle in Israel. *HaZman HaZe*.

Avigur-Eshel, A. (2018). Book review of Maron A. & Shalev, M. (eds.) (2017). *Neoliberalism as a State Project: Changing the Political Economy of Israel*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Bitachon Soziali*, 105.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- a. Avigur-Eshel, A. & Filc, D. *What has populism done for us? Populism in government in Israel and beyond*. Contracted with Edward Elgar.
- b. Lahat, L., Sharony, C., Lev, O., Abraham V. & Avigur-Eshel, A. The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative study.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

FELLOWSHIPS

Doctoral fellowship, Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace (2012-2014).

Doctoral fellowship, Liwerant Center for the Study of Latin America, Spain, Portugal and their Jewish Communities (2012-2014).

GRANTS

Research grant, Levi Eshkol Institute for Social, Economic and Political Research in Israel (2014).

Travel grant for the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, from APSA (2013).

Travel grant for the European Sociological Association's annual conference, from the Faculty of Social Science, Hebrew University (2011).

PRIZES

Shimon Ben-Hamo Workers' Representation Prize, Federmann School of Public Policy and Government, Hebrew University (2011).

Jacques Nass Prize for Excellent Paper in Political Economy, Departments of Political Science and Economics, Hebrew University (2008).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Learning Promoter, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Sapir College, since 2023.
- *Member, Teaching Committee, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Sapir College, since 2023.
- *Chair, "Experts panel: The role of the attorney general – a legal point of view", Annual conference of the Department of Public Administration and Policy, Sapir College: *Reform of the Authorities of the Attorney General*, March 2023.
- *Member, Curriculum Renewal Committee, Department of Public Administration and Policy, Sapir College, 2022-2023.
- Member, Scientific committee of *Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference*, 2022.
- Reviewer, Van Leer Institute Press, 2022.
- Reviewer, *Acta Politica*, 2022.
- Conference convener, Annual conference of the Department of Public Administration and Policy, Sapir College: *Citizenship, Citizens and State during the Corona Era and Beyond*, December 2021.
- Reviewer, *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, 2020.
- Reviewer, Best Thesis Award, *Israeli Sociological Society – Annual Conference 2019*.
- Reviewer, *Competition & Change*, 2018.
- Reviewer, *Globalizations*, 2018.
- Conference co-organizer, "In the Spaces of Big Data and Like: Public Policy and Politics in the Era of Media and Information", Open University, Ra'anana, December 2017.
- Reviewer, *Urban Studies*, 2017.
- Reviewer, *Politika*, 2016.
- Member, Institute for Policy Analysis, The Open University, Israel (2015-).
- Research group co-leader, Van-Leer Jerusalem Institute, "Democracy and Neoliberalism beyond the Economic Crisis" (2015-2016).

INVITED TALKS

- Program in Cultural Studies, Hebrew University, November 2021.
- Department of Public Administration & Policy, Sapir College, Sderot, October 2017.
- The Liwerant Center's Research Seminar, Jerusalem, June 2014.
- School of Government and Society, Tel Aviv-Yaffo Academic College, December 2013.
- School of Political Science, Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile, August 2013.
- The Politika Forum of Advances Graduate Students, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, November 2012.

MEMBERSHIPS

Israel Political Science Association (2010, 2013-2015, 2017, 2018, 2023)
Association for Israel Studies (2010, 2012, 2022)
Israeli Sociological Association (2017-18, 2020-22)
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (2020, 2021)
European Sociological Association (2011, 2017)
American Political Science Association (2013)

AFFILIATIONS

Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Jerusalem (2014-2015).
School of Political Science, Diego Portales University, Santiago, Chile (August, 2013).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **International Political Science Association*, "The political economy of radical right populism in government: The case of Israel", with Dani Filc, Buenos Aires, July 2023.
- **International Public Policy Association*, "The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative study", with Lihi Lahat, Chen Sharony, Ori Lev and Villy Abraham, Toronto, June 2023.
- **Neoliberal Capitalism Between Crisis and Resilience: Past, Present and Future*, "Right-Wing Populists in Government and Neo-Liberal Policies: An Unsigned Binding Contract", with Dani Filc, Jerusalem, May 2023.
- **Midwest Political Science association*, "The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative study", with Lihi Lahat, Chen Sharony, Ori Lev and Villy Abraham, Chicago, April 2023.
- Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference*, "Economic growth and legitimation: The case of Israel 2002-2015", with Dani Filc, Tel-Aviv, February 2023.
- Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference*, "The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative study", with Lihi Lahat, Chen Sharony, Ori Lev and Villy Abraham, Tel-Aviv, February 2023.
- ESPAnet Israel – Annual Conference*, "The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative

study", with Lihi Lahat, Chen Sharony, Ori Lev and Villy Abraham, Haifa, February 2023.

Sapir Staff Conference, "The effect of values, trust, and risk perceptions on support for policy tools in the area of immunization against covid-19: A comparative study", with Lihi Lahat, Chen Sharony, Ori Lev and Villy Abraham, Sderot, October 2022.

Association for Israel Studies – Annual Conference, "Not exactly left and right: the struggle over hegemony in Israel", with Dani Filc, Ramat-Gan, June 2022.

Israeli Sociological Society – Annual Conference, "The subordination of society to the market as a political project", Jerusalem (virtual conference), February 2022.

Inter-university Workshop for Political Theory in Israel, "What Polanyi missed: capitalism, legitimacy and promises", Jerusalem, October 2021.

International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy - Annual Conference, "Individualized promises in times of pandemic: The covid-19 green pass as a legitimating device", a virtual conference, September 2021.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics – Annual Conference, "Individualised promises in times of pandemic: The case of the green pass", a virtual conference, July 2021.

Israeli Sociological Society – Annual Conference, "What has neo-liberalism done for us: Neo-liberal policy and interests of subaltern groups", with Dani Filc, Sderot (virtual conference), February 2021.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics – Annual Conference, "Profit-led growth and the question of political legitimacy: Israel 2009-2015", with Dani Filc, a virtual conference, July 2020.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics – Annual Conference, "Not merely ideological: The political economy of populism in government", with Dani Filc, a virtual conference, July 2020.

Research Workshop on 'Materiality, Imaginaries and Subjectivities: Bringing Economy and Culture Together in Sociological Research, "Financial Market Liberalization and the Construction of Shared Practical Experiences: The Case of Israel's 'Child Trust Fund'", with Ronen Mandelkern, Ra'anana, February 2019.

Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference, "Practical experiences and the legitimization of the neo-liberal political economy: The case of the Israeli Child Trust Fund", with Ronen Mandelkern, Sderot, May 2018.

Israeli Sociological Society – Annual Conference, “It’s not political at all: Transferring responsibility to the individual as a new type of depoliticization of economic policy”, Beer Sheva, January 2018.

Conference on ‘In the Spaces of Big Data and Like: Public Policy and Politics in the Era of Media and Information’, “Who likes public education? Using Facebook differently in education policy protests”, with Izhak Berkovich, Open University, Ra’anana, December 2017.

European Sociological Association – Annual Conference, “It is on you now: Depoliticizing economic policy through financial education”, Athens, August 2017.

Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference, “It’s not the problem, it’s the solution: The re-legitimization of economic liberalization policy in Israel”, Tel-Aviv, May 2017.

Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference, “Speaking without challenging: Re-politicization of economic policy in the service of the neoliberal project”, Ashkelon, May 2015.

ESPAnet-Israel – Forum for Research of Social Policy, “Duties as condition to rights: Republican neoliberalism in Israel”, Beer Sheva, February 2015.

Israeli Political Science Association – Annual Conference, “Duties as a condition to rights: The rise of market-republican citizenship in Israel”, Beer Sheva, May 2014.

American Political Science Association – Annual Meeting, “The promise-discipline politics of neoliberalism: Israel, Chile and their respective 2011 popular protests”, Chicago, August 2013.

International Colloquium ‘Middle class: Practices, transformations, and constructions in Latin America and Spain during the Twentieth Century’, “Middle class protest in Chile and in Israel”, Tel Aviv, April 2013.

ESPAnet-Israel – Forum for Research of Social Policy, “Protest and consent: How ideology helps to explain why the neoliberal order is still with us despite the 2011 summer protest”, Jerusalem, January 2013.

Association of Israel Studies – Annual Conference, “‘This is what we’re fighting for’: Middle class, ideology and the 2011 summer protest”, Haifa, June 2012.

European Sociological Association – Annual Conference, “Does troubled times mean neoliberalism is in trouble?”, Geneva, September 2011.

Association of Israel Studies – Annual Conference, “Losing ground? Ethnic minority-majority relations and neoliberal land reform”, Toronto, May 2010.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

- The Market Society and Its Promises (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2023-)
- Advanced Workshop in Policy Analysis (MA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2019-)
- Final Project (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2019-)
- Introduction to Public Policy (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2018-)
- Introduction to Public Administration (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2018-)
- The Politics of the Market Economy (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2019-).
- Political Economy (BA), The Philosophy, Economics and Political Science Program, Hebrew University (2017/8)
- State, Business and Society (BA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Sapir Academic College (2015-2018)
- Politics in Latin America (BA), Department of Political Science, Hebrew University (2015-2018)
- Guided Reading in PEP (BA), The Philosophy, Economics and Political Science Program, Hebrew University (2016/7)
- Government, Society and Business (MA), Department of Public Policy & Administration, Ben-Gurion University (2015/6)
- Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics (BA), Department of Political Science, Hebrew University (2015)
- Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics (BA), Academic Program for the Israel Air Force Flight Course, Ben-Gurion University (2014-2022)
- Academic Reading and Writing (BA), Department of Politics and Communication, Hadassah College in Jerusalem (2014-2016)

EX-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

- Member, Social-economic Model team, Kibbutz Karmia (2023-).
- Member, Community Management, Kibbutz Karmia (2021-).
- Member, Education Directorate, Kibbutz Karmia (2016-2022).
- Member, PTA, Hofim Elementary School (2019-2020).

Organizer, lectures by PhD candidates during the Israeli 'social protest' (2011).
Initiator, the "Freedom of Expression Day" at the Hebrew University, with the Faculty of Social Science 'Academic Space' Program (2011).
Co-founder, the Mesubin group for Jewish culture (2009/10).
Author, position paper on living costs of Jerusalem students, for the Hebrew University's Student Union (2009).
Co-editor, The Hebrew University's student journal, *Pi Ha-Aton* (2006-2007).
Coordinator, Israeli student delegations to meetings with Palestinian and South Korean students in South Korea, under the KOPAIS organization (2005-2006).