

Guy Zohar, Ph.D.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2022 - 2023 **Postdoctoral Research Associate.** Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.

2021 **Ph.D.** Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
President's Doctoral Fellowship of Excellence.

Dissertation Title: "From Normal to Crazy States: Fanaticism in International Crises, 1918-2014."

Supervisor: Prof. Hemda Ben-Yehuda.

Dissertation Committee: Prof. Patrick James (University of Southern California), Dr. Meirav Mishali-Ram (Bar-Ilan University).

2013 **M.A.** Political Studies, Specializing in International Relations, Bar-Ilan University (**Summa Cum Laude**).

Master Thesis Title: "State Fanaticism – Characteristics and Motives: Germany 1918-1945."

Supervisor: Prof. Hemda Ben-Yehuda.

2010 **B.A.** Political Studies, Specializing in Military, Strategy and National Security, Bar-Ilan University (**Magna Cum Laude**).

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ❖ Fanaticism, Extremism, and the Dynamics of Radicalization
- ❖ Simulations as a Research and Pedagogical Tool in International Relations
- ❖ International Conflict Processes
- ❖ Crisis Behavior and Management
- ❖ The Arab-Israel Conflict
- ❖ Israel's Security and Foreign Policy
- ❖ Active and Innovative Learning Techniques: Role-Play and the Use of Video Games and Popular Culture in the Classroom

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Fanaticism through the Looking Glass of Simulations.” 2018. (Co-Authored with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). *Journal of Political Science Education* 14 (2): 197-221. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2017.1418367>

“Barbarization in World Politics: Systematic Brutality and Blatant Human Rights Violations, 1918-2015” (forthcoming).

“Rogue States and International Crises” (forthcoming).

EDITED BOOKS

World Politics Simulations: Perspectives from Across the Globe (Co-Edited with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). Edward Elgar.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

“Barbarization in World Politics.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 28-April 2, 2022.

“Fanaticism Transformed: Germany 1920-2004.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 6-9, 2021.

“Reactions to Fanaticism in Experimental Learning: A World Politics Simulations Dataset” (Co-Authored with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, April 4-7, 2018.

“Lessons from Simulations of Regional Crises for the Study of Fanaticism and Peace” (Co-Authored with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia. March 16-19, 2016.

“Catalytic Events, Internal Strife, Media Coverage and Fanaticism: The 2014 Ukrainian Crisis” (Co-Authored with Hemda Ben-Yehuda and Hanna Fital). Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 18-21, 2015.

“Simulation and Reality: Revisiting the 1938 Munich Crisis from the German Perspective”. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 18-21, 2015.

“Fanaticism in International Crises: Germany 1918-1945” (Co-Authored with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). Presented at the Global International Studies Convention, Frankfurt, Germany. August 6-9, 2014.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Simulating the Syrian Civil War.” 2017. The *Active Learning in Political Science* Blog. Published Online: <http://activelearningps.com/2017/04/10/simulating-the-syrian-civil-war/>

PANELS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED AT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES

Organized and Chaired the twin Innovative Panels “The Syrian Civil War and the Spread of Terror” at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland. February 22-25, 2017. The twin panels included a simulation with over 80 participants from around the globe.

Panel Chair: “IR Studies: Lessons of the Past.” The Global International Studies Conference, Frankfurt, Germany. August 6-9, 2014.

WORKING GROUP PARTICIPATION

“The Full Experience: Integrating Simulations with Computer Games for Innovative Teaching.” Presented at the “Change in the Higher Education Landscape: The Power of Intercultural Networks in Innovative Learning” Working Group, the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, April 4-7, 2018.

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPATION

Organized and Chaired the Roundtable “Simulation Drone Swarms in Europe: Role Play and Implications” at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois. March 2-5, 2025.

“The Challenge of Teaching out of the Headlines: Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and the Global Classroom”. The International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montréal, Canada. March 15-18, 2023.

Organized and Chaired the Roundtable “Active and Innovative Learning under the Shadow of COVID-19: Changes, Challenges, Opportunities” at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. April 6-9, 2021.

Organized and Chaired the Roundtable “International Politics and Innovative Learning (IPIL): From Process to Progress” at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada. March 27-30, 2019.

“Grow a Mustache? Playing Hitler in an Online Simulation”. Presented at the “Technology and Cross-Regional Collaborations: Projects, Potential, Problems, Prospects” Roundtable, the International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 18-21, 2015.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Webmaster Role in Cyber and Face-to-Face Simulation Projects.” Presented at “The Syrian Civil War and the Spread of Terror: Simulation Plan and Practice” Innovative Panel, the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland. February 22-25, 2017.

“Fanaticism and the Struggle for Peace: Simulating Conflict Dynamics in the Arab-Israel Conflict” (with Hemda Ben-Yehuda). Presented at the Association for Israel Studies Annual Convention, Jerusalem, Israel. June 20-22, 2016.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer

2026 - Present	Diplomacy and Strategy: International Relations Theory (undergraduate course). The School of Multidisciplinary Studies in Social Sciences, Ashkelon Academic College.
2024 - Present	Fanaticism in World Politics: From Nazi Germany to Hamas (undergraduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
2024 - Present	Conflict, War, and Terror: World Politics Simulations (undergraduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
2023 - Present	Crisis Management in World Politics (graduate course). Conflict Resolution, Management & Negotiation Graduate Program, Bar-Ilan University.
2020 - Present	Core Concepts in International Relations (graduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.

Instructor

- 2013 - 2025** **Introduction to International Relations** (undergraduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2013 - 2014** **Introduction to International Relations** (undergraduate course). Department of Studies for Security Services, Bar-Ilan University.

Teaching Assistant

- 2022 - Present** **Approaches to Conflict Resolution and Management in the International Arena** (graduate course). Conflict Resolution, Management & Negotiation Graduate Program, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2020 - 2021** **Non-State Actors in World Politics** (graduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2012 - 2014** **Advanced Research Methods** (graduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2012 - 2014** **The Foundations of Scientific Research** (graduate course). Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University.

Research Assistant and Webmaster

- 2012 - 2018** **The World Politics Simulations Project.** Planned, Participated, and Supervised over Twenty Simulations with Students and Scholars from Europe, North America, and Israel.

WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- ❖ “Class Management and Presentation Techniques.” Bar-Ilan University, January 2022.
- ❖ “Course Planning and Syllabus Writing.” Bar-Ilan University, January 2022.
- ❖ “How to Write a Great Research Paper and Get Accepted by a Good Journal.” Elsevier, December 2019.

AWARDS

- ❖ The Rector Award for Excellence in PhD Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 2017.
- ❖ University President's Fellowship of Excellence for PhD Students, Bar-Ilan University, 2014.
- ❖ The Rector Award for Excellence in MA Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 2012.
- ❖ The Dean Award for Excellence in BA Studies, Bar-Ilan University, 2009.

GRANTS

- ❖ Virtual Facilitation Grant, the International Studies Association, 2021.
- ❖ Travel Grant, the International Studies Association, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2025.
- ❖ Travel Grant, the World International Studies Committee, 2014.
- ❖ Scholarship, Bar-Ilan University, for Academic Achievements, 2011.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMIC FIELD

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| 2021 - 2023 | Member-at-Large , the ISA Education and Learning in International Affairs Section (ELIAS). |
| 2022 | Distinguished Scholar Selection Committee , the ISA Education and Learning in International Affairs Section (ELIAS). |

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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| 2015 - Present | ISA Education and Learning in International Affairs Section (ELIAS). |
| 2011 - Present | International Studies Association (ISA). |

LANGUAGES

Hebrew: Native **English:** Fluent