

## Yair Amitai

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| Appointments        | <b>Reichman University</b><br>Postdoctoral Fellow, <a href="#">The Institute for Liberty and Responsibility</a> 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Education           | <b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b><br>Ph.D. Political Science 2025<br>Dissertation: "Polarized Politics: Party Dynamics, Affective Divides, and Electoral Behavior in Modern Democracies"<br><br>* Advanced Graduate Studies Program (AGSP) ("Telem")<br><br>M.A. Political Science 2017<br><br>* Advanced Graduate Studies Program (AGSP) ("Telem")<br>* <i>Best thesis award</i> , the Israeli Political Science Association, 2018<br><br>B.A. Political Science and History (Cum Laude) 2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Publications        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yair Amitai, Noam Gidron, and Omer Yair (2025). <a href="#">Affective Polarization in Israel, 1992-2022</a>. In Michal Shamir, Gidon Rahat, and Noam Gidron (eds.), "The Elections in Israel 2022". Routledge.</li><li>2. Yair Amitai and Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (2024). <a href="#">Blame Avoidance in Polarized Societies</a>. In Matthew Flinders, Gergana Dimova, Markus Hinterleitner, R. A. W. Rhodes, and Kent Weaver (eds.), "The Politics and Governance of Blame". Oxford University Press.</li><li>3. Yair Amitai (2023). "<a href="#">The Activists Who Divide Us: A Cross-Country Analysis of Party Activists' Influence on Polarization and Representation</a>". Comparative Political Studies, 57(3), pp. 453-485.</li></ol> |
| Under Review        | Yair Amitai. " <a href="#">The Reciprocal Relationship Between Voter Affective Polarization and Elite Ideological Polarization</a> ", under review.<br><br>Orit Kedar, Yair Amitai, and Gilad Horowitz. "Geographic Disproportionality", under review.<br><br>Asif Efrat, Yair Amitai, and Amnon Cavari. "Democratic Backsliding Fuels a Democratic Spring: Executive Power Grab and Support for Democracy".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Work in Progress    | Luca Bernardi, Yair Amitai, and James Adams. "The Short and Long Term Effects of Affective Polarization on Subjective Well-Being".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

Asif Efrat, Yair Amitai, Amnon Cavari, Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler, and Gilad Hirschberger. "Different Threats, Different Reactions: Public Responses to Israel's Judicial Overhaul and the October 7 Attack".

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| <b>Conference and Presentations</b> | Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)                                                                                   | 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 |
|                                     | European Political Science Association (EPSA)                                                                                  | 2024, 2025             |
|                                     | European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)                                                                              | 2018, 2024, 2025       |
|                                     | Affectvie Polarization Workshop                                                                                                | 2022, 2025             |
| <b>Awards and Fellowships</b>       | Jacques Nass Prize for Best Work in Political Economy, The Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem |                        |
|                                     | Glick Prize for Best Work on Israeli Democracy, The Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem        |                        |
|                                     | Best thesis award, the Israeli Political Science Association                                                                   |                        |
|                                     | The Yitzhak Rabin Foundation Fellowship in Postgraduate Democracy Studies Scholarship                                          |                        |
|                                     | Advanced Graduate Studies Program (AGSP) ("Telem") Scholarship.                                                                |                        |
| <b>Teaching</b>                     | <b>The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>                                                     |                        |
|                                     | Political Economy (TA)                                                                                                         |                        |
|                                     | Electoral Politics: Voters, and Party Systems (TA)                                                                             |                        |
|                                     | Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes (TA)                                                                          |                        |
|                                     | Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics (TA)                                                                          |                        |
| <b>Software</b>                     | Introduction to Political Science (TA)                                                                                         |                        |
|                                     | R, Stata                                                                                                                       |                        |
| <b>Languages</b>                    | Hebrew (Native), English (Fluent)                                                                                              |                        |