Yair Amitai

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Appointments

Reichman University

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Institute for Liberty and Responsibility

2025

Education

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Ph.D. Political Science

2025

Dissertation: "Polarized Politics: Party Dynamics, Affective Divides, and Electoral Behavior in Modern Democracies"

* Advanced Graduate Studies Program (AGSP) ("Telem")

M.A. Political Science

2017

- * Advanced Graduate Studies Program (AGSP) ("Telem")
- * Best thesis award, the Israeli Political Science Association, 2018

B.A. Political Science and History (Cum Laude)

2015

Publications

- 1. Yair Amitai, Noam Gidron, and Omer Yair (2025). <u>Affective Polarization in Israel</u>, 1992-2022. In Michal Shamir, Gidon Rahat, and Noam Gidron (eds.), "The Elections in Israel 2022". Routledge.
- 2. Yair Amitai and Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (2024). <u>Blame Avoidance in Polarized Societies</u>. In Matthew Flinders, Gergana Dimova, Markus Hinterleitner, R. A. W. Rhodes, and Kent Weaver (eds.), "The Politics and Governance of Blame". Oxford University Press.
- 3. Yair Amitai (2023). "The Activists Who Divide Us: A Cross-Country Analysis of Party Activists' Influence on Polarization and Representation". Comparative Political Studies, 57(3), pp. 453-485.

Under Review

Yair Amitai. "The Reciprocal Relationship Between Voter Affective Polarization and Elite Ideological Polarization", under review.

Orit Kedar, Yair Amitai, and Gilad Horowitz. "Geographic Disproportionality", under review.

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, and Amnon Cavari. "Democratic Backsliding Fuels a Democratic Spring: Executive Power Grab and Support for Democracy".

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".

Conference and Presentations 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

Riechman University 2025

Awards and Fellowships

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.

Teaching

The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Political Economy (TA)

Electoral Politics: Voters, and Party Systems (TA)

Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes (TA)

Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics (TA)

Introduction to Political Science (TA)

Software

R, Stata

Languages

Hebrew (Native), English (Fluent)