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CURRENT POSITION:

- **Visiting Scholar** at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS), Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (2015-2016)
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EDUCATION:

- **Ph.D. candidate** at the School of Political Science, University of Haifa (2013-2016, expected)
 - Title of dissertation: *The Military Power of the Major Oil Exporting States: How oil revenues affect military structure, battle effectiveness, civic-military relations, and the outcome of war.*
 - Supervised by Prof. Brenda Shaffer (University of Haifa / Georgetown University)
 - **M.A.** (with highest honors) in Political Science, University of Haifa (2011-2013)
 - Title of thesis: *Oil-Revenue Dependency and War Outcomes – 1960-2007*
 - **B.A.** (with highest honors) in Pol. Sci. and the B.A. Honors Program, University of Haifa (2009-2011)
 - Chosen as Valedictorian
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PUBLICATIONS:

Academic Journals:

- "[Limits to Cooperation: Why Israel does not want to become a member of the International Energy Agency.](#)" *Israel Affairs*. Volume 22, No. 2. (2016).
- "[The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in the "Battle over Framing": The Case of the Israeli-West Bank Separation Barrier](#)" (with Prof. Eli Avraham), *The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*. Vol 21, No. 1. (2016). pp. 111-133
- "[Protecting Foreign Manpower in the Israeli Natural-Gas Industry: lessons from Nigeria.](#)" *Military and Strategic Affairs*, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS). Vol. 6, No. 2. (2014).

Policy Reports:

- "Israel and the International Energy Agency: Implications of Membership and Policy Recommendations," (with Prof. Brenda Shaffer). Submitted to Dr. Fatih Birol, Chief Economist, *International Energy Agency* (2014).

Op-eds:

- "[Iran's natural gas exports do not threaten Israel](#)" (in Hebrew), *The Marker* (June 16, 2015).
- "[Revealing Israel's Strategic Oil Reserves](#)" (in Hebrew), *The Marker* (February 10, 2015).
- "[Jerusalem-Baku: an important strategic, economic relationship.](#)" *Jerusalem Post* (Dec. 21, 2014).

WORKING PAPERS:

- “War Outcomes and the Resource Curse: How energy exports affect the result of armed conflict,” co-authored with Prof. Brenda Shaffer (**under review**)
- “Crude Peace: Oil diplomacy in the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace negotiations,” co-authored with Dr. Ziv Rubinovitz (**under review**)
- “Structural Effects of Oil Revenues on Military Buildup: The cases of Iraq and Nigeria,” co-authored with Prof. Brenda Shaffer

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

- **Founder/Coordinator** of the “Honors Program Alumni Forum”, University of Haifa (2011-current)
 - Organizing seminars and networking-events for the Honors Program alumni (500+ alumni)
 - Tracking and recruiting new candidates for the honors program
- **Teaching Assistant;** Lecturing, grading and drafting exams (2011-current):
 - “Energy Politics” - Prof. Brenda Shaffer, University of Haifa
 - “Israel’s Energy Policy” - Prof. Brenda Shaffer, University of Haifa
 - “Academic Writing Workshop” – Dr. Eitan Adres, Western-Galilee College
- **Research Assistant** for Prof. Brenda Shaffer (2011-current)
 - Policy-oriented research for the Ministry of Energy and Water on issues of energy security
 - Gathering data, archival work, statistical analysis, editing and proofing of reports

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **“The President’s Scholarship”**, University of Haifa; \$50,000 USD + tuition (2013-2016)
 - The highest scholarship awarded to selected doctoral candidates at the University of Haifa
- **Government Scholarship from the Ministry of Energy**, State of Israel; \$25,000 USD (2012-2013)
 - For the training of academic personnel and policy advisors in the field of energy
- **The Honors Program**, University of Haifa; \$9,000 USD (2009-2011)
 - Full tuition scholarship for undergraduate studies at the "B.A. Honors Program"
- **Valedictorian**, Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa (2011)
- **Dean's Honor List x 2**, Faculty of Humanities, University of Haifa (2010, 2011)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- “The Foreign Dimension of the Resource Curse: Energy Exports and War Outcomes”
 - The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA); Washington D.C., USA; August 2014 (Division 21, panel: "Territory, Resources, and War")
 - The Annual International Graduate Conf. in Political Science; Jerusalem, Israel; Dec. 2014
 - The Annual Conf. of the Israeli Political Science Association; Ashkelon, IL; May 2015

- “Israeli Energy Policy and the International Energy Agency”
 - World Congress of the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS), Thessaloniki, Greece; April 2014
 - Annual Conf. of the Society of International Development; Tel-Aviv, Israel; January 2014
- “Peace Pipelines in the Eastern-Mediterranean Basin: potentials of Israeli natural-gas exports”
 - Annual conference of the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO); Nicosia, Cyprus; Nov. 2013
- “The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in the Battle over Media Framing”
 - Interdisciplinary Seminar on Crisis, Emergency and Risk Communications in the 21st Century: Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem, Israel. January 2016
 - The Israeli Communication Association Annual Conference; Ra’anana, Israel; March 2015

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES:

- “Iran’s natural gas export potential and its effects on Israel’s gas sector”
 - Emergency conference on natural gas, The Israeli Parliament (The Knesset) (June 2015)
 - Video available in Hebrew: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ndy0TShIVM>
- “Russia’s policy towards natural-gas discoveries in the Eastern Mediterranean”
 - The Rave-Ravid Fund Annual Symposium, University of Haifa (June 2015)
- “The resource curse phenomenon – When do natural resources harm the state”
 - Department of Marine Biology seminar, Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences, University of Haifa (Recurring annually: 2013 - 2016)
 - The Honors Program in Humanities, University of Haifa (Recurring annually: 2014-2015)
- “Public-Relations strategies for national crisis management – Saudi Arabia vs. Israeli PR efforts”
 - M.A. in Strategic Communications, University of Haifa (Recurring annually: 2013-2015)
- “Changes in the global media’s coverage of the Israeli-West Bank Separation Barrier – 2002-2011”
 - Department of Communications, University of Haifa (Recurring annually: 2013-2015)
- “Mass media influence studies – The evolution of influence theories”
 - The Honors Program in Humanities, University of Haifa (March 2014)

CERTIFICATES AND WORKSHOPS:

- International Neighborhood Symposium, “Exploring the Challenges of Political and Social Change in the Eastern Neighborhood and the Mediterranean South”, Kadir Has University, Istanbul (2014)
- "Baku Summer Energy School", Caspian Center for Energy and Environment (CCEE), Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA), Baku, Azerbaijan (2013).
- The 42nd Annual St. Gallen Symposium – “Leaders of Tomorrow”, St. Gallen, Switzerland (2012)