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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

December 2019 - Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Communication and Journalism

EDUCATION

Stanford University

September 2018 - December 2019

Post-Doctoral Scholar
Department of Political Science

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

September 2014 - June 2019

Ph.D. (Joint program with University of Antwerp)
Department of Communication and Journalism
Supervisor: Prof. Tamir Sheafer

University of Antwerp

September 2014 - June 2019

Ph.D. (Joint program with Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Department of Political Science
Supervisor: Prof. Stefaan Walgrave

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

October 2012 - August 2014

M.A.
Department of Communication and Journalism (Program in Political Communication)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

October 2009 - August 2012

B.A.
Department of Communication and Journalism
Department of Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Communication, Media Effects, Public Opinion, Political Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Amsalem, E. & Sheffer, L. (Forthcoming). Personality and the Policy Positions of Politicians. *Political Psychology*.

Amsalem, E., & Zoizner, A. (2022). Real, but Limited: A Meta-Analytic Assessment of Framing Effects in the Political Domain. *British Journal of Political Science*, 52(1), 221-237. doi:10.1017/S0007123420000253

Amsalem, E., Merkley, E., & Loewen, P. J. (2021). Does Talking to the Other Side Reduce Inter-Party Hostility? Evidence from Three Studies. Advance online publication, *Political Communication*. doi:10.1080/10584609.2021.1955056

Amsalem, E. & Nir, L. (2021). Does Interpersonal Discussion Increase Political Knowledge? A Meta-Analysis. *Communication Research*, 48(5), 619–641. doi:10.1177/0093650219866357

Amsalem, E., Fogel-Dror, Y., Shenhav, S. R., & Sheafer, T. (2020). Fine-Grained Analysis of Diversity Levels in the News. *Communication Methods and Measures*, 14(4), 266-284. doi:10.1080/19312458.2020.1825659

Amsalem, E., Zoizner, A., Sheafer, T., Walgrave, S., & Loewen, P. J. (2020). The Effect of Politicians' Personality on Their Media Visibility. *Communication Research*, 47(7), 1079-1102. doi:10.1177/0093650218758084

Amsalem, E. (2019). How Informative and Persuasive Is Simple Elite Communication? Effects on Like-Minded and Polarized Audiences. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 83(1), 1-25.

Amsalem, E., Sheafer, T., Walgrave, S., Loewen, P. J., & Soroka, S. N. (2017). Media Motivation and Elite Rhetoric in Comparative Perspective. *Political Communication*, 34(3), 385-403.

Chapters in Books

Sheafer, T., Shenhav, S. R., & Amsalem, E. (2018). International Frame Building in Mediated Public Diplomacy. In P. D'Angelo (ed.), *Doing News Framing Analysis 2: Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives* (pp. 249-273). New York, NY: Routledge.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Zoizner, A. & Amsalem, E. The Limited Consequences of Broken Campaign Promises: Experimental Evidence from the United States and Israel.

Stagnaro, M. N. & Amsalem, E. Facts Still Matter: An Information-Based Intervention Reduces Partisan Polarization.

Amsalem, E. & Zoizner, A. The Effect of Extreme Political Rhetoric on Candidate Choice: Evidence from Conjoint Experiments.

Amsalem, E. & Zoizner, A. Learning About Politics on Social Media: A Meta-Analysis.

Zoizner, A. & Amsalem, E. Elite Cues and Evaluations of Sexual Misconduct.

Bergeron, T., Amsalem, E., Joly, J., Sheffer, L., & Loewen, P. J. Citizens' Preferences of Politicians' Personality: Evidence from Three Countries.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2021-2022 The Levi Eshkol Institute for Social, Economic and Political Research in Israel. Research Grant, Elite Cues and Evaluations of Sexual Misconduct. **\$3,000**

2021-2025 Israel Science Foundation. Personal Research Grant, The Democratic Consequences of Extreme Political Rhetoric. **\$218,000**

2021 Israel Science Foundation. Equipment for New Faculty Grant, the Experimental Political Communication Lab. **\$66,000**

2020-2021 The Smart Institute of Communication. Research Grant, Motivated Responses to Broken Campaign Promises. **\$4,000**

2020-2021 The Levi Eshkol Institute for Social, Economic and Political Research in Israel. Research Grant, The Democratic Consequences of Extreme Political Rhetoric. **\$4,000**

2019 Top Paper Award for “Does Interpersonal Discussion Increase Political Knowledge? A Meta-Analysis” (with Lilach Nir). Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Political Communication Division.

2016-2019 The President's Scholarship for Outstanding Ph.D. Students, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2018 Wolf Foundation Scholarship for Outstanding Ph.D. Students.

2021, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013 Honored for excellence in teaching, the Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2015 Best Student Paper Award for "Political Systems, the News Media, and the Integrative Complexity of Politicians." Annual Conference of the International Communication Association (ICA), Political Communication Division.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

2021 "The (De)polarizing Effects of Extreme Political Rhetoric," with Alon Zoizner. Paper presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference.

2021 "The (De)polarizing Effects of Extreme Political Rhetoric," with Alon Zoizner. Paper presented at the 2021 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) annual conference.

2021 "Personality and the Policy Positions of Politicians," with Lior Sheffer. Paper presented at the 2021 International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) annual conference.

2021 "Personality and the Policy Positions of Politicians," with Lior Sheffer. Paper presented at the European Political Science Association (EPSA) annual conference.

2021 "The (De)polarizing Effects of Extreme Political Rhetoric," with Alon Zoizner. Paper presented at the 2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference.

2021 "The (De)polarizing Effects of Extreme Political Rhetoric," with Alon Zoizner. Paper presented at the 2021 International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference.

2021 "Does Talking to the Other Side Reduce Inter-Party Hostility? Exploring the Effects of Offline and Online Heterogeneous Political Discussion on Affective Polarization," with Eric Merkley and Peter Loewen. Paper presented at the 2021 International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference.

2020 "Fine-Grained Analysis of Diversity Levels in the News," with Yair Fogel-Dror, Shaul Shenhav, and Tamir Sheafer. Paper presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting.

2019 "Framing Effects on Voter Attitudes and Behavior: A Meta-Analysis," with Alon Zoizner. Paper presented at the 2019 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, Washington, DC.

2019 "Does Interpersonal Discussion Increase Political Knowledge? A Meta-Analysis," with Lilach Nir. Paper presented at the 2019 International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, Washington, DC.

2019 "Does Interpersonal Discussion Increase Political Knowledge? A Meta-Analysis," with Lilach Nir. Paper presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, Chicago, IL.

2019 "Citizens' Perceptions of the Ideal Elite Personality," with Jeroen Joly. Paper presented at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, Chicago, IL.

2019 "Citizens' Perceptions of the Ideal Elite Personality," with Jeroen Joly. Paper presented at the 2019 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Joint Sessions, Mons, Belgium.

2017 “The Effects of Rhetorical Complexity on Public Opinion.” Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, San Diego, CA.

2017 “The Effect of Politicians’ Personality Traits on Their Media Visibility,” with Alon Zoizner, Tamir Sheafer, Stefaan Walgrave, and Peter Loewen. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, San Diego, CA.

2017 “The Impact of Politicians’ Personality on Their Media Use,” with Alon Zoizner, Tamir Sheafer, and Stefaan Walgrave. Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) joint sessions of workshops, Nottingham.

2015 Political Systems, the News Media, and the Integrative Complexity of Politicians,” with Tamir Sheafer, Stefaan Walgrave, Peter Loewen, and Stuart Soroka. Paper presented at the political communication pre-conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.

2015 Political Systems, the News Media, and the Integrative Complexity of Politicians,” with Tamir Sheafer, Stefaan Walgrave, Peter Loewen, and Stuart Soroka. Paper presented at the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, San Juan, PR.

2014 “The Determinants of the Integrative Complexity of Politicians.” Paper presented at the political communication graduate student pre-conference at the International Communication Association (ICA) annual conference, Seattle, WA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Personality and the Policy Positions of Politicians.” Political Psychology Research Group, Stanford University.

2019 “Framing Effects on Voter Attitudes, Emotions, and Behavior: A Meta-Analysis.” Political Psychology Research Group, Stanford University.

2019 “Framing Effects on Voter Attitudes, Emotions, and Behavior: A Meta-Analysis.” Polarization and Social Change Lab, Stanford University.

2018 “How Persuasive Is Simple Elite Communication? Effects on Like-Minded and Polarized Audiences.” Political Psychology Research Group, Stanford University.

2018 “How Persuasive Is Simple Elite Communication? Effects on Like-Minded and Polarized Audiences.” Department of Communication, Haifa University.

TEACHING

2021-2022 Advanced Topics in Political Communication; Persuasion and Attitude Change; Political Communication; Political Communication in the 21st Century; Political Persuasion; Statistics for Communication Students

2020-2021 Persuasion and Attitude Change; Political Communication; Political Communication in the 21st Century; Political Persuasion

2019-2020 Political Communication; Quantitative Research Methods

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Service

2021- MA Advisor, Department of Communication and Journalism, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Membership in Professional Associations

American Political Science Association (APSA); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); International Communication Association (ICA); International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP).

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, Annals of the International Communication Association, Communication Research, Human Communication Research, International Journal of Communication, International Journal of Press/Politics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Communication, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Public Deliberation, Journalism, Journalism Studies, Political Communication, Social Science Computer Review, Quality & Quantity.

Other

2014-2016 Member of the ICA political communication division Young Scholar Activity Committee.

2013-2017 Researcher in INFOPOL, an ERC-funded research project studying the determinants of the information processing and actions of politicians. Departments of Communication and Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp.

2013-2019 Advanced methodological courses on Automated Content Analysis; Multilevel Modeling; Mixed-Effects Models; Moderation, Mediation and Moderated Mediation; Questionnaire Design.

COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, LaTeX, SPSS