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MA, Political Science 2014
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem MA, Political Science 2013
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- RESEARCH INTERESTS Political Parties, Political Identities, Political Institutions, Democratization, Historical Development, European Politics, Israeli Politics
- DISSERTATION “How States Make Cleavages: Endogenous Cleavage Formation in Western Europe”
Committee: Noam Lupu, Nils Ringe (co-chairs), Rikhil Bhavnani, Yoshiko Herrera
I develop and test a novel theory that cleavages emerge as legislative oppositions to government policies. I argue that decisions like how to distribute resources and who has political rights politicize social identities because they link the fates of individuals, fostering the kind of group consciousness that is the basis for an electoral cleavage. Once government policies associate identities with policy outcomes, voters and political entrepreneurs begin to coordinate around these politicized identities to gain legislative power and influence policymaking. Testing this argument poses methodological challenges because public policies and public preferences often affect each other. In order to establish a causal relationship between government policies and public preferences, we need to find the rare cases of exogenous state intervention that was not responding to public pressure, but rather to other forces. I found two such cases in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in Prussia and Belgium. I substantiate my theory with both process-tracing using secondary sources in multiple languages and statistical analysis of new datasets. I gain additional leverage from analyzing negative cases with failed attempts by political entrepreneurs to create cleavages and from comparing the very different cases of Belgium and Prussia. My dissertation turns the conventional wisdom about cleavages and parties on its head. Electoral cleavages do not emerge from historical critical junctures; instead, they are created and sustained by public policy.
- PUBLICATIONS “Group Segregation and Urban Violence” (with Ravi Bhavnani, Karsten Donnay, Dan Miodownik, and Dirk Helbing), *American Journal of Political Science* 58: 226-45 (2014).
– Winner of the AJPS Best Paper Award 2014
“Introduction” (with Dan Miodownik, Oren Barak, and Omer Yair), In *Nonstate Actors in Intrastate Conflicts*, edited by Dan Miodownik and Oren Barak. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press (2013).

IN-PROGRESS	<p>“Industrialization, Migration and the Competitive Advantage of Social Democracy”</p> <p>“Did Public Opinion Turn Against the Welfare State?” (with Noam Lupu)</p> <p>“The Transformation of Social Democracy Revisited” (with Noam Lupu)</p> <p>“Parliamentary Representation: Partisan and Geographic Disproportionality” (with Orit Kedar and Omer Yair)</p>												
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