

Michael Freedman

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Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, Massachusetts USA Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, Spring 2019 (expected). Advisers: Fotini Christia, Rich Nielsen, Guy Grossman (UPenn). Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology. Hebrew University , Jerusalem, Israel M.A. with Distinction. Political Science, 2014. Hebrew University , Jerusalem, Israel B.A. Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics (PPE), 2010.	
Interests	Religion; Conflict; Immigration; Gender Equality; Text Analysis; Middle East Politics.	
Publications	Ben-Nun Bloom, Pazit, Sharon Gilad, and Michael Freedman. 2017. "Does exposure to other cultures affect the impact of economic globalization on gender equality?" <i>International Political Science Review</i> 38(3): 378-395. (link) Freedman, Michael, Or Kaner, and Irena Kaplan. 2014. "Voting for extreme right parties in Israel: evidence from the 2009 elections," <i>Electoral Studies</i> 34: 68-77. (link)	
Under Review	"Fighting from the Pulpit: Religious Leaders and Violent Conflict in Israel". (link) "The Evolution of Socio-Semantic Networks: A Methodological Synthesis of Topic and Stochastic Actor-Oriented Models" (with Daniel Karell). Invited for inclusion in a special issue of <i>Poetics</i> .	
Working Papers	"Vote with Your Rabbi: The Polarizing Effect of Religious Institutions in Israel". (link) "Varieties of Radicalism: Temporality, Morality, and the Languages of Localism" (with Daniel Karell). "Drone Strikes and Phone Spikes: The Effect of Drone Strikes on Cellphone Communication in Yemen" (with Fotini Christia, Leon Yao, Spyros I. Zoumpoulis, Ali Jadbabaie, and Jure Leskovec).	
Other Writing	Freedman Michael. "Why are Israel's religious parties suddenly so influential?" Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com. January 26, 2018. (link)	
Honors, Grants, and Fellowships	Global Religion Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (GRRI) (\$28,000) Israel Institute Doctoral Fellowship (\$20,000) Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Grant (\$1,500) MIT Center for International Studies (\$3,250) Gutwirth Scholarship for excellence (\$1,000) Academic Excellence Scholarship, Hebrew University (\$10,000) Rector's Prize, Hebrew University	2018-2019 2017-2019 2017 2017 2013 2012 2012

European Forum Research Grant (\$3,000)

2012

Teaching

HEBREW UNIVERSITY

TA, Research Methods for Development Studies. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom, Fall 2017.

TA, Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes. Gideon Rahat, Spring 2012.

TA, Modern Political Thought. Gayil Talshir, Spring 2012.

Service

Manuscript Reviewer: *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*.

Conference Discussant: Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, 2017; 2016.

Conferences

Vote with Your Rabbi: The Polarizing Effect of Religious Institutions in Israel

POMEPS Annual Conference, May 2018

ASMEA Annual Conference, October 2017

American Political Science Association, August 2017

Israel Political Science Association, May 2017

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2017

From on High: Imams, Religious Networks, and Pro-Regime Mobilisation (with Tugba Bozcaga, Elizabeth Dekeyser, and Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld)

American Political Science Association, August 2017

Fighting from the Pulpit: Religious Leaders and Violent Conflict in Israel

Israel Political Science Association, May 2016

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016

Ronald Coase Workshop on Institutional Analysis, December 2015

Research Assistance

Rich Nielsen, MIT (2015 - 2017)

Helped develop R packages caseMatch and arabicStemR

Daniel Karell, NYU Abu Dhabi (2016-2018)

Conducted text analysis of Mujahideen texts

Skills

Languages: Hebrew

Software: R, Python, Stata

References

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