Michael Freedman

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Academic Appointments

University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Political Science (2020 - current)

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (2019-2020)
Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship
Leonard Davis Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA
Ph.D., Political Science, August 2019.
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; Gender Equality; Immigration; Text Analysis; Middle East.

Publications

[8] Dekeyser, Elizabeth and **Michael Freedman**. "Elections, Party Rhetoric, and Public Attitudes toward Immigration in Europe". *Political Behavior*, Forthcoming. (link)

[7] Christia, Fotini, Spyros I. Zoumpoulis, **Michael Freedman**, Leon Yao, and Ali Jadbabai. "The Effects of Drone Strikes on Cellphone Communication in Yemen". *Political Science Research Methods.* (Conditional Acceptance, Research Note)

[6] **Freedman, Michael**. 2020. "Vote with Your Rabbi: The Electoral Effects of Religious Institutions in Israel". *Electoral Studies*, 68. (link)

[5] Karell, Daniel and **Michael Freedman**. 2020. "Sociocultural Mechanisms of Conflict: Combining Topic and Stochastic Actor-Oriented Models in an Analysis of Afghanistan, 1979-2001" *Poetics*, 78. (Special Issue) (link)

[4] Karell, Daniel and **Michael Freedman**. 2019. "Rhetorics of Radicalism" *American Sociological Review* 84(4): 726-753. (link)

[3] **Freedman, Michael**. 2019. "Fighting from the Pulpit: Religious Leaders and Violent Conflict in Israel" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(10): 2262-2288. (link)

[2] Ben-Nun Bloom, Pazit, Sharon Gilad, and **Michael Freedman**. 2017. "Does Exposure to Other Cultures Affect the Impact of Economic Globalization on Gender Equality?" *International Political Science Review* 38(3): 378-395. (link)

[1] **Freedman, Michael**, Or Kaner, and Irena Kaplan. 2014. "Voting for Extreme Right Parties in Israel: Evidence from the 2009 Elections" *Electoral Studies* 34: 68-77. (link)

Under Review	"Indiscriminate Violence, Political Radicalization, and Backlash" (with Esteban Klor).
	"The Role of Religion in Election Predictions: Investigating Religious Voters' Confidence about Electoral Outcomes" (with Maximilian Overbeck, Tali Aharoni, Christian Baden, and Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt)
	"Are Recent Generations Catching Up or Falling Behind? Trends in Inter-Generational Inequality." LIS Working Paper Series.
Other Writings	Freedman, Michael. 2020. "No Longer Sacred: Religious Post-Zionist Beliefs about the State of Israel," POMEPS Studies 41, 59-63. (link)
	Freedman, Michael. 2020. "Religious Authority and Political Instability in Israel," MENA Politics Newsletter, 3(1), 27-29. (link)
	Freedman, Michael. "Repeat elections in Israel may not be enough to overcome religious divisions" Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com. June 7, 2019. (link)
	Dekeyser, Elizabeth and Michael Freedman. "What 500 elections in 28 European countries can tell us about the effects of anti-immigrant rhetoric" Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com. October 30, 2018. (link)
	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)	2018-2019
	Israel Institute Doctoral Fellowship ($25,000)	2017-2019
	Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Grant ($1,500)	2017
	MIT Center for International Studies ($3,250)	2017

Teaching	UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA Religion and Politics in Israel and the Middle East. Fall 2020.
Service	Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Sociological Review*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Journal of Politics*; *PLOS One, Political Research Quarterly.* Freedom House Analyst on Israel, (2019, 2020)
Invited Talks	POMEPS Workshop on "What is Israel", October 2019 IDC Herzliya Department Seminar, February 2019
Recent Conferences	*Rhetorics of Radicalism* (with Daniel Karell) European Symposium on Societal Challenges in Computational Social Science, September 2019 *Religious Authority and Political Compromise: Experimental Evidence from Religious Leaders in Israel* (with Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom) American Political Science Association, August 2019 Midwest Political Science Association, April 2019

WESSI Workshop (NYU Abu Dhabi), January 2019
Eurasian Peace Science Conference, January 2019

Vote with Your Rabbi: The Electoral Effects 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

Skills   *Languages*: Hebrew.
             Software: R, Shiny, Python, Stata, LaTex.

References Fotini Christia, cfotini@mit.edu,
             Full Professor of Political Science, MIT

             Rich Nielsen, rnielsen@mit.edu,
             Associate Professor of Political Science, MIT

             Guy Grossman, ggros@sas.upenn.edu,
             Full Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

             Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom, pazit.bennun@mail.huji.ac.il,
             Associate Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University

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