The 12th Annual Graduate Conference
In Political Science, International Relations
and Public Policy
In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin

Conference Program

13–16 December 2016

Tuesday to Friday

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

http://gradcon.huji.ac.il
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time and Room Number</th>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Time and Room Number</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9.00-13.00</td>
<td>Workshop M1: Introduction to Multi-Level Analysis</td>
<td>Mr. Amit Gal</td>
<td>9.00-13.00 School of Public Policy; Room 1736</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.00-16.00</td>
<td>Workshop M2: Political Text as Data</td>
<td>Mr. Yair Fogel-Dror</td>
<td>12.00-16.00 Political Science Department Seminar Room 4326</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.00-12.00</td>
<td>Workshop M3: Introduction to Mixed Methods</td>
<td>Prof. Rivka Tuval-Mashiach</td>
<td>Maiersdorf; Room 403</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15.00-19.30</td>
<td>Workshop M4: Social Networks Analysis: Concepts and Methodological Applications</td>
<td>Prof. Ilan Talmud</td>
<td>Maiersdorf; Room 403</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.00-13.00</td>
<td>Workshop M5: Cross National Data and Survey Analysis: A Short Introduction</td>
<td>Dr. Gal Ariely and Dr. Jennifer Oser</td>
<td>Maiersdorf; Room 504</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.00-15.00</td>
<td>Workshop M6: Experimental Methods</td>
<td>Dr. Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan and Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor</td>
<td>Maiersdorf; Room 505</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14.00-18.00</td>
<td>Workshop M7: Introduction to GIS in Social Sciences</td>
<td>Mr. Adi Ben-Nun</td>
<td>School of Public Policy; Room 1736</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.00-14.00</td>
<td>Workshop TW1: Gender in Social Science Analysis</td>
<td>Prof. Sylvia Bashevkin and Dr. Einat Gedalya-Lavy</td>
<td>School of Public Policy; Room 1736</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9.30-16.00</td>
<td>Workshop TW2: Emotions and Political Theory</td>
<td>Dr. Nicole Hochner and Dr. Guy Paltiel</td>
<td>School of Public Policy; Room 1750</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.00-14.00</td>
<td>Workshop TW3: Political Psychology</td>
<td>Dr. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom</td>
<td>12.00-14.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tuesday 13 December 2016**

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**
## 15 December 2016   Thursday

**Registration 9.00 to 10.00: Maiersdorf Faculty Club: 4th Floor**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Name</th>
<th>Time / Room Number</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>1</strong> Workshop TW4: Environmental Politics: new Insights on its Causes, Processes and Effects</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 405</td>
<td>Prof. Tanya Heikkila and Prof. Itay Fischhendler</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>2</strong> Workshop TW5: Personalization and Party Politics</td>
<td>9.15-11.15 Maiersdorf; Room 403</td>
<td>Prof. Gideon Rahat Language: Hebrew</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>3</strong> Workshop TW6: Issues and Turning Points in Foreign Policy</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 502</td>
<td>Dr. Carmela Lutmar and Dr. Ariel Kabiri</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>4</strong> Workshop TW7: Public Policy: Players, Institutions &amp; Interactions</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 504</td>
<td>Dr. Nissim Cohen and Prof. Shlomo Mizrahi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>5</strong> Workshop TW8: Local Authorities and Local Governance: Politics and Policy</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 503</td>
<td>Dr. Fany Yuval</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>6</strong> Workshop TW9: The Governance of Privacy</td>
<td>11.15-13.00 Maiersdorf; Room 403</td>
<td>Prof. Charles D. Raab and Prof. Alon Peled Language: English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>7</strong> Workshop TW10: Regulation, Governance and Neoliberalism</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 School of Public Policy; Room 1750</td>
<td>Dr. Tami Oren and Prof. David Levi-Faur</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>8</strong> Workshop TW11: Governance: Politics, Policy and the Economy</td>
<td>9.15-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 505</td>
<td>Dr. Christian Thauer and Prof. Patrick Bernhagen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>9</strong> Workshop TW12: International Political Discourse in Israel</td>
<td>14.00-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 403</td>
<td>Prof. Piki Ish-Shalom and Dr. Amir Lupovici</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>10</strong> Workshop TW13: Multilevel Perspectives on Violence and Civil Disorder</td>
<td>14.30-17.00 IR Department Seminar Room, 5329</td>
<td>Prof. Devorah S. Manekin and Dr. Or Honig</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>11</strong> Workshop TW14: Political Communication</td>
<td>11.30-13.15 IR Department Seminar Room, 5329</td>
<td>Dr. Keren Tenenboim-Weinblatt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>12</strong> Workshop TW15: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</td>
<td>9.00-11.30 IR Department Seminar Room, 5329</td>
<td>Prof. Dan Miodownik</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>13</strong> Workshop TW16: Politics and Society in Israel</td>
<td>14.00-17.00 Maiersdorf; Room 404</td>
<td>Prof. Guy Ben-Porat and Dr. Avi Shilon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>14</strong> Workshop TW17 Ideas and Intellectuals in Politics</td>
<td>9.15-11.00 Maiersdorf; Room 404</td>
<td>Dr. Wael Abu-Uksa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>15</strong> Workshop TW18: Issues in Political Theory</td>
<td>11.00-13.00 Maiersdorf; Room 404</td>
<td>Prof. Zeev Harvey and Dr. Efraim Podoksik</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Reception at Maiersdorf House Room 501 as of 17.00**

Keynote: Prof. Martin Seeleib-Kaiser & Best Paper Award Ceremony

17.30-19.00 Maiersdorf; Room 405

Dr. Oded Lowenheim Prof. David Levi-Faur
**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

**The Panels and Research Workshops Day**

08:30-09:00  **Registration and refreshments**
(Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Fourth Floor)

09:00-09:15  **Formal opening session**  (Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Room 405)

**Prof. Tamir Sheafer**, Dean of the Faculty of the Social Science

**Prof. David Levi-Faur**, Head of Federmann School of Public Policy and academic co-convener of the 12th Annual International Graduate Conference

**Prof. Dan Miodownik**, Director, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations and academic co-convener of the 12th Annual International Graduate Conference

**Prof. Menachem Hofnung**, Chair, Department of Political Science

---

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

13:00–14:00  
Lunch break Beit Maiersdorf Cafeteria

Registered participants and invitees only

---

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

**Greetings**

**Dr. Oded Lowenheim**, Chair, Department of International Relations

**The Future of Social Europe and the Future of Welfare**

**Prof. Martin Seeleib-Kaiser**

University of Oxford

Best Paper Prize

Cocktail

**Hours: 17.30-19.00**

Maiersdorf Faculty House, Room 405

---

**Friday, December 16, 2016**

**Tour to the Dead Sea and Masada**

Pre-registration required
Workshop TW1
Gender in Social Science Analysis

Prof. Sylvia Bashevkin (University of Toronto)
Dr. Einat Gedalya-Lavy (Hebrew University)

Aliza Forman Rabinovici, Tel Aviv University, Reexamining the Religion-Abortion Link: Doctrinal vs. non-Doctrinal Women’s Rights

Liran Harsgor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Transformation of the Partisan Gender Gap in the US: A Generational Replacement?

Niva Golan-Nadir, University of Haifa, Marriage Regulation in Israel and Turkey: The Interplay between Institutional Dynamics and Public Preferences

Leehee Rothschild, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Invaded Borders - The Gendered Social Consequences of Airport Frisking

Workshop TW2
Emotions in Political Theory

Dr. Nicole Hochner (Hebrew University)
Dr. Guy Paltiel (Polonsky Academy Fellow, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

Yarden Niv, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Heart of Democracy: Emotions and Democracy - From Enmity to a Reconciliation

Kim Caspar Hecker, University of Cambridge, Günther Anders’ Promethean Disjunction in Times of Technological Existential Risk

Danielle Hanley, University of Pennsylvania, Institutions of Regulation and Rejuvenation: The Radical Democratic Potential of Crying

Adi Burtman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, La Battaglia di Legnano Between Private Emotions and Patriotic Sentiments: the Making of the Italian Nation

Tomer Raudanski, Humboldt University of Berlin, Phenomenology of Freedom: The Political Implications of Kierkegaard’s ‘Moods’

Daniel Rosenberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sentimental Liberalism: Madame de Staël on Enthusiasm and Moderation
Workshop TW3
Political Psychology

Dr. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom (Hebrew University)

Maya Hadar, University of Konstanz, The Effect of Discrepant Outcomes of Political Violence on National Pride: Israel, 2004-2013

Inbal Zipris, IDC Herzliya, Exposure to Political Violence in Intractable Conflicts: The Role of Psychological Distress and Emotion Regulation Difficulties

Omer Yair, Hebrew University of Jerusalem The Politics Behind Perceptions of Political Bias: The Intergroup Foundations of Neutrality Invocation and Reaction to Bias

Workshop TW4
Environmental Politics: new Insights on its Causes, Processes and Effects

Prof. Tanya Heikkila (University of Colorado, Denver)  
Prof. Itay Fischhendler (Hebrew University)

Natasha Donevska, Free University of Berlin, Reconciling Humans and Nature: Prospects and Boundaries in Participatory Policy Making

Jared Finnegan, London School of Economics and Political Science, Electoral Competitiveness and the Climate: Explaining Changes in Fossil Fuel Taxation

Nicole Schmidt, Heidelberg University, Multi-Sectoral Approaches to Climate Policies: A Comparative Analysis

Kristin Eichhorn, Technical University Chemnitz, Environmental Policy Performance in Autocratic Regimes

Yael Barash Harman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Why do Firms Invest in Environmental Solutions in the Absence of Regulatory Incentives? An Indian Case Study

Anaïs Dresse, Humboldt University of Berlin, Environmental Peacebuilding: Myth or Reality?

Aiste Klimasauskaite, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Contextual Shaping of Integrated Coastal Zone Management: The Case Study of Eilat-Aqaba in Comparative Perspective
Workshop TW5
Personalization and Party Politics

Prof. Gideon Rahat (Hebrew University)

Nir Noon Nave, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Political display: analysis of politicians' levels of personalization and self-presentation on Facebook

Alon Zoizner, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Effect of Politicians’ Personality Traits on Their Media Visibility

Mohammd Khlale, Haifa University, The Decline of Political Parties in The Israeli Local Arena, Between 1993 – 2013

Workshop TW6
Issues and Turning Points in Foreign Policy

Dr. Carmela Lutmar (University of Haifa)
Dr. Ariel Kabiri (University of Haifa)

Roie Yellinek, Bar-Ilan University, How Middle Eastern Leaders Conceived of and Related to China?

Elai Rettig, University of Haifa, Ethical Considerations in Israel's Oil Import Policy

Ali Demirdas, College of Charleston, Paradigm Shift in Turkish Foreign Policy

Artem Patalakh, University of Milan, Assessment of the EU’s Soft Power in Its Eastern Neighbourhood and the Balkans: Still “Benign”, but Less “Brilliant”? 

Sagit Kerbis, University of Haifa, "The surprise of Peace": The Failure of Israeli Intelligence in the Identification of Egypt's Strategic-Political Shift Toward Peace: 1970-1977

Alon Posner, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Changing Visions of War: How Do Militaries Modify Their Thinking About Future Conflict

Shirin Hassan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Qatar's Role in The GCC 1981-2015: Goals, Strategies and Conditions for Success

Christopher Appiah-Thompson, African University College of Communications, Global Incorporation, Ideology, Foreign and Public Policy of Ghana
Workshop TW7
Public Policy: Players, Institutions and Interactions

Prof. Shlomo Mizrahi (Ben Gurion University)
Dr. Nissim Cohen (University of Haifa)

Saar Alon-Barkat, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Effects of Substantive Information and Symbols on Citizens' Attitudes, and Their Moderation by Personal Relevance

Itay Chay Machtei Samov, University of Haifa, Discourse, Entrepreneurs and Institutional Change

Yair Osheroff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Occupational Licensing in Israel – Political Aspects

Josef van Wijk, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Institutionalization of Emotions in Policy Overreaction

Anna Uster, University of Haifa, Local Networks Under Investigation

Inbar Mizrachy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Consumer Credit Information Regimes: Concepts and Classification

Workshop TW8
Local Authorities and Local Governance: Politics and Policy

Dr. Fany Yuval (Ben Gurion University)

Fahime Abbas, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Integration of Arab Middle Class in the Metropolitan Areas of Tel Aviv and Haifa

Dudi Eilat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Relationship Between Values, Leadership Style and Organizational Climate and Ethics

Eldad Shamash, University of Haifa, The Effect of Physical Dispersion of the Operational Picture in Crisis Management Teams

Neomi Frisch-Aviram, University of Haifa, Street Level Bureaucrats, Modes of Local Governance and Policy Entrepreneurs: The Case of Waste Separation in Israel

Gil Litov, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Effectiveness of Recovery Plans In Israel’s Local Authorities

Omer Gendler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Age of the City: Is Mega cities are entitled to self-determination?
Workshop TW9
The Governance of Privacy

Prof. Charles D. Raab (Edinburgh University)
Prof. Alon Peled (Hebrew University)


Rotem Medzini, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Adoption of New Input-based Strategies in the Regulation of Information and Communication Technologies

Amit Ashkenazi, University of Haifa, Cybersecurity, Data Protection and the Organization– Developing Clear Rules of the Road

Workshop TW10
Regulation, Governance and Neoliberalism

Dr. Tami Oren (University of Haifa)
Prof. David Levi-Faur (Hebrew University)

Chen Sharony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Public Preferences for Redistribution and Policy Outcomes - A Comparative Study

Rachel Friedman, Harvard University, The Collectivization of Risk and the Early Welfare States

Leon Yehuda Anidjar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Demutualisation of Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange and Reinforcing Trust Between Financial Regulators

Elifcan Celebi, Bogazici University, Rescaling of Social Policies in Turkey: The Case of Municipal Welfare Services in Istanbul

Luis Everdy Mejia, Hertie School of Governance, The Logic of Leader Survival and Accountability Relations in Regulatory Governance

Ada Amsellem, University of Lausanne, What factors Within the Institutional Settings Have the Most Influence on the Decision to Outsource Public Services?

Orni Livny, Tel-Aviv university, "The state of the Unions"- The rule of Trade-Unions in Shaping Immigration Policies – Evidence from UK and Sweden

Alon Jasper, Tel-Aviv University, Participation of Foreigners in Environmental Decision-Making and the Aarhus Convention
Workshop TW11
Governance: Politics, Policy and the Economy

Prof. Patrick Bernhagen (University of Stuttgart)
Dr. Christian Thauer (Hebrew University)

Beata Shwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Firm Entry and Former Monopoly Advantage: Evidence from the Fertilizer Marketing Sector

Alena Perezolova, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Participatory Democracy in local governance: policies to increase public participation in Russia

Diana Greenwald, University of Michigan, Recognizing Sacrifice in Post-Conflict Societies: The Effect of Veterans' Compensation on Tax Morale in Timor-Leste

Esther Tina Pesah, Open University, Role of Education in Resolving Refugee Crisis in EU

Kajsa Berg, Hertie School of Governance, Hybrid Governance in the EU: Beyond Binaries

Albert Veksler, Dublin Institute of Technology, Neurotic Regulations - Goals and Results of the Israeli Lobbyist Law

Workshop TW12
International-Political Discourse in Israel

Prof. Piki Ish-Shalom (Hebrew University)
Dr. Amir Lupovici (Tel Aviv University)

Neta Strunin-Kremer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Cyber: A Discourse of Vagueness

Naama Lutz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Who's Afraid of the BDS: Securitization of the Boycott, Divest Sanction Movement

Mila Begova, Sofia University, Israel's "Democratic Peace" Discourse and the Challenges of the Arab Spring

Lotem Bassan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "The West" in Israeli Politics

Rob Geist Pinfold, King's College London, Opinion-Forming, Policy-Making and the Point of Return
Workshop TW13
Multi-Level Perspectives of Violence and Civil Disorder

Dr. Devorah Manekin (Hebrew University)
Dr. Or Honig (Tel Aviv University)

Adam Hoffman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, From Sate Challengers to Religious Activists: The Shifting Political Behavior of Violent Non-State Actors in the Middle East Since the Arab Spring

Chagai Weiss, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Low-Intensity Violence in Ethnically Divided Cities: The Case of Jerusalem

Neal Tsur, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Predicting Civil Unrest: Complexity and Critical Slowing Down Theory To The Rescue

Jony Essa, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Between Power-Sharing and Control: The Institutionalization of Inter-Communal Relations in Divided Societies

Ehud Golan, Bar-Ilan University, Wars without end? the influence of war weariness on the termination of asymmetric wars

Becca Wertman, Columbia University, The Means to an End: How Insurgent Actors Play the Structure Against the State

Workshop TW14
Political Communication

Dr. Keren Tennenbaum-Weinblatt (Hebrew University)

Barak Bar-Zohar, University of Haifa, Death Coverage of Political and Cultural Leaders in Israeli Newspapers 1904 -1995

Matan Sandler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Absorbing the "Great Patriotic War": Hybridizing Soviet and Zionist Narratives in Current Israeli Commemoration

Alexis Lerner, University of Toronto, The Application of Social Scientific Methods to Oral Histories of the Holocaust
Workshop TW15
The Israeli Palestinian Conflict

Prof. Dan Miodownik (Hebrew University) - TBC

Michal Huss, Goldsmiths University of London, Mapping the Israeli Occupation: Chaos, Mimicry and Performativity

Liran Harsgor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Explaining Attitudes Toward the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: The role of Past and Current Experiences

Ofir Hadad, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Each Battle Has a Name: Hamas Movement’s Naming of Battles against Israel

Workshop TW16
Politics and Society in Israel

Dr. Avi Shilon () - TBC

Enav Birnbaum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Social Networks of Jewish Immigrants to Israel

Ryan Shandler, University of Haifa, Is Internet Access a Human Right? - A Normative and Empirical Analysis

Michael Freedman, MIT, Buying Votes with Words: Evidence from Yeshivot and Voting for Religious Political Parties in Israel

Tal Rippa, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Becoming a Citizen: An NPE Perspective on Civic Studies in Israel

Ilham Shahbari, University of Bradford, Internationalization the National Aspirations of Palestinian Arab Citizens of Israel and its Impact on the State-Minority relations
Workshop TW17  
Ideas and Intellectuals in Politics  

Dr. Wael Abu-'Uksa (Hebrew University)

Fikriye Karaman, Istanbul Sehir University, **The Impact of World War I on Arab Intellectuals' Perception of the Ottoman Empire**

Hayim Katsman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, *"Rethinking extremism": The case of Rabbi Ginzburg*

Kirk Dsouza, IDC Herzliya, **Political Islam in Southeast Asia**

Miriam Farhi Rodrig, Tel-Aviv University, *En Route to the "Siblinghood of Humanity"?*

---

Workshop TW18  
Issues in Political Thoughts  

Prof. Zeev Harvey (Hebrew University)- TBC  
Dr. Efraim Podoksik (Hebrew University)

Jacob Abolafia, Harvard University, **The 16 Century Jewish Reception of Josephus in Sephardic Political Thought**

Daniel Mayerhoffer, Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and University of Surrey, *Should We Trust Our Emotions When Judging Political Ideas? “The Survival Lottery” As an Exemplary Case*

Eliran Zered, Bar-Ilan University, **Deus ex Machina: The Metaphors Constructing Ze’ev Jabotinsky’s Conception of the Jewish Nation**

Itai Artzi, Tel-Aviv University, **A Post-Secular Reading of Rousseau’s Theory of Sovereignty in Social Contract**
Methods,

Skills,

Empowerment,

Capacities Section

Tuesday – Wednesday, 13th -14th December 2016
METHODOLOGY STREAM

Tuesday, December 13th

Workshop M1: Introduction to Multi-Level Analysis  
Mr. Amit Gal, 9.00-13.00

Workshop M2: Political Text as Data  
Mr. Yair Fogel-Dror, 12.00-16.00

Wednesday, December 14th

Workshop M3: Introduction to Mixed Methods  
Prof. Rivka Tuval-Mashiach, 9.00-12.00

Workshop M4: Social Networks Analysis: Concepts and Methodological Applications  
Prof. Ilan Talmud, 15.00-19.30

Workshop M5: Cross National Data and Survey Analysis: A Short Introduction  
Dr. Gal Ariely and Dr. Jennifer Oser, 9.00-13.00

Workshop M6: A Workshop in Experimental Methods  
Dr. Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan and Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor, 9.00-15.00

Workshop M7: Introduction to GIS in Social Sciences  
Mr. Adi Ben-Nun, 14.00-18.00
Workshop M1
Multilevel Modeling in the Social Sciences

Amit Gal (Tel Aviv University)

Most social phenomena are multilevel by nature: behavior of people and social groups is affected by individual differences and choices as well as group and organization level factors and by macro-level characteristics. While traditional research tended to focus on studying a particular level, more and more researchers understand the need to incorporate aspects from multiple levels of analysis in their arguments and empirical settings. Analyzing multilevel data is challenging and requires special treatment to several aspects of analysis. In this workshop I will introduce some of these challenges and how should we deal with them, discuss why and when one should use multilevel techniques, and cover the basics of “how to do that” using the R statistical software. Concepts we'll discuss include various design issues, construct aggregation and aggregation justification, random and fixed effects, random intercepts/random coefficient, cross level interactions and cross classification (if time permits). There is no technical prerequisite for the workshop, but those with basic R background will benefit more from the technical aspects of the workshop.

Amit Gal is a multidisciplinary scholar, currently completing his PhD in Organizational Behavior at TAU, studying group processes in organizations. With formal background in mathematics, musicology and social sciences, his research interests span across many domains and include social network analysis, formal and computational models of organizational processes, learning processes, and anything else that attempts to provide links between micro-level actions and relations to macro-level phenomena. Outside academia, Amit is an accomplished data scientist and algorithm developer in the high-tech industry and a home-schooler of 2 adorable kids.
Political texts, specifically in the information era, are everywhere: news articles, social networks, laws, parliamentary debates, political speeches and so on. As volume and accessibility are growing, adding automated text analysis methods to your toolbox can be extremely useful, as those methods offer the possibility to analyze large text collections with comparatively low costs. To begin with, you can use a hand-built lexicon in order to deductively analyze an entire corpus. Alternatively, you can train a learning algorithm with a small manually-coded dataset, which then can be used in order to analyze a much larger corpus. In addition, you can benefit from applying advanced statistical tools on a large corpus so the computer can autonomously learn how to analyze the corpus.

In this workshop we will review some basic concepts regarding automated text analysis in general, and specific algorithms to implement the described above in particular. Following this, we will demonstrate how to apply those algorithms using Python - a friendly, intuitive and all-purpose programming language, with lots of tools for text analysis. Among other, we will see some usage examples of two popular Python packages for machine learning and text analysis: Scikit-learn and Gensim. No prior knowledge is needed for this workshop, however some familiarity with regression models and manual text analysis would be helpful.

Yair Fogel-Dror is a PhD candidate for political science in the Advanced Graduate Studies Program in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After working as an information and communication technologies researcher in the Intelligence community and the Hi-Tech industry, he is now implementing computational methods in the field of political science. His current research utilizes machine learning methods in order to monitor political discourse in real time. His research interests are political communication and political psychology, in particular political conflicts and the distribution of power.
Mixed methods research involves the mixing of both qualitative and quantitative data or methodologies in the same study. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce students to mixed methods research and paradigm. We will discuss the major types of mixed methods designs, its definitions, objectives, and rationales for conducting mixed method study, analyzing the data, and integrating both methods, and writing mixed method research questions and reports. We will discuss the advantages as well as the challenges of mixing methods. The objective is to provide practical guidance for using the framework to inform the design and conduct of mixed methods studies across disciplines.

Prof. Rivka Tuval-Mashiach is an associate professor and the director of the clinical graduate program in the department of Psychology in Bar Ilan University. She is combining research with clinical work. Her main field of research is trauma and its impact on individuals, couples and communities. In her research, she uses qualitative and mixed methods and has published extensively on these topics. She is also the head of the Community Services Unit of NATAL, the Israel Center for Victims of Terror and War. Her research and clinical work includes the study of the use of narrative approaches to diagnose and treat people exposed to trauma and those with PTSD. Rivka also studies collective trauma, gender and trauma, and identity construction processes following traumatic events. She co-authored the book Narrative Research: Reading, Analysis and Interpretation (Sage 1998, together with Amia Lieblich and Tammar Zilber), and Narrative research: Theory, creation and Interpretation (with Dr. Gabriela Spector-Mersel, Hebrew).
Workshop M4
Social Networks Analysis: Concepts and Methodological Applications

Prof. Ilan Talmud (University of Haifa)

Network theory aims at explaining social phenomena in a wide variety of disciplines from sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science, international relations, geography, and economics. The construction of the theory in formal terms enables researchers to come up with uniquely deductive methodology. This continuous development has significantly enriched social sciences in areas of inquiries as diverse as: social support, health, and well-being; community social capital and civic engagement; the structural analysis of markets in economic sociology; policy networks; and internet studies.

This workshop provides an overview of the use of social network analysis, and coming up with an analytical summary and methodological applications of the basic assumptions, concepts, goals, and explanatory mechanisms prevalent in the field. Modes of data gathering and sampling will be discussed as well. The workshop will also demonstrate methodological problems of whole network analysis via UCINET software. Additionally, we will explore egocentric networks data gathering methodologies through social surveys. Finally, we will discuss the ways in which the field is moving from static, cross-sectional design into dynamic design, capturing the co-evolution of networks and behavior.

Ilan Talmud (Ph.D., Columbia University) is the Head of Economic Sociology and Chair of Graduate Studies at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Haifa. His main interests include network models of social structure, implemented in diverse areas such as: Internet and society, economic sociology, social capital and knowledge management, political sociology, international relations, and gender and social stratification. He conducts extensive studies (with Gustavo Mesch) on Internet and social networks, adolescents and Internet, inter-organizational relations, the impact of online and off-line social networks on place attachment and political involvement, relational patterns among venture capital funds in Israel and the emergence of online currency networks.
The 12th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy

Workshop M5
Cross National Data and Survey Analysis: A Short Introduction

Dr. Gal Ariely (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
Dr. Jennifer Oser (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

The proliferation of cross-national research indexes and surveys in recent decades has enabled scholars to study public opinion in various political and societal contexts from a comparative perspective. Numerous political studies use data from cross-national surveys like the World Value Survey (WVS), the European Social Survey (ESS), the International Social Survey Project (ISSP), and various other projects for the systematic study of political values, attitudes and behavior of people living in different political and social contexts. The data enable the assessment of the generalizability of theories and the examination of contextual influences on attitudes, behaviors and the relations between them. The expanding range of survey resources is, as Pippa Norris put it, “One of the most dramatic recent developments, transforming the field of comparative politics during recent decades” (2009: 522).

The aims of the workshop are:

1. To provide a preliminary introduction of cross-national surveys and indexes and highlight their potential (and pitfalls) for research.
2. To provide a brief introduction to advanced methods for analysis relevant for participants’ projects (such as multi-level analysis and latent class analysis), including a review of resources that enable graduate students to develop publishable and impactful research.

Dr. Gal Ariely is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. His dissertation “The Puzzle of Ambivalent Citizenship: Perspectives from Israel” supervised by Prof. Yael Yishai and Dr. Daphna Canetti from Haifa University, received the Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award for 2010 from the Israel Political Science Association. Gal study citizenship and national identity across countries as well as the methodology of measurement.

Dr. Jennifer Oser is a Lecturer in the Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev since October 2014, and is a Senior Researcher for the Centre for Citizenship and Democracy at the University of Leuven (Belgium). She completed her Ph.D. at Hebrew University in 2012 and has conducted research abroad as a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University’s Program on Inequality and Social Policy (2010-2012), and at the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg School for Communication (2010-2014).
Workshop No. M6
Experimental Methods

Dr. Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan (Hebrew University)
Dr. Israel Waismel-Manor (University of Haifa)

How can experimental methods improve our study of political questions? This workshop is intended to offer an introduction to the logic of experimental methods, and provide an opportunity to experience practical ways of addressing research questions with a variety of experimental methods. We will begin by understanding the general defining characteristics of an experimental design, reviewing some recent studies in the field. Next, participants will present research questions, and we will jointly develop and design experiments to address them.

The workshop will consider the different types of experimental designs available, including laboratory, survey-embedded, field, and natural experiments, and assess various types of experimental treatments and measurements. The discussion will address their general characteristics, strengths and weakness, using substantive examples from the social sciences. The workshop is intended for graduate and recent PhDs interested in political and social science, broadly defined. Participants are encouraged to present their work in order to receive feedback and advice concerning research design and future publication in major journals. The syllabus and further details relating to the workshop will be posted on the conference website. The number of participants is limited.

Raanan Sulitzeanu-Kenan is a senior lecturer of Political Science and Public Policy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research focuses on cognitive aspects of political and public decisions and behavior of both lay-individuals and experts. His current research projects address the role of policy preferences in shaping political judgments, legal proportionality in public policy, and the effects of reputation on organizational activity.

Israel Waismel-Manor (Ph.D. in Government Cornell University) is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Political Science, University of Haifa. His work focuses on political behavior and political communication, across campaigns and elections in Israel and mainly in the United States. His research was published in such journals as the Journal of Communication, PLOS One, International Journal of Press and Politics, Political Communication, Political Behavior, and Politics and European Neuropsychopharmacology. Waismel-Manor had been a visiting professor at Stanford University and Cornell University.
Introduction to GIS in Political, Social and Historical research: sources & types of GIS data; Spatial analysis; an example of a GIS assisted research project: from start to finish; where to go from here?

Adi Ben-Nun is Director of the Hebrew University GIS Center. He has degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy and Engineering. He Managed the GIS Dep. of the Nature and Parks Authority and since 1994 is the technical manager of the GIS center at the Hebrew University. He teaches courses in GIS at both the Hebrew University and the Technion. His expertise is in GIS and database applications and he serves as the technology integrator in the DIM2SEA project.
Academic Conveners

Prof. David Levi-Faur and Prof. Dan Miodownik,
Mr. Noam Brenner and Ms. Neta Galnoor
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Conference team:

Mr. Guy Mor (Conference Administrator)
Ms. Inbar Noy (Conference Administrator)
Mr. Shaked Bareket (Social Events-Tours)
Mr. Chanoch Wolpe (Conference Administrative Support)
Ms. Michal Cohen-Barak (Conference Administrative Support)

Conference website address:
http://gradcon.huji.ac.il

Conference e-mail:
gradconf@mail.huji.ac.il
We would like to thank the following departments and institutes

at the Hebrew University for their generous support:

The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations
The Federmann School of Public Policy & Government
The DAAD Center for German Studies
The European Forum
The Department of International Relations
The Department of Political Science

A special thank you goes to our workshop leaders and guests from Israel and overseas. We would also like to thank the dozens of faculty members from the Hebrew University and universities all over the country who have volunteered to serve as chairs, discussants, and advisers in this conference over the years.