

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2021-current **Assistant Professor (lecturer)**, Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University
- 2021 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Department of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2021 **Senior Research Fellow**, Maritime Policy and Strategy Research Center, University of Haifa
- 2019-2020 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University
- 2018-2020 **Israel Institute Teaching Fellow**, Department of Jewish, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2017-2018 **Neubauer Research Fellow**, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel-Aviv University
- 2017-2018 **Adjunct Lecturer**, New York University – Tel Aviv Academic Center
- 2016-2018 **Adjunct lecturer**, B.A. Honors Program (“Ofakim”), University of Haifa
- 2015-2016 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, George Washington University

### EDUCATION

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- 2011-2019 **Ph.D.**, School of Political Science, University of Haifa (direct track from BA)  
  
Dissertation: *Crude Cooperation: Energy Security and International Cooperation through Energy Trade*. Supervised by Prof. Ben Mor and Dr. Carmela Lutmar
- 2009- 2011 **B.A.** (highest honors), Honors Program in Humanities (“Ofakim”), University of Haifa

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journals

Rettig, Elai. [Securitizing Energy Cooperation: Israel's Regional Shift in the East-Mediterranean](#), *Foreign Policy Analysis* Vol. 17, no. 3 (2021). pp. 1-18

Rubinovitz, Ziv and Elai Rettig. [Crude Peace: The Role of Oil Trade in the Israeli-Egyptian Peace Negotiations](#), *International Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 62, No. 2 (2018). pp. 371-382

Rettig, Elai and Eli Avraham. [The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in the Battle over Framing: The Case of the Israeli-West Bank Separation Barrier](#), *International Journal of Press/Politics*. Vol. 21, No. 1. (2016). pp. 111-133

Rettig, Elai. [Limits to Cooperation: Why Israel Does Not Want to Become a Member of the International Energy Agency](#), *Israel Affairs*. Volume 22, No. 2. (2016). pp. 512-527

Rettig, Elai. [Protecting Foreign Manpower in the Israeli Natural-Gas Industry: Lessons from Nigeria](#), *Military and Strategic Affairs*, Vol. 6, No. 2. (2014). pp. 49-64

### Book Chapters

Rettig, Elai [The Impact of Natural-Gas Discoveries on Israeli Politics, Geopolitics & Socioeconomic Discourse](#), in David Jalilvand and Kirsten Westphal (eds.) *The Political and Economic Challenges of Energy in the Middle East and North Africa*, Routledge (2018). pp. 169-181.

Rettig, Elai. [Obstacles to Israeli Natural Gas Developments](#), in Ayla Gürel, Harry Tzimitras and Hubert Faustmann (eds.) *Global Energy Debates and the Eastern Mediterranean*, PRIO Cyprus Centre Report, 1. Cyprus: PRIO (2016). pp. 59-66

### Selected Professional Publications / Policy Reports

Zimmerman, Nadia, Benny Spanier, and Elai Rettig. [Consequences of Development and Production of Cross-Border Oil and Gas Deposits](#) [in Hebrew], Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center (2020).

Rettig, Elai. [“The Black Gold isn’t Shining Anymore”](#) [in Hebrew], *Hashiloach* (September 2020)

Rettig, Elai. “Israel’s Energy Sector Between Peace and Plague”, in Shaul Chorev (ed.), *Maritime Strategic Evaluation for Israel 2020-21*. Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center (2020).

Rettig, Elai and Oded Eran. [Economic Relations between Israel and Europe: Selected Issues](#), in: Rosner, Yotam and Adi Kantor (eds.), *The European Union in Turbulent Times: Challenges, Trends, and Significance for Israel*. INSS Memorandum 175, Tel Aviv University (2018). pp. 157-163.

Rettig, Elai and Oden Eran. [The EU's Energy Challenges](#), in: Rosner, Yotam and Adi Kantor (eds.), *The European Union in Turbulent Times: Challenges, Trends, and Significance for Israel*. INSS Memorandum 175, Tel Aviv University (2018). pp. 103-112.

Rettig, Elai. [Claim what's yours: Natural Gas, Regional Perception and Socioeconomic Discourse in Israel](#), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (December 2016)

Rettig, Elai. [Can Saudi Arabia Cook a Homemade Defense Industry? Not with Oil in the Recipe](#), *War on the Rocks* (July 13, 2016)

Rettig, Elai. [Removing the Iranian Threat from the Gas Framework's Agenda](#) [in Hebrew], Public Hearing on the Proposed Framework to Regulate Israel's Natural Gas Sector, Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water, State of Israel (July 3, 2015)

### Working Papers

Rettig, Elai and Ziv Rubinovitz. "Small-State Oil Trade as an Entry Point into New Regional Networks"

Rettig, Elai. "Why Regional Energy Cooperation Fails: Perception of Supply Vulnerability in Northeast Asia and the EU Energy Union"

Rettig, Elai and Lior Herman. "Powering the Divide: Third-party involvement in electricity infrastructure projects in East Jerusalem"

Rettig, Elai. "Ethical Considerations in Small-States' Oil Import Policy"

### SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

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2018-21 **The Israel Institute Teaching Fellowship Grant**, 210,000 USD

2019 **Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa**, 500USD

2016-17 **Reuven Chaikin Chair in Geo Strategy**, research grant: *Avoiding the Curse: Dangers and opportunities in the utilization of Israel's energy export revenues*, 75,000 NIS

2016 **Ministry of Science, Technology and Space, State of Israel**, 1,500 Euro

2013-16 **The University of Haifa's President's Scholarship**, towards a PhD degree, 200,000 NIS

2012-13 **Ministry of Energy and Water, State of Israel**, towards an M.A. degree, 100,000 NIS

## SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

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- 2021
- “Small-State Oil Trade as a Ticket into New Regional Networks”
- Association for Israel Studies (AIS) Annual Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA (virtual) (June)
  - Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS). Ben Gurion University, Israel (June)
  - Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), Las Vegas, NV, USA (virtual) (April)
- “Why Energy Cooperation Fails: the cases of the EU energy union and the northeast energy framework”
- Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, USA (virtual) (April)
  - 5th Energy and Society Conference, University of Trento, Italy (virtual) (February)
- 2020
- “The Impact of COVID-19 on Israel’s Energy Policy Goals”
- European Rim Policy and Investment Council (ERPIC), Cyprus, (May)
- 2019
- “Energy Securitization and Interstate Cooperation: Israel’s Regional Shift in the East-Mediterranean”,
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Washington D.C., USA (Nov. 1)
  - Association for Israel Studies (AIS), Kinneret College, Israel (June 26)
- “Israel and Turkey's Quest for Oil”
- Annual Meeting of the Israeli Association for International Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel (June)
  - Association for Israel Studies (AIS), UC Berkeley, USA. (June 26)
- “Raiding the Vault: Predicting Mismanagement of Natural Resource Funds in Oil-Exporting Developing Democracies”
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, USA (Apr. 5)
- 2018
- "Ethical Considerations in Israel's Oil Import Policy"
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, USA (Apr. 6)
  - Israeli Association for International Studies (IAIS), Jerusalem, Israel (June 8)
- 2017
- “Oil Revenue Dependency and Military Effectiveness”
- Annual Meeting, Israeli Association for Political Science, Tel Aviv (May)
  - International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, Poland (July 24).
- 2016
- "Oil Trade in the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian Peace Negotiations"
- International Studies Association (ISA), Atlanta, Georgia (Mar. 17)

- 2015 “Peace Pipelines in the East Mediterranean?”  
- Annual Meeting of the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Cyprus Centre, Nicosia, Cyprus (Nov.)
- 2014 "The Foreign Dimension of the Resource Curse: Energy Exports and War Outcomes"  
- American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington D.C. (Aug. 29)

### INVITED LECTURES:

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- 2021 The Future of Energy and Sustainability in the Gulf States, TRENDS Research & Advisory E-Symposium, United Arab Emirates (virtual) (March)
- Natural Gas and EEZ Disputes in the East Med, IN-VR Mediterranean Gas & Energy Week. Nicosia, Cyprus (virtual) (January)
- 2020 The Future of Energy in the Arab Gulf Region, Annual Conference of the Ezri Center for Iran & Gulf States Research. University of Haifa, Israel. (December)
- Challenges of the Transition plans to Renewable Energy Systems in Israel, The Decarbonization of the Energy Sector in the Mediterranean Region and Middle East – The Role of CSP. Nicosia, Cyprus (virtual) (December)
- Chevron’s Environmental Record, testimony before the committee for interior and environmental protection, Parliament of Israel (Knesset), Jerusalem. (Sep. 9)
- 2019 “Israel’s Natural Gas Finds and the Struggle over Revenue”, Jones Graduate School of Business at Rice University, Houston, USA (Sep. 27)
- “Natural Gas Exports in the Deep-Sea: Challenges for Israel”, Presentation before the Israeli Navy, Intelligence Division. Haifa, Israel (July 1)
- 2018 “Oil, Politics and Human Rights in the Middle East”, Environmental Studies Program Seminar, Washington University in St Louis. St Louis, USA (October)
- 2017 “The Resource Curse in the Countries of the Mediterranean Sea”, Marine Biology Departmental Seminar, University of Haifa (May)
- "The Resource Curse Phenomenon: How Wealth Damages States", Departmental seminar presentation, New York University–Tel Aviv (Apr. 20)

"The Geopolitics of Israel's Natural Gas Export Options", Presentation before the Greek Ambassador to Israel, Haifa, Israel (Apr. 5)

"Ethical Considerations in Israel's Oil Import Policies– 1948-2017"  
The Jewish Statesmanship Center; Jerusalem, Israel (Mar. 9)

2016 "Trends in the Global Energy Market of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". Keren Yeda: Seminar for Public Administration Employees, State of Israel; Eilat, Israel (Sep. 5)

"Political and Economic Challenges for Israel's Energy Finds". Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Expert Meeting, Berlin, Germany. (May)

2015 "[Iran's Natural Gas Export and its Effects on Israel's Gas Sector](#)"  
Testimony before the Committee on Natural Gas, Parliament of Israel (Knesset); Jerusalem (June 23)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 – 2020 **Washington University in St Louis**  
U94 JME 303: "Global Energy Policy: from Israel to Iran"  
L82 EnSt 402: "International Energy Politics"  
L75 JINE 387: "Israel's Foreign Policy"  
L82 EnSt 340: "Energy Governance in Israel and the Middle East"  
L75 JINE 373: "Democracies and Dictatorships in the Middle East"
- 2019-2020 **Rice University**  
MGMT 611: "Geopolitics of Energy"
- 2017 **New York University**  
POL-UA 9994: "Democracies, Dictatorships and Regime Change"
- 2016-2018 **University of Haifa**  
"Energy and National Security in Israel and the International System"  
"Introduction to Academic Writing and Methodology"  
"Practicum: M.A. Program for Local Governance Cadets"