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## Academic Appointments

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**Bar Ilan University** 2026–

Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Studies

**The Hebrew University of Jerusalem** 2025–2026

Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science. *Host:* David Levi-Faur

RegTrust ERC Postdoctoral Researcher. *PI:* David Levi-Faur

**University of Toronto**

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Political Science 2024–2025

*Supervisor:* Christopher Cochrane

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, 2022–2024

and the Department of Political Science. *Supervisor:* Peter J. Loewen

**Tel Aviv University** 2020–2021

Predoctoral Fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics

## Research Interests

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Political behavior, Public opinion, Comparative politics, Public policy, Israeli politics, Political methodology, Paternalism

## Education

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Ph.D., Political Science, Tel Aviv University 2023

◦ Recipient of the Best Dissertation Award from the Israel Political Science Association.

M.A., Political Science (Magna Cum Laude), Tel Aviv University 2014

B.A., Middle Eastern History (Summa Cum Laude) and Philosophy, University of Haifa 2009

## Additional Training

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ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan 2020

(*Linear Regression II; Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Causal Inference; Math I; & II; Intro to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*)

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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1. **Treger, Clareta**, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Sarah Lachance, Natasha Goel, Mujahedul Islam, Blake Lee-Whiting, Beatrice Magistro, and Peter J. Loewen. 2026. “Party or Policy? The Role of Policy Partisanship in Voter Decision-Making.” *Political Behavior*
2. Lachance, Sarah, and **Clareta Treger**. 2026. “Thinking Ideologically: The Limited Role of Left and Right Labels as Policy Shortcuts.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 90(3), 730–757.  
◦ Featured on [PsyPost](#)
3. Bergeron, Thomas, Peter J. Loewen, Christopher Cochrane, Effi Levi, Ron Levi, Odelia Oshri, Gal Ron, Shaul Shenhav, Tamir Sheaffer, and **Clareta Treger**. 2026. “Preferences for Platform Regulation of Online Hate Speech are Shared Globally.” *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*
4. **Treger, Clareta**. 2025. “Changing the Lens: The contingency of results from conjoint experiments on the outcome variable and the estimand.” *Research & Politics*, 12(2).
5. **Treger, Clareta**. 2025. “The Factors that Shape Israeli Public Attitudes toward Government Paternalism.” *Politika: The Israeli Journal of Political Science & International Relations*, 36 (Winter), 7-43.

6. Lavi, Liron, **Clareta Treger**, Naama Rivlin-Angert, Tamir Sheafer, Israel Waismel-Manor, Shaul Shenhav, Liran Harsgor, and Michal Shamir. 2024. “The Pitkinian Public: Representation in the Eyes of the Citizens.” *European Political Science*, 23(4), 506–526.
7. **Treger, Clareta**. 2023. “When Do People Accept Government Paternalism? Theory and Experimental Evidence.” *Regulation & Governance*, 17(1), 195–214.
  - *ComplianceNet Award*, 2023
  - *ESPAnet-Israel Award*, 2022
8. **Treger, Clareta**. 2022. “Before the Party Hijacks: The Limited Role of Party Cues in Appraisal of Low-Salience Policies. Experimental Evidence.” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 86(4), 955–967.
  - *The Center for the Study of the United States in Partnership with the Fulbright Program Award*, 2023

## Peer-Reviewed Chapters

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9. Lavi, Liron, Naama Rivlin-Angert, **Clareta Treger**, Tamir Sheafer, Israel Waismel-Manor, and Michal Shamir. 2022. “King Bibi: The Personification of Democratic Values in the 2019–2021 Election Cycle.” In Shamir, M. and Rahat, G. (eds.) *The Elections in Israel 2019–2021*, 77–98. Routledge.

## Under Review

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1. **Treger, Clareta**, Sharon Gilad, and Ilana Shpaizman “Trust in Elected Officials and Attraction to the Civil Service.” *Revise & Resubmit at Public Administration Review*
2. Bitton, Gal, and **Clareta Treger**. “The Welfare Consequences of Political Rivalry in a Polarized Era.” *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of European Public Policy*
3. **Treger, Clareta**, Liron Lavi, Elisabeth Gidengil, and Dietlind Stolle. “Shifting Faultlines: Affective Polarization under External Threat.” *Revise & Resubmit at Public Opinion Quarterly*
4. Goel, Natasha, Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, Thomas Galipeau, Danielle Bohonos, Md. Mujahedul Islam, Sarah Lachance, Sonja Sovalainen, **Clareta Treger**, and Eric Merkley. “Artificial Influence? Comparing AI and Human Persuasion in Reducing Belief Certainty” *Revise & Resubmit at PNAS Nexus*

## Work in Progress

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- **Treger, Clareta**, Lior Sheffer, and Peter J. Loewen. “Politicians’ Attitudes toward Paternalistic Policies.”
- **Treger, Clareta**. “How Do Risk Perceptions and Personal Experience Shape Attitudes towards Restrictive Government Policies? Lessons from COVID-19.”
- **Treger, Clareta**, Thomas Bergeron, Md. Mujahedul Islam, Christopher Cochrane, Ron Levi, Effi Levi, Gal Ron, Shaul R. Shenhav, Tamir Sheafer, Odelia Oshri, and Peter J. Loewen. “Global Attitudes towards Online Hate Speech.”
- Sheffer, Lior, Miguel M. Pereira, Nathalie Giger, Martin Baekgaard, and **Clareta Treger**. “Elite Affective Polarization: A Five-Country Comparative Study.”

## Fellowships and Grants

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| <b>Beresheet Grant, (3,016,305 ILS)</b> , Israel Science Foundation                                        | 2026-2031 |
| <b>Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, (94,800 ILS)</b>                                                    | 2025-2027 |
| The Faculty of Social Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.                                        |           |
| <b>Research Grant for the Study of Israeli Politics (9,000 ILS)</b>                                        | 2025      |
| The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility, Reichman University.                                           |           |
| <b>PEARL Lab Postdoctoral Fellowship (fully funded)</b>                                                    | 2022-2025 |
| Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, and Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. |           |
| <b>Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship (€24,840)</b> , European University Institute (Declined)              | 2022-2023 |
| <b>Research Grant for the Study of Israeli Politics (10,000 ILS)</b>                                       | 2022      |
| The Institute for Liberty & Responsibility, Reichman University.                                           |           |
| <b>Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance</b>                               | 2022      |
| December 7-9, Munich.                                                                                      |           |
| <b>Doctoral Fellowship Program at The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics (\$18,000)</b>                     | 2020-2021 |

Tel Aviv University.

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| <b>Scholarship for Political Science Research to participate in the 2020 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research as a Program Scholar (\$3,500)</b> | 2020      |
| <b>Research Grant for Research on American Politics, Policy, Society, Economy, and Culture (3,000 ILS)</b>                                                                  | 2020      |
| The Center for the Study of the United States in Partnership with the Fulbright Program.                                                                                    |           |
| <b>Erasmus+ Grant to participate in the Radboud Summer School (€1,650)</b>                                                                                                  | 2019      |
| <b>The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fellowship Fund Scholarship for the Enhancement of the Quality of Governance (\$5,000)</b>                                                 | 2018      |
| Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University.                                                                                                                       |           |
| <b>Erasmus+ Grant to participate in the Radboud Summer School (€1,650)</b>                                                                                                  | 2017      |
| <b>Stipend and Full Tuition Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies</b>                                                                                                               | 2016–2020 |
| Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University.                                                                                                                       |           |
| <b>Full Tuition Scholarship for M.A. in Political Science</b>                                                                                                               | 2011–2013 |
| Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University.                                                                                                                       |           |

## Awards and Honorable Mentions

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| <b>Best Dissertation Award (1,500 ILS)</b> , Israel Political Science Association                                                                                      | 2025 |
| <b>Outstanding Junior Scholar Quantitative Publication Award</b> , ComplianceNet.                                                                                      | 2023 |
| <b>Best Paper in Social Science Award (\$500)</b>                                                                                                                      | 2023 |
| The Center for the Study of the United States in Partnership with the Fulbright Program, Tel Aviv University.                                                          |      |
| <b>Excellence Award for Publishing in Q1 (2,500 ILS)</b> ,                                                                                                             |      |
| The Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University.                                                                                                                   | 2022 |
| <b>Award for Best Paper by a Young Researcher (5,000 ILS)</b> , ESPAnet-Israel                                                                                         | 2022 |
| <b>Excellence Award for Publishing in Q1 (2,500 ILS)</b> ,                                                                                                             |      |
| The Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University                                                                                                                    | 2021 |
| <b>Best Presentation Award (\$700)</b>                                                                                                                                 | 2021 |
| The 3rd Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students.                                                                                            |      |
| <b>The Inbar Attia and Tali Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund for Excellence in Graduate Studies (7,000 ILS)</b> , Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University | 2018 |
| <b>Wolf Grant, for Achievements in Philosophy (3,000 ILS)</b> , University of Haifa                                                                                    | 2009 |
| <b>Kogan Excellence Grant (2,500 ILS)</b> The Philosophy Department, University of Haifa                                                                               | 2008 |

## Invited Talks

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| Department of Sociology, Political Science, and Communication, The Open University. (declined)   | 2026 |
| Federmann School of Public Policy and Governance, January 21, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem | 2026 |
| Department of Sociology Research Seminar, December 11, Tel Aviv University                       | 2025 |
| Department of Political Science Seminar, December 3, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem          | 2025 |
| Department of Political Science, December 2, Bar Ilan University.                                | 2025 |
| Department of Political Science, November 28, University of Western Ontario                      | 2025 |
| Department of Sociology, Political Science, and Communication, July 11, The Open University      | 2024 |
| Workshop on “Paternalism II”                                                                     | 2024 |
| March 26-27, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Berlin.                        |      |
| Department of Public Policy Seminar, February 14, University of Haifa                            | 2024 |
| Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy Speaker Series, November 15, University of Montreal | 2023 |
| Excellence in Research Speaker Series, May 7, Tel Aviv University                                | 2023 |
| Workshop on “Paternalism: Origins and Consequences”                                              | 2022 |
| December 4-5, Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Berlin                        |      |
| M.A. Program in Behavioral Economics Seminar, March, 4, The Reichman University                  | 2022 |
| Ma’avarim Post-doctoral Israeli Network, Speaker Series, August 29, virtual talk                 | 2021 |

## Conference and Workshop presentations

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| Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)                                | 2020, 2021, 2023 (declined), 2024, 2026 |
| Israeli Political Behavior Conference                                                              | 2026                                    |
| Governance & Public Administration under Democratic Strain Workshop                                | 2026                                    |
| Israel Political Science Association Annual International Conference (ISPSA)                       | 2021, 2022, 2025, 2026                  |
| Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (TPBW),                                                        | 2022, 2024, 2025                        |
| Polmeth XLII                                                                                       | 2025                                    |
| The Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)                                 | 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024                  |
| The NYU Center for Experimental Social Science Annual Conference on Experimental Political Science | 2020, 2024                              |

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| “(De)Polarisation in Values, Attitudes, and Beliefs: Comparative Perspectives”, World Values Survey and King’s College London              | 2024       |
| International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP6)                                                                                          | 2023       |
| ComplianceNet Conference                                                                                                                   | 2023       |
| MapleMeth II                                                                                                                               | 2023       |
| Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (CPSA)                                                                            | 2023, 2025 |
| C-Dem Forum on Democratic Citizenship,                                                                                                     | 2023       |
| European Consortium for Political Research General Conference (ECPR)                                                                       | 2021, 2022 |
| Markets & Values ECONtribute Summer Workshop on Autonomy and Paternalism                                                                   | 2022       |
| The Annual Conference of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS)                                                                          | 2022.      |
| The Haifa International Social Sciences Workshop for Graduate Students                                                                     | 2021, 2022 |
| Tel Aviv University and The Hebrew University in Jerusalem Forum for Empirical Studies in Politics                                         | 2022       |
| World Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference (WAPOR)                                                                    | 2021       |
| The Collier Conference on Behavioral Economics (CCBE)                                                                                      | 2021       |
| Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)                                                                     | 2021       |
| Annual Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference                                                                                   | 2021       |
| The International Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy in Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin | 2019       |

## Research Positions

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| <b>Researcher at RegTrust ERC project.</b> PI: David Levi-Faur                                                                                                                                              | 2025–2027 |
| <b>Researcher at The Proliferation and Countering of Hate Narratives on Social Media Project.</b> PI: Christopher Cochrane<br>(A joint project of University of Toronto and Hebrew University of Jerusalem) | 2024–2025 |
| <b>Co-PI on European Panel of Local Officials (EPLO), Israeli study</b>                                                                                                                                     | 2022–2024 |
| <b>Researcher at the Center of Excellence “Looking Beyond the Crisis of Democracy: Patterns of Representation in Israeli Elections.”</b><br>PI: Michal Shamir (funded by the Israel Science Foundation).    | 2018–2022 |
| <b>Research Assistant at the Israel National Election Studies (INES).</b> PI: Michal Shamir                                                                                                                 | 2018–2022 |

## Teaching

### Instructor of Record

- “Political Behavior in Israel and Worldwide” (Undergraduate), Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University 2026
- “Foundation of Scientific Research” (Graduate), Department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University 2026
- “Topics in Methods: Survey Research and Survey Experiments” (POL2578; Graduate), Department of Political Science, University of Toronto 2025

### Workshop Instructor

- “Nudging in Public Policy: How to Design Behavioral Change?” (Graduate), The Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto 2025
- “Introduction to Qualtrics” Workshop (Ph.D. students; [available online](#)), Tel Aviv University and Ma’avarim Post-doctoral Israeli Network 2021

### Guest Lectures

- “Personalism, Personification, and Polarization in Israeli Politics,” in “Comparative Elections (POLS 3333),” University of Houston 2024, 2026
- “Libertarian Paternalism,” in “Behavioral Economics for Management,” Tel Aviv University 2022

### Teaching Assistant

- “Quantitative Methods” (Undergraduate), Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University 2021
- “Research and Writing in Political Science” (Undergraduate), Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University 2018–2021

## Service

**Organizer of the “Political Behavior Forum” for Israeli researchers.** 2025/26 schedule can be found [here](#).  
**Co-organizer of the first ISPSA “Political Behavior Conference”**, Reichman University, July 2026.  
**Ad Hoc Reviewer:** *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *PLOS One*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Critical Policy Studies*, *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Policy & Society*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *De Gruyter Social Sciences Books*

Editorial Assistant at *Regulation & Governance*

2024–2025

**Chair:** APSA 2021, 2024; ComplianceNet 2023; MPSA 2024; CPSA 2025; ISPSA Graduate Students Conference 2026

**Discussant:** APSA 2020, 2021, 2024; MPSA 2023, 2024; CPSA 2023, 2025; ISPSA Graduate Students Conference 2026

## Non-Academic Experience

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**Senior Coordinator of Policy and Planning.** Israeli Ministry of Public Security.

2017–2018

**Research Team Lead.** Reut Institute - A Policy Think Tank.

2016

## Publications in Popular Media

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**Clareta Treger.** “Canada: a place where policy still drives voting” *The Loop*, 7.9.2026.

Lavi, Liron, and **Clareta Treger.** “What aspects of political representation matter to citizens?” *The Loop*, 7.9.2024.

**Treger, Clareta,** and Liron Lavi. “Israeli elections have become a referendum on Netanyahu.” *The Washington Post*, 11.11.2022.

**Treger, Clareta.** “The public wants the government to protect them from themselves --sometimes.” *The Loop*, 25.2.2022.

Contributor to [The Marker](#), [The7Eye](#), [Alaxon](#) (in Hebrew).

## Skills

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**Software:** Stata, R, JMP, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, Conjoint SDT.

**Languages:** Hebrew (native), English (fluent), Russian (proficient), Spanish (basic), Arabic (basic).