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I - CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. PERSONAL DETAILS

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Place and Date of birth: Daliat al-Carmel, Israel, November 13th, 1977

2. SHORT BIO

Born in Daliat al-Carmel (1977), graduate of the Hebrew Reali School of Haifa (1995), dual-major B.A. in Statistics and Israel Studies (2002), MA in Israel Studies (Cum Laude, 2006) and PhD in Israel Studies and the School of Political Science (2013), the University of Haifa. I'm a political scientist and historian of modern Israel. My doctoral dissertation, which was on the crossroad between local government studies and Israel studies, examined the relative impact of the internal and external causes of the financial decline of Arab municipalities in Israel. My research interests include history of modern Israel, Israeli politics, Middle-Eastern politics, ethnic politics, urban affairs and local governments, and public opinion. In 2014-2016 I held a two-year fellowship for outstanding post-doctoral researchers from the Council for Higher Education in Israel, during which I was a Taub-Schusterman postdoctoral research fellow with the New York University (USA) in 2014-2015, and was a Fritz Thyssen postdoctoral research fellowship with the Zentrum Moderner Orient (GERMANY) during 2015-2016. I taught at the Open University of Israel, at the New York University, and at the Kinneret College. My teaching interests include: "Politics and Government in Israel", "The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict", "The Arab-Palestinian Society in Israel", "Comparative Politics", "The Origins of Zionism and the Establishment of Israel", "The Historian's Research Tools", "Research Methods in Political Sciences", and "Introduction to Statistics". I've published articles in high-ranked journals. My latest book focused on the Israeli policies implemented towards the Arabs in Israel in regard to the recruitment to the IDF during the first decade of Israel: Battalion of Arab- The History of the Minorities' Unit in the IDF from 1948 to 1956. Ben Shemen: Modan, 2015. In 2017-2018 I'm holding the position of Visiting Assistant Professor with the department of Political Science at University of California, Berkeley as the Israel Institute Visiting Faculty.

3. HIGHER EDUCATION

Period of Study	Name of Institution	Degree and Department	Date of Degree
1995-1999	University of Haifa (ISRAEL)	B.A. in Statistics and Israel Studies	6.2002
2002-2004	University of Haifa (ISRAEL)	M.A. (Cum Laude) in Israel Studies	6.2006
2007-2012	University of Haifa (ISRAEL)	Ph.D. in Israel Studies, in cooperation with the School of Political Science	5.2013

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4. ACADEMIC RANKS IN INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Visiting and adjunct positions

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
09-12.2013	"Modes of Economic Governance" project group at The WZB Berlin Social Science Center (GERMANY)	A.SK Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
07.2013-08.2014 and 07.2016-08.2017	The Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, and the Department of History, Philosophy and Jewish Studies at the Open University of Israel (ISRAEL)	Adjunct Lecturer
09.2014-06.2015	The Taub Center for Israel Studies at the New York University, New York City (NY, USA)	Taub-Schusterman Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
06.2015-06.2016	"Cities as Laboratories of Change" research group at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin (GERMANY)	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
11.2016-08.2017	The Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Kinneret College (ISRAEL)	Adjunct Lecturer
01.2017-06.2017	New York University (Tel-Aviv Campus)	Adjunct Lecturer
07.2017-06.2018	Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science and the Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies at University of California, Berkeley (California, USA)	Visiting Assistant Professor, and the Israel Institute Visiting Faculty

Regular track

None

5. OFFICES IN UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
12.2013-08.2014	The Division of Consultation and Training for Academic Studies, the Open University of Israel (ISRAEL)	Advisor for Academic Skills

6. SCHOLARY POSITIONS AND SERVICE OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY

International Positions and Elected Offices

Association for Israel Studies (AIS)- Member of the board of directors (2017-2021)

Ad-hoc reviewer of scholarly journals

Public Administration Review; Administration & Society; Lex Localis; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Nations and Nationalism

Ad-hoc reviewer of proposals for research foundations and grants

The American Hispanic Scholarship Fund- 2015 competition

Other refereeing service

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The 41st Annual Undergraduate Research Conference (2015), the College of Arts and Science, New York University, New York City (NY, USA); DAVO Book-Reviewer.

Membership in professional associations and centers

The International Political Science Association (IPSA); The American Political Science Association (APSA); The Centre for Public Management and Policy (CPMP); Association for Israel Studies (AIS); The Israel Statistical Association (ISA); The Society for Military History (SMH); The German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO); Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA).

7. NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Management, Consultant and other positions

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
06.2003-12.2010	STATUP LTD (ISRAEL)	Statistical and Strategic Consulting in Local Government elections (part time, ad-hoc position during elections period)
04.1999-10.2013	The Technological and Logistics Directorate, the Israeli Defense Forces (ISRAEL)	Officer , at the rank of Major (full time)
02.2013-8.2014	DIRECT STATISTICS (ISRAEL)	Statistical and Strategic Consulting in Local Government elections (part time, ad-hoc position during elections period)

Volunteer jobs

Dates	Name of Institution and Department	Rank/Position
06.1995-03.1999	The Community Centre of Daliat al-Carmel (ISRAEL)	Coordinator of young instructors and coordinator of cultural activities (part time volunteer job)
01.2008-current	"Al-Darah"- Non-profit association for education and social activities, Daliat al-Carmel (ISRAEL)	Co-founder and Chairman of the Board (part time volunteer job)

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8. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Active participation- international

Conference/Workshop	Place and Dates	Title of Presentation
The EURAM Mini Conference	Kristianstad University, Kristianstad (SWEDEN), 13.12.2012	“Major Internal and External Reasons for Financial Crises in Local Governments” (with Vigoda-Gadot E. & Ben-Artzi Y.)
The ICPP 1 st Conference	University of Grenoble, Grenoble (FRANCE), 27.6.2013	“Amalgamation of Cities in Israel: Aspects of Fiscal Sustainability and Local Democracy”
30 th Annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS)- Israel: Leadership & Critical Decisions	The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Sede-Boqer campus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (ISRAEL), 26.6.2014	“The minorities' unit in the IDF as part of the integration of the Druze in the Israeli Society”
31 st Annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS)- Sustainable Israel: a Changing Society in the 21 st Century	Concordia University, Montreal (Québec, CANADA), 1.6. 2015	“Pre-election poll accuracy-complexity of predicting the vote in kinship based urban elections- the case of Arab cities in Israel”
31 st Annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS)- Sustainable Israel: a Changing Society in the 21 st Century	Concordia University, Montreal (Québec, CANADA), 3.6. 2015	Panel chair and discussant: “Arabs and Jews in Israel- Coexistence, Cooperation and Challenges”
22 nd International Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)	Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum (GERMANY), 25.9.2015	“The Arab-Palestinian Society in Israel- Contemporary Trends of Integration vs. Segregation”
Israel and the Middle East Workshop	Center for Jewish Studies Heidelberg, Heidelberg (GERMANY), 18-19.10.2015	“The Politics of the Arab-Palestinians in Israel 2015 – Consequences of Changes in the Israeli society and in the Middle East-North Africa”
32 nd Annual meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS)- A Western or Eastern Nation? The Case of Israel	Jerusalem (Israel), 20-22.6.2016	“The Arab-Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Legislative Elections of 2015- Identity, Democratic Participation, and Leadership”
Workshop on “Defining Urbanity”- organized by the "Cities as Laboratories of Change” research group	The Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) (Berlin, GERMANY), 12.7.2016	“What is Urbanity- a shared place and a society with shared history, heritage, identity, and institutions?” *

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Conference/Workshop	Place and Dates	Title of Presentation
The 9 th ASMEA Annual Conference- Taking the Long View: Assessing Change in the Middle East and Africa	Washington DC (USA), 27-29.10.2016	“The Israeli Arabs' Political Trends, Identity and Leadership”
Relations Between Arabs and Jews in Israel: Recent Developments and Future Trends	New York University (USA), 13.11.2016	“Arabs & Jews in Israeli Politics & Government: Recent Trends / Expectations” *
The Presidential Election of 2016 and the Obama Administration	The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (Israel), 8-10.1.2017	“Predicting the Vote in the 2016 US Presidential Elections- Accuracy of Polls and the “Unprecedented” Elections”
33 rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies- A Century After Balfour: Vision and Reality	Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA (USA), 12-14.6.2017	“The Arab-Palestinian Minority in Israel: The Municipalities’ Crisis”

* Invited

Active participation- local (Israel)

Conference/Workshop	Place and Dates	Title of Presentation
“60 Years of Israeli Democracy: Vision and Reality”, The Israeli Political Science Association Conference	Beit-Berl College, Beit-Berl (ISRAEL), 26.5.2008	“Local Authorities Amalgamation- for the sake of what?” (Hebrew)
The Local Elections at the Arab and Druze Villages and Cities 2008 Conference	The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv (ISRAEL), 17.11.2008	“Amalgamation of Arab Villages’ Local Authorities” (Hebrew)
The 4 th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations & Public Policy in memory of Yitzhak Rabin	The Hebrew University, Jerusalem (ISRAEL), 14.12.2008	“The Plan of Local Authorities Amalgamation in Israel 2003: Evaluating the Implementation Process” (Hebrew)
“The Civil Society”, The Israeli Political Science Association Conference	University of Haifa, Haifa (ISRAEL), 30.5.2012	“The Financial Crisis in Arab Local Authorities in Israel from 1970 to 2007” (Hebrew)
The 3 rd biennial conference of the Association of Civil-Military Studies in Israel	The Kinneret Academic College, Tiberias (ISRAEL), 27.1.2016	“Civil-Military and Military-Civil relations- the case of the Minorities' Unit in the IDF” (Hebrew)

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9. INVITED ADDRESSES

Key note speaker in seminars and workshops

Name of Forum	Place and Dates	Presentation
Researchers Seminar on Minorities	Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem (ISRAEL), 25.12.2013	Response to the lecture of: Dr. Chen Bram, "How to categorize minorities? Taxonomies and categories in the case of The Minorities Survey in Israel, 1972" (Hebrew)
Researchers Seminar of Minorities in Israel, Israel Studies Program	Mada al Carmel, Haifa (ISRAEL), 10.1.2014	"Minorities and the Army – the recruitment of the Druze to the IDF" (Arabic)
MA Seminar of Politics and Society in Israel, the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service	New York University, New York City (NY, USA), 25.11.2014	"The Arab-Palestinian Society in Israel: Identity and belonging"
MA Seminar of Politics and Society in Israel, the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service	New York University, New York City (NY, USA), 2.12.2014	"The Arab-Palestinian Political map in Israel"
BA Seminar of Modern Israel, the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies	New York University, New York City (NY, USA), 11.3.2015	"The Israeli Legislative Elections of 2015"
BA Seminar of Modern Israel, the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies	New York University, New York City (NY, USA), 14.4.2015	"The Israeli Druze Community as part of the Arab Minority in Israel"
Hillel Faculty and Students Discussion Forum	Hunter College of the City University of New York, New York City (NY, USA), 29.4.2015	"The formation of the 'Joint List': The Arab-Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Legislative Elections of 2015"
Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS)	The Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) (Berlin, GERMANY), 15.10.2015	"Political Strategies of Ethnic Minority in a Nation-State"
Researchers Forum of the Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)	The Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) (Berlin, GERMANY), 18.2.2016	"The Urban Political Crisis in Arab Municipalities in Israel"

Key note speaker in public lectures

Name of Forum	Place and Dates	Presentation/Comments
A special delegation of "The Sharq Forum"	Haifa (ISRAEL), 27.9.2013	"The Arab-Palestinian society in Israel- a different point of view"
Public lecture series of the Taub Center for Israel Studies	New York University, New York City (NY, USA), 25.2.2015	"Ethnic Minorities and the Army: Implications for Inclusion"

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10. RESEARCH GRANTS

Role in Research	Co-Researchers	Topic	Funded by	Year and Sum
PI	-	"The Arab Municipalities in Israel"	Rabin Postdoctoral Grant for the Advancement of Peace, the Truman Institution (ISRAEL)	2014 \$15,000 (Approved. Denied by PI)
PI	-	"The crisis of the Arab Municipalities in Israel"	The Fritz Thyssen Stiftung (GERMANY) (Grant #40.14.0.015)	2015-2016 €29,600

11. SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

Name of Scholarship, Fellowship, Award, Small Grant or Prize	Granted by	Year and Sum
Award of Excellence for M.A. Research Proposal	Research Authority, University of Haifa (ISRAEL)	2002, NIS 5,000
Small Research Grant	The Centre for Defence Studies Established by Israel Galili, Ramat Efa'1 (ISRAEL)	2003, NIS 5,000
Award of Excellence for M.A. with Distinction	Research Authority, University of Haifa (ISRAEL)	2004, NIS 5,000
A.SK Fellowship	The WZB Berlin Social Science Center (GERMANY)	2013, €2,400 per month- for four months
Schusterman-Taub Postdoctoral Fellowship	New York University, New York City (NY, USA)	2014-2015, \$42,000 per academic year
VATAT (PBC) Fellowship for Outstanding Post-Doctoral Researchers (Nominated by the University of Haifa)	The Council for Higher Education (ISRAEL)	2014-2016, \$20,000 per academic year- for two years
The Israel Institute Visiting Faculty Grant (Grant #GL20147A)	The Israel Institute (Washington DC, USA)	2017-2018, \$70,000 per academic year

12. TRAVEL GRANTS AND OTHER SMALL GRANTS

Name of Scholarship, Fellowship, Award, Small Grant or Prize	Granted by	Year and Sum
Travel Grant	The Taub Center for Israel Studies, New York University, New York City (NY, USA)	2015, \$1,000
Travel Grant	The Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin (GERMANY)	2015, €1,000

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Minerva Short-Term Research Grant	Minerva Stiftung, Munchen (GERMANY)	2016, €1,000
AIS Travel Grant	The Association for Israel Studies (Washington DC, USA)	2016, \$750 2017, \$1,000
ASMEA Travel Grant	Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (Washington DC, USA)	2016, \$750
ASMEA Research Grant	Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (Washington DC, USA)	2017, \$2,500

13. MAIN SKILLS

Main research skills

Quantitative skills- statistical methods in research, polls and opinion survey analysis;
Qualitative skills- case studies and narrative research;
Historical and archival research skills

Languages

English (fluent); Arabic (native); Hebrew (fluent)

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Books

Zeedan, R. (2015). *Battalion of Arab- The History of the Minorities' Unit in the IDF from 1948 to 1956*. Ben Shemen, Israel: Modan Publishing, in cooperation with Maarachot. 235 pages. (Hebrew)

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

Zeedan, R. (2017). Bigger, but not always Better: Size and Local Democracy in Israeli Amalgamated Local Governments. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39 (5), pp. 711-728. DOI: [10.1080/07352166.2016.1262701](https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2016.1262701) (IF 1.167; Urban Studies: Q1, Political Science: Q1).

Zeedan, R. (forthcoming 2017). Predicting the Vote in Kinship-Based Municipal Elections- the case of Arab localities in Israel. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol 37:3. (IF 0.81; Cultural Studies: Q1; Political Science: Q2)

Zeedan, R., Vigoda-Gadot, E., & Ben-Artzi Y. (2017). "Causes of (and Solutions for?) Financial Crises in Local Governments: Insights from Local Arab Authorities in Israel", *Administration & Society*, 49 (7), pp. 1065-1083. (Advance online publication 21.11.2014). DOI: [10.1177/0095399714556501](https://doi.org/10.1177/0095399714556501) (IF 1.092; Public Administration: Q1, Political Science: Q1).

Zeedan, R. (2013). "Israel's 2003 Plan for Unification of Local Authorities". *Israel Affairs*. 19:1: 170-190. DOI: [10.1080/13537121.2013.748293](https://doi.org/10.1080/13537121.2013.748293) (IF 0.229; History: Q1, Political Science: Q3, Cultural Studies: Q2).

Articles or chapters in peer-reviewed scientific books

Zeedan, R. (2010). "Is the Whole Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts? Examining the Implementation of the Government Plan of 2003 to Combine Local Authorities in Israel", in: Avraham Brichta, Eran Vigoda-Gadot and Guy Pade (Editors), *City and State in Israel- Local Government towards the Seventh Decade*. Jerusalem: Carmel Publishing in collaboration with *State & Society Journal*. (Hebrew) [LINK](#)

Zeedan, R. (2010). "Consolidation of Arab Local Governments in Israel: Three Case Studies", in: Lavie E. and Rudnitzky A. (Editors), *Politics, Elections and Local Governance in the Arab and Druze Sector in Israel*. The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. (Hebrew) [LINK](#)

Policy Papers

Zeedan, R. (2008). *Local Authority's Amalgamation: For the Sake of What?*. Policy Papers Series. Haifa: The Center for Public Management and Policy. (Hebrew) [LINK](#)

Dissertation and thesis

The History of the Minorities Unit in the Israeli Defense Forces (Master thesis in Hebrew); 2004, 174 pages; supervisor: Professor Yoav Gelber.

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The Financial Crisis in Arab Local Authorities in Israel from 1970 to 2007: Local and National Factors (PhD dissertation in Hebrew); 2012, 144 pages; supervisors: Professor Yossi Ben-Artzi and Professor Eran Vigoda-Gadot.