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I am associate professor at the Political Science Department at Tel Aviv University and a member of the Israeli Young Academy for Science. I joined the faculty at Tel Aviv in Fall 2010 after teaching at the University at Albany: State University of New York at the political science department there (PhD, Stony Brook University, 2007; MA Tel Aviv University, 2002; BA The Hebrew University, 1999).

My broad research interests are in American and comparative politics, public law and political methodology. I specialize in the analysis of political institutions and legal evolution. My book about agenda setting on the Supreme Court of the United States was published in 2014 with Palgrave-MacMillan and my book about sexual minority rights in a comparative perspective is under contract with the University of Michigan Press for 2015. My scholarship has appeared in publications such as *Comparative Political Studies*, *The Law and Society Review*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Political Studies*, *Judicature*, and the *Justice System Journal*.

I am a recipient of several grants and fellowships including the Marie Curie Grant from the European Union, Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship and the National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. My work has been presented at the annual meetings of the American, European, Midwest, Southern and Western Political Science Associations. I have teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate levels in Tel Aviv University, the University at Albany and Stony Brook University. Classes include at the PhD level-Math for Political Scientists, Civil Rights and Liberties, Research Methods, Survey Class in Judicial Politics; at the MA level-Advanced Statistics for Public Policy; and, at the BA level-Comparative Politics, American Supreme Court, Constitutional Law and Politics: USA and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

I appear as expert commentator on WKGO San Francisco, Israeli TV Channels 1, 2 & 10, Christian Science Monitor, Haaretz.com (English), ynet.co.il, Haaretz newspaper, Galatz Israeli Radio and Knesset TV Channel. Likewise, I am regularly engaged in community activity on and off campus including giving talks to the general

public, advising government and NGOs, being invited to give a commencement speech, and volunteering with individuals with disabilities. Prior to my academic career, I had been the founder and director of several social programs for youth of underprivileged background, including at Dor Shalom (Generation for Peace) and the Summer Youth University, and had had advanced training in clinical psychology.

Selected Publications:

- “Institutional Paths to Policy Change”. 2013. *Law and Society Review*, 47(1): 409-39 (with Victor Asal, Katherine Zuber and Jonathan Parent)
- “Original Sin: A Cross National Study of the Legality of Homosexual Acts”. 2013. *Comparative Political Studies*, 46(3): 320-51 (with Victor Asal and Paul Harwood)
Findings covered on *Foreign Policy Blog-and-Annual Review of Law & Social Science*
- “Petitioners’ Role in Strategic Auditing: Is Certiorari Contingent on Litigant Behavior?” 2013. *The Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 10(1): 54-75 (with Maxwell Mak and Andrew Sidman)
- “Globalization, Threat and Religious Freedom”. 2013. *Political Studies* (with Gizem Arikan and Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom)
- “Rational Friends: Analyzing the Motivation of Amici during Supreme Court Certiorari”. forthcoming. *Justice System Journal*
- A Supreme Agenda: Strategic Case Selection on the US Supreme Court (2014 Palgrave-MacMillan)