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## *Academic employment*

**University College London, Department of Philosophy & EISPS**  
Assistant Professor (Lecturer) in Political Philosophy (Starting  
September 2025).

### **University of Oxford, New College**

Rank-Manning Junior Research Fellowship in Social Sciences,  
2022-2025.

Associate Membership: Department of Politics and International  
Relations and Nuffield College.

## *Education*

### **University of Oxford**

DPhil in Political Theory 2019-2023.

Thesis Title: Liberal Democracy, Competition, and the Institutional  
Limits of Markets.

Supervisors: Cécile Fabre and Jonathan Wolff.

Examiners: Joseph Heath and Cécile Laborde.

### **Tel Aviv University**

LL.B, 2012-2017.

Graduated Magna Cum Laude.

### **London School of Economics & Political Science**

MSc Philosophy & Public Policy, 2015-2016.

Graduated with Distinction.

### **Tel Aviv University**

BA Honors Program in Humanities & Arts, 2011-2014.

Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in class.

### **New York University**

Paths to Peace Program, 2014.

GPA: 4.0.

Peer-reviewed  
articles

'Two Concepts of Competition', *Ethics* (2022) 133(1): 5-37.

'Undercutting Justice – Why Legal Representation Should Not Be Allocated by the Market' *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2021) 20(1): 99-123.

'Beyond Culture and Economy: Israel's Security-Driven Populism' (with Yonatan Levi), *Contemporary Politics* (2021) 27(3): 292-315.

'Prioritarianism: A (Pluralist) Defence' (with Matt Hitchens), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2019) 15(1): 19-42.

'Could Present Laws Legitimately Bind Future Generations? A Normative Analysis of the Jeffersonian Model' *Intergenerational Justice Review* (2016) 9(2): 48-56.

Book  
chapters

'Justice and the Market' (with Assaf Sharon), *The Cambridge Handbook of Privatization* (Cambridge University Press, 2021): 85-102.

Forthcoming

'In Praise of Friction' (with Samuel Bagg), *Democracy and Competition* (edited volume, Oxford University Press - Proceedings of the British Academy Series).

Under Review

'The Moral Limits of What, Exactly?'

Working  
papers

'Competition and the Harm Principle'.

'The Institutional Limits of the Marketplace of Ideas'.

'Against Delegation - A Functionalist Account' (with Hallvard Sandven).

'The (Somewhat Objectionable) Nature of State of Nature Theories' (with Elsa and Henrik Kugelberg).

'On Suckers' (with Avishay Ben Sasson-Gordis).

*Presentations*

**'The Institutional Limits of the Marketplace of Ideas'**

2024 *Center for the Study of Social Justice (CSSJ)*, University of Oxford.

2023 *PPE Society Seventh Annual Meeting*, New Orleans.

2023 *The American Political Science Association 11th Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles.

2023 *Junior Scholars Workshop On Political Theory In/And/As Political Science*, Duke University.

2023 *The Department of Political Science Seminar*, University of Oslo.

2022 *Oxford Work in Progress Political Theory Seminar*, University of Oxford.

**'In Praise of Friction'**

2022 *Political Philosophy Workshop*, University of Cambridge.

2022 *APT Conference* (with Samuel Bagg), University of Huston.

2022 *Competition and Competitiveness Workshop*, University of Essex.

2022 *Democracy and Competition Workshop* (with Samuel Bagg), University of York.

**'Two Concepts of Competition'**

2022 *Cambridge Legal Theory Discussion Group*, University of Cambridge.

2021 *Graduate Conference in Politics, Philosophy & Law*, King's College London.

2021 *Nuffield Political Theory Workshop*, University of Oxford.

**'The Moral Limits of What, Exactly?'**

2022 *Oxford Uehiro Centre Practical Philosophy workshop*, University of Oxford.

2021 *Oxford Work in Progress Political Theory Seminar*, University of Oxford.

**'Politicising Sex while Depoliticising Feminism'**

2021 Invited Comment on Amia Srinivasan's 'The Right to Sex', *Oxford Political Thought Seminar*, University of Oxford.

**‘Undercutting Justice – Why Legal Representation Should Not Be Allocated by the Market’**

2023 *Pedro Public Lecture on Markets and Morality*, Arrupe Center for Business Ethics, Saint Joseph's University.

2020 *Oxford Work in Progress Political Theory Seminar*, University of Oxford.

2018 *Public lecture for the staff of the Office of Legal Counsel and Legislative Affairs*, Israeli Ministry of Justice.

2018 *The 4th Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Global Ethics*, University of Birmingham.

2018 *Law and Political Theory Workshop*, Tel Aviv University.

2017 *The State and the Market Seminar*, Tel Aviv University.

**‘Institutional Limits of Markets’**

2020 *Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**‘Beyond Culture and Economy: Israel’s Security-Driven Populism’**

2021 *Populism in Israel Symposium* (with Yonatan Levi), Icon-S Israel.

2019 *European Association of Israeli Studies Annual Conference*, Charles University, Prague.

2018 *Graduate Conference: Politics of (de)Politicization* (with Yonatan Levi), Central European University, Budapest.

2018 *Graduate Workshop* (with Yonatan Levi), Taub Center for Israel Studies, New York University.

**‘Justice and the Market’**

2018 *Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Conference: Privatization: A Contested Concept* (with Assaf Sharon), Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law.

**‘Could Present Laws Legitimately Bind Future Generations? A Normative Analysis of the Jeffersonian Model’**

2016 *Intergenerational Justice Prize Conference*, Berlin.

*Teaching*

**University of Oxford**

Supervisor - MPhil in Politics (Political Theory, 2023-2024).

Lecturer - Theory of Politics (PPE and History & Politics Undergraduate Students, Autumn 2023).

Seminar Leader - Philosophy & Public Policy (Master of Public Policy Graduate Students, Autumn 2020, Autumn 2021).

Tutor - Advanced Paper in Theories of Justice (PPE Undergraduate Students, Spring 2021).

**Tel Aviv University**

Contemporary Political Philosophy Workshop (PPE Undergraduate Students, Autumn & Spring 2014, 2016-2018).

*Awards and scholarships*

Molad Fellows Scholarship, Molad, the Centre for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy, 2021-2023.

Full Studentship, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, 2019-2022.

The Intergenerational Justice Prize, The Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations and the Intergenerational Foundation, 2015-2016.

Dean's List – Buchman Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University, 2015.

Paths to Peace Scholarship, New York University, Spring 2014.

Memorial Day Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Tel-Aviv University, 2014.

Dean's List – Faculty of Humanities, Tel-Aviv University, 2013, 2014.

Dean's List – Faculty of Arts, Tel-Aviv University, 2013.

Mark Rich's Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Tel Aviv University, 2011-2014.

*Fellowships*

Research Fellow, Molad, the Centre for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy, 2016–present.

Research Fellow – Living Together Group, Minerva Humanities Center, 2014-2015.

Academic  
service

**Reviewer for:** Oxford University Press, Utilitas, Synthese, Contemporary Politics, Journal of Social Philosophy, Government and Opposition, Res Publica.

**University of Oxford**

Co-founder and convener of the Oxford Work in Progress in Political Theory (OWIPT) Graduate Seminar, 2019-2022.

Co-organiser of the 2021 Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2021.

**Tel-Aviv University**

Research and Teaching Assistant (for Professor Assaf Sharon), 2016-2018.

Teaching Assistant (for former Deputy Attorney General Avi Licht), 2018.

Member of the Human Rights Legal Clinic, 2014-2015.

Law Review editorial staff member of 'Law, Society, Culture', 2014-2015.

Public Writing

- 2023 'It's a Trap! The Judicialisation of Politics Puts the Liberal Camp at Risk, and Not for the First Time', *TheMarker* [Hebrew].  
'The Political Imperative: Halting the Judicial Overhaul Requires Toppling the Government', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
'Judicial Overhaul, Operation in Gaza , and No Opposition in Sight', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
'The Liberal Proposal for Judicial Reform in Israel' (with Assaf Sharon), *Molad, the Center for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy* [Hebrew].  
'Own Goal' (with Yonatan Levi), *Telem Magazine* [Hebrew].  
'The Disengagement Plan – From Liberal Democracy' (with Avishay Ben Sasson-Gordis), *Telem Magazine* [Hebrew].

- 2022 'Israel, Like Orban's Hungary, Is a 'Frankenstate' in the Making' (with Noam Gidron), *Haaretz* [English].  
 'To the Left?' (with Noam Gidron), *Liberal Magazine* [Hebrew].  
 'Fight Netanyahu as if there was No Occupation, and Fight the Occupation as if there was No Netanyahu', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'Macron's Dangerous Political Strategy' (with Noam Gidron), *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'Justice Stein's Ruling Puts Us All at Risk', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].
- 2021 'Returning to the State of Nature: The Hidden Deviousness within the Texas Abortion Law', *Oxford Political Review*.  
 'When It Comes to Security, the Israeli Right Is a Lot of Talk, Little Substance', *Haaretz* [English].  
 'Lefties – Stop Shying Away from the Debate on National Security', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'Peace Now, Peace Later, Peace Never – the Ideological Convergence of the Israeli Left' (with Yonatan Levi), *Molad, the Center for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy* [Hebrew].  
 'The Golden Age of the Israeli Far-Right', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].
- 2020 'What the Israeli Left Should Learn From Biden's Victory?', *Haaretz* [English].  
 'The Myth of Influencing from the Inside', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'Road Map' (with Avishay Ben Sasson-Gordis), *Telem Magazine* [Hebrew].  
 'Revocation of Powers', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'The Israeli Right Wing and the Supreme Court: A History of Hypocrisy' (with Assaf Sharon), *Haaretz* [Hebrew].  
 'The Likud are Political Bullies – Unequivocal Action is Needed' (with Gilad Sher), *Ynet* [Hebrew].  
 'Book Review: Yoram Hazony's "The Virtue of Nationalism"', *Telem Magazine* [Hebrew].
- 2019 'Novik and Segal Rewriting History', *Haaretz* [Hebrew].

*Other relevant  
work experience*

Head of Molad's Public Intellectuals Fellowship Programme, 2022-  
Present.

Chief Political Negotiator, Green Party ('The Democratic Union'), Israeli  
General Elections, 2019.

Campaign Manager, Israeli Labor Party Leadership Election – MK Stav  
Shaffir, 2019.

Deputy Manager and Policy Advisor, First 100 Days Policy Team, Blue  
and White Party, Israeli General Elections, 2019.

Political Officer, British Embassy in Israel, 2018.

Articled Clerk, Attorney General's Office, Fiscal-Economic Matters,  
Israeli Ministry of Justice, 2017-2018.

Parliamentary Researcher, Office of Jack Dromey, British MP, 2016.

*Academic Referees*

**Cécile Fabre:** [cecile.fabre@all-souls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:cecile.fabre@all-souls.ox.ac.uk)

**Joseph Heath:** [joseph.heath@utoronto.ca](mailto:joseph.heath@utoronto.ca)

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