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## Academic Appointments

- 2010- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University; Israel.

## Education

- Ph.D: Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science, 2010.
- M.A: Michigan State University, Ph.D student, Department of Political Science, 2003-2005.
- M.A: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, MA, Department of Political Science, 2003, Summa Cum Laude.
- B.A: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, BA, Department of Political Science and Department of International Relations, 2001.

## Teaching and Research interests

Comparative Politics, Institutions, Legislative Studies, Parties and Party System, Electoral Systems, Political Methodology.

## Publications

- Shomer, Yael and O'Brien, Diana. 2013. "A Cross-National Analysis of Party Switching", *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 38(1), pp. 111-141.
- Shomer, Yael. "What Affect Candidate Selection Processes? A Cross-National Examination", *Party Politics*, forthcoming.
- Shomer, Yael. 2009. "Candidate Selection Procedures, Seniority, and Vote-Seeking Behavior: Lessons from the Israeli Experience." *Comparative Political Studies*, 42(7), pp. 945-970.
- Rosas, Guillermo and Yael Shomer. 2008. "Models of Nonresponse in Legislative Politics." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33(4), pp. 573-601.
- Rosas, Guillermo and Yael Shomer. 2009. "Non-ingnorable Abstentions in Mexico's Instituto Federal Electoral. In "The Political Economy of Democracy, ed. Enriqueta Aragonès, Carmen Beviá, Humberto Llavador and Norman Schofield, pp. 245-261.

- Crisp, Brian F., Kathryn M. Jensen, and Yael Shomer. 2007. "Magnitude and Vote Seeking." *Electoral Studies* 26(4), pp. 727-734.

## Grants and Fellowships

- Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant, 100,000 €
- Research Grants for Young Scientists in the Social Sciences, Israel Foundation Trustees, 25,000\$
- "The Evolution of Parliamentarism and its Political Consequences", partner in the grant from the Research Council of Norway, 7.7 Million NOK (~1.3 Million \$)
- Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Washington University, 2009-2010.
- Washington University Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2009.
- Washington University Summer Research Grant, 2006-2008.
- Prof. David Rohde's Political Institutions and Public Choice Program, 2003-2005.

## Research in Progress

- "Electoral Systems and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Processes: Influences on Legislators' Behavior".
- "No News is News: Non-Ignorable Non-Response in Roll-Call Data Analysis", with Guillermo Rosas and Steve Haptonstahl.
- "Institutional reforms and their effect on legislators' behavior: the Israeli experience, 1992-2011".
- "Selection Processes Effect on Electoral Success".
- "Bringing Cameral Procedures Back In: the Influence of Electoral Systems, Intra-Party Selection Mechanisms and Intra-Cameral Procedures on Legislators Behavior".
- "Parliamentary Procedures and their effect on Legislators' and Parties' Behavior".
- "Knesset Member's voting behavior, 1992-2008", with Burt L, Monroe.
- "Voting Dimensionality in the Knesset".
- "Reasons and Timing of Electoral Reforms", with Brian F. Crisp.
- "Politics without Regression: a Bayesian Study of the Case of Israel", with Gyung-Ho Jeong, Itai Sened and Yanai Sened.

## Conference Presentations

### 2013

- "Selection Processes and Electoral Success", presented at the American Political Science Association", Chicago.
- "Selection Processes and Electoral Success", presented at the Israel Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jerusalem, Israel.

## 2012

- “Institutional Reforms and their Effect on Legislators’ Behavior: the Israeli Experience, 1992-2011”, presented at the Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Berlin, Germany.
- “Legislators’ Motivations, Institutional Arrangements, and Changes in Partisan Affiliation: A Cross-National Analysis of Party Switching”, Presented at the Interdisciplinary Center, Israel.
- “Institutional Reforms and their Effect on Legislators’ Behavior: the Israeli Experience, 1992-2011”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Reforming the Electoral System in Israel: Goals and Consequences”, presented at the Magna cum Laude Ceremony, the Social Sciences School, Tel-Aviv University.
- “Electoral Systems and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Processes: Influences on Legislators Behavior”, The Annual Workshop in Political Economy, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- “Institutional Reforms and their Effect on Legislators’ Behavior: the Israeli Experience, 1992-2011”, presented at the Parliaments in Changing Times Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- “Legislators’ Motivations, Institutional Arrangements, and Changes in Partisan Affiliation: A Cross-National Analysis of Party Switching”, presented at the Israel Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Haifa, Israel.

## 2011

- “Electoral Systems and Intra-Party Candidate Selections: Differences and Relationships”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Electoral Systems and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Processes: Influences on Legislators Behavior”, presented at The European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions of Workshops, St Gallen, Switzerland.
- “Legislators’ Motivations, Institutional Arrangements, and Changes in Partisan Affiliation: A Cross-National Analysis of Party Switching”, presented at the First Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association, Dublin, Ireland.
- “Institutional Influences on Legislators’ Behavior”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington.

## 2010

- “Parliamentary Politics and Legislative Outcomes: Two Decades of Israeli Politics 1988-2008”, with Gyung-Ho Jeong, Itai Sened, and Yanai Sened, presented at the Haifa Conference in Memory of Asher Arian.

## 2009

- “Electoral systems and intra-party candidate selection processes effects on legislators’ behavior”, presented at the conference on vote-maximizing strategies of political parties, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “The distinct and combined effects of electoral systems and candidate selection procedures on legislators’ behavior”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.

## 2008

- “Models of Nonresponse in Legislative Politics”, with Guillermo Rosas, presented at the Bayesian Methods in the Social Sciences Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.
- “Non-ignorable abstentions in roll-call data analysis”, with Guillermo Rosas, presented at the Society for Political Methodology 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer meeting, Ann-Arbor, Michigan.
- “Non-ignorable abstentions in roll-call data analysis”, with Guillermo Rosas, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

## 2007

- “Politics without Regression: a Bayesian Study of the Case of Israel”, with Gyung-Ho Jeong, Itai Sened and Yanai Sened, paper presented at the Measure of Legislators Policy Preferences and the Dimensionality of Policy Spaces Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “Non-ignorable abstentions in roll-call data analysis”, with Guillermo Rosas, paper presented at the Measure of Legislators Policy Preferences and the Dimensionality of Policy Spaces Conference, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “Electoral Efficiency and Electoral Reform,” with Brian F. Crisp, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.

## 2006

- “The Power Party Leaders Exercise over the Incumbents: Do Selection Processes Matter?” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## 2005

- “Intra-Party Selection Methods and their Impact on Parliament Members’ Behavior,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Major Electoral Reform and Party Position Taking,” with Salomon Elbin Orellana, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Mixed Electoral Institutions and Legislative Behavior: Rhetoric in the German Bundestag,” with Burt L. Monroe, Vera Troeger and Michael Crespín, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research, Budapest, Hungary.

## Additional Methodological Training

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Summer 2006.
- ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2005 (Teaching Assistant for Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Prof. Charles Franklin).
- ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2004 (Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Advanced Topics in Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Scaling and Dimensional Analysis).

## Teaching Experience

- Instructor for Research Methods, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for Politics and Governance in Israel, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for a seminar on Democratic Political Institutions, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for The Politics of Electoral Systems, and Intra-Party Candidate Selection Politics, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- Instructor for a seminar American Politics in Cinema and Television.
- Instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics, University College, Washington University in Saint Louis, Summer 2008.
- Teaching Assistant for Topics in Politics: Israeli Politics, Spring 2009.
- Teaching Assistant for Politics and the Theory of Games, Spring 2009.
- Teaching Assistant for Topics in American Politics: Politics of the Civil Rights Movement, Fall 2007.
- Teaching Assistant for Comparative Political Parties, Fall 2006.
- Teaching Assistant for Advanced Modern Hebrew, 2006.
- Teaching Assistant for Comparative Politics, Fall 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Maximum Likelihood Estimation, ICPSR, Summer 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis, Spring 2005.
- Teaching Assistant for Political Socialization and Public Opinion, Fall 2004.
- Teaching Assistant for War and Revolution, Spring 2004.
- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2003.

## Departmental and Discipline Service

- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Behavior* *American National Science Foundation*.
- Tel-Aviv University representative in the Governing Council of the Israel Political Science Association..
- A representative in Tel-Aviv University's Disciplinary Committee.
- Member at the Israeli National Election Studies Board.
- Graduate Studies Committee, Michigan State University, (2004-2005)

## Computer Skills

- R; Stata;  $\LaTeX$

## Languages

- Hebrew (native)
- English (almost native fluency)

## Personal Information

- Nationality: Israeli
- Date of Birth: Oct 9, 1976.

## References

### **Brian Crisp**

Associate Professor of Political Science  
Fellow at the Center in Political Economy  
Washington University

### **Itai Sened**

Professor of Political Science  
Director of the Center for New Institutional  
Social Science  
Washington University

### **Burt Monroe**

Associate Professor  
Director of the Quantitative Social Science  
Initiative  
Penn State University

### **Andrew Martin**

Professor of Political Science  
Professor of Law  
Washington University

### **Guillermo Rosas**

Assistant professor  
Fellow at the Center of Political Economy  
Washington University