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INFORMATION

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APPOINTMENTS

The University of Toronto

Assistant Professor and Andrea & Charles Bronfman Chair of Israel Studies July 2025–
- Department of Political Science
- Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies

Stanford University

Koret Postdoctoral Fellow, Polarization and Social Change Lab   2024-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Conflict and Polarization Initiative   2022-2024

Harvard University

Middle East Initiative Predoctoral Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School   2020-2022

EDUCATION

The University of Wisconsin–Madison

Ph.D., Political Science   2022
- **Dissertation:** Prejudice Reduction at Scale: How Institutional Inclusion Reduces Social Exclusion
  - ⋆ *Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics Award*, UW-Madison (2022)
- **Fields:** Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology (*minor*)

M.A., Political Science   2018

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

B.A., Political Science & Middle Eastern Studies   2016
- *Cum Laude*

BOOKS

Weiss, Chagai M. "Prejudice Reduction at Scale: How Institutional Inclusion Reduces Social Exclusion." Under advance contract with **Princeton University Press**, *Studies in Political Behavior Series*.

Brutger, Ryan, Joshua D. Kertzer, Jonathan Renshon, & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Abstraction in Experimental Design: Testing the Tradeoffs." **Cambridge University Press**, *Elements in Experimental Political Science Series*, (2022).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Weiss, Chagai M., Alexandra Scacco, Alexandra Siegel. "Outgroup Avoidance." Forthcoming at *the Journal of Politics*.

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem, Jonathan Renshon, Jessica Weeks, & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "The Generalizability of IR Experiments Beyond the U.S." Forthcoming at *the American Political Science Review*.

Jha, Saumitra, Moses Shayo, & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Financial Market Participation Increases Generalized Trust, Particularly Among the Politically Polarized." *Tthe Journal of Public Economics*, 242, (2025).

- *Stanford GSB Working Paper No 4083*.

Kao, Kristen, Ellen Lust, Marwa Shalaby & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Group Gender Composition and Perceptions of Legitimacy." *The American Political Science Review*, 118.1, (2024) .

Weiss, Chagai M., Eran Halperin, Shira Ran. "Educating for inclusion: Diversity education programs can reduce prejudice towards Outgroups in Israel." *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120.16 (2023).

⋆ *APSA Experimental Research Section's Best Paper Award* (2023)

Peyton, Kyle, **Chagai M. Weiss**, and Paige Vaughn. "Beliefs about Minority Representation in Policing and Preferences for Increasing Officer Diversity." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119.52 (2022).

⋆ *MPSA Lucius Barker Award* (2023)

Weiss, Chagai M., Alexandra Siegel, & David Romney "How Threats of Exclusion Mobilize Palestinian Political Participation." *The American Journal of Political Science*, 67.4 (2023).

Brutger, Ryan, Joshua D. Kertzer, Jonathan Renshon, Dustin Tingley, & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Abstraction and Detail in Experimental Design." *The American Journal of Political Science*, 67.4 (2023).

Getmansky, Anna & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "War Time Military Service Can Affect Partisan Preferences." *Comparative Political Studies*, 56.10 (2023).

Weiss, Chagai M., Neal Tsur, Dan Miodownik, Yonatan Lupu, and Evgeny Finkel. "Atypical Violence and Conflict Dynamics: Evidence from Jerusalem." *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12.2 (2024).

Getmansky, Anna & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Interstate Conflict Can Reduce Support for Incumbents: Evidence from the Israeli Electorate and the Yom Kippur War " *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 67.2 (2023).

Weiss, Chagai M.. "Diversity in Health Care Institutions Reduces Israeli Patients' Prejudice toward Arabs." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118.14 (2021).

⋆ *APSA Conflict Processes Best Paper Award* (2019)

⋆ *Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award Honorable Mention, UW-Madison* (2021)

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Party Competition and Cooperation Shape Affective Polarization: Evidence from Natural and Survey Experiments in Israel." *Comparative Political Studies* 55.2 (2020): 287-319.

> ⋆ *George & Sylvia Laikin Prize, UW-Madison* (2021)

> ⋆ *Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize, UW-Madison* (2021)

Gilad, Sharon, Saar Alon-Barkat & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "Political and Bureaucratic Translation of Social Movement Demands: The Case of Israel's 2011 Social Protest." *Governance* 32.2 (2019): 369–385.

Rock, Jonathan, **Chagai M. Weiss** & Dan Miodownik. "Geographies of Violence in Jerusalem: The Spatial Logic of Intergroup Conflict." *Political Geography* 66 (2018): 88–97.

WORKING PAPERS **Weiss, Chagai M.**, Donald Green, Robb Willer. "Can Politicians Bridge Partisan Divides? Evidence from a Field Experiment with the U.S. National Governors Associaton."

Weiss, Chagai M. "Compulsory Military Service Reduces Affective Polarization: Evidence from Conscription Reforms in Europe."

IN PROGRESS **Weiss, Chagai M.** "Rethinking Prejudice Reduction." In preperation for *the Annual Review of Political Science*.

Michele Hanlon, Saumitra Jha, Namrata Kala, and Nemit Shroff, & **Weiss, Chagai M.**, Donald Green, Robb Willer. "Seeing Green: The Effects of Financial Exposure on Climate Beliefs and Political Attitudes."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS **Weiss, Chagai M.**. "Group Identity, Ingroups, and Their Implications." *Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology*. Edward Elgar Press, Edited by Ethan C. Busby, Christopher F. Karpowitz, and Cara J. Wong, 2024.

Littman, Rebecca, Alexandra Scacco, & **Chagai M. Weiss**."Reducing Prejudice through Intergroup Contact Interventions." *Psychological Intergroup Interventions*. Routledge, 2024.

Marwa Shalaby, **Chagai Weiss**, Ellen Lust, Kristen Kao, and coauthors, "The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Processes, Outcomes, and Obstacles." *Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 31*.

Weiss, Chagai M.. "Sharing Spaces: Segregation, Integration, and Intergroup Relations." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, Spring 2020.

Bassan-Nygete, Lotem & **Chagai M. Weiss**. "It's Us or Them: Partisan Polarization in Israel and Beyond." *APSA MENA Newsletter*, Spring 2020.

Weiss, Chagai M.. "Segregation, Integration, and Intergroup Relations in Israel." *POMEPS Working Paper*, Fall 2020.

OUTREACH

Israel is voting – for the third time in a year. That's polarizing voters even more. *The Monkey Cage*, February 2020. (With Lotem Bassan-Nygate).
An HBO series looks at political violence in Jerusalem. Here's the reality behind the drama. *The Monkey Cage*, September 2019.
How might recent confrontations with Hamas influence Israeli elections? *The Monkey Cage*, December 2018.

INVITED TALKS

2025: **UC Berkeley**, *Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research*, **UCLA**, *Department of Political Science*, **BYU**, *Initiative for Peacemaking*, **UCLA**, *Nazarian Center for Israel Studies*.
2024: **Princeton**, *Center for the Study of Democratic Politics*, **Meta**, *Computational Social Science Seminar*, **Princeton**, *Program on Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in Politics*, **CEGA, ESOC and U.N Behavioral Insights**, *Rountable on Engineering Peace*, **National Institute for Civil Discourse** *Community Briefing on Effective Depolarization Interventions*.
2023: **Stanford**, *Identity Politics Seminar*, **UC Berkeley**, *IR Speaker Series*, **Stanford**, *Polarization and Social Change Lab*, **WashU**, *10th Comparative Politics Annual Conference*, **Stanford**, *CDDRL Speaker Series*, **Harvard**, *Weatherhead Research Cluster on Identity Politics*, **UPenn**, *Comparative Politics Workshop*.
2022: **UC Irvine**, *Department of Political Science, Survey Methodology Seminar*, **Harvard**, *Department of Psychology*.
2021: **Hebrew University** (Israel), *PCIR Lab*, **Harvard**, *Cushman-Greene Lab*.
2020: **Ben Gurion University** (Israel), *Department of Economics*, **WZB Berlin** (Germany), *Institutions and Political Inequality Speakers Series*.
2019: **George Washington University**, *Workshop on Israeli politics*.

CONFERENCES

2025: New Research on Inclusive Nationalism (Yale), Polarization Research Lab Annual Conference (Salt Lake City), MOPED (WZB Berlin).
2023: MPSA (Chicago), PolMeth (Stanford), APSA (Los Angeles).
2022: Overcoming Prejudice Conference (University of Pennsylvania), MPSA (Chicago), Berlin Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (WZB Berlin), PolMeth (St. Louis), APSA (Montreal), Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (Toronto).
2021: APSA (Seattle), PolMeth Europe (Virtual Poster), MPSA (Virtual), Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference (Virtual), Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior CAB Workshop (Virtual Poster, hosted at Northwestern University).
2020: The Dynamics of Decentralization in MENA (The University of Gutenberg), CSES Conference on Experimental Political Science (NYU), POMEPS Working Group (Virtual), APSA (Virtual).
2019: Eurasian Peace Science (Jerusalem), Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI, NYU Abu-Dhabi), Economic Science Association (ESA, NYU Abu-Dhabi), ISA (Toronto), MPSA (Chicago), Political Psychology APSA Pre-Conference (Washington D.C.), APSA (Washington D.C.), Peace Science (Manhattan, Kansas).
2018: ISA (San Francisco).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

The Middlebury Arabic School	2018
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods	2016

AWARDS & GRANTS	**Public Agenda Research Fund Award**	Spring 2024
	Democracy Communications Fund Research Award	Spring 2024
	Center for Jewish Studies Travel Grant, UW–Madison	Summer 2022
	National Science Foundation PolMeth Conference Travel Grant	Summer 2022
	Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Spring 2021
	Political Science Summer Writing Grant, UW–Madison	2021
	Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2021
	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant, National Compettition	2020
	Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2020
	Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2020
	POMEPS Travel Grant	2020
	IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award, UW–Madison	2019
	The Morris Abrams Award in International Relations, National Compettition	2019
	Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2019
	IR Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2019
	Graduate Student Travel Award, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2019
	Best Graduate Paper in the 8th Eurasian Peace Science Conference	2019
	Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Fall 2018
	Student Research Travel Grant, UW–Madison	2018
	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Yearly Fellowship (*Declined*)	2018
	The Morris Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, Hebrew University	2018
	The Harry S. Truman Institute Research Grant, Hebrew University	2018
	Israel Institute Research Grant	2018
	Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Spring 2018
	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship	2018
	IR Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2018
	Minerva Center for Human Rights Research Grant, Hebrew University	2017
	Isaac and Ida Lipton Study Abroad Fellowship, UW-Madison	2017
	Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW-Madison	Fall 2017

TEACHING	**Teaching Assistant:** Research Methods in Political Science Professor Jessica Weeks, University of Wisconsin–Madison	Fall 2018
	Grader: Israeli Politics and Society Professor Nadav Shelef, University of Wisconsin–Madison	Spring 2018

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press (Elements in Experimental Political Science), Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Conflict Resolution Quarterly, Economic Journal, Ethnopolitics, Electoral Studies, Frontiers in Psychology, Human Right Review, International Organizations, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Elections, National Science Foundation, Public Opinion and Parties, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Hospital Management and Health Policy, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Local Government Studies, Nature Human Behavior, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, Party Politics, PNAS, PNAS Nexus, Political Behavior, Political Geography, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political*

Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Public Administration, Public Opinion Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Science Advances, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Strengthening Democracy Field Test Grants, TESS, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, World Politics.

Award Committees: *APSA best paper award in experimental political science, 2023.*

Co-Founder and Coordinator: IGR – The Intergroup Relations Workshop   2020
Monthly working group to discuss research on intergroup relations
With Cara Wong, Rebecca Littman, and Alexandra Scacco
Co-Founder and Coordinator: Comparative Politics Graduate Working Group   2019
University of Wisconsin–Madison, With Anton Shirikov
Student Coordinator: CP and Experimental Politics Colloquia   2018-2019
University of Wisconsin – Madison

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	**Polarization Research Lab** Global Advisor	2023-
	aChord – Social Psychology for Social Change Research Consultant, Israel	2020
	Zulat – Equality and Human Rights Research Consultant, Israel	2020

SOFTWARE	R, STATA, ArcMap, QGIS, SQL
LANGUAGES	**Hebrew** (Native), **Modern Standard Arabic** (Advanced), **Levantine Arabic** (Intermediate)
LAST UPDATED:	May 8, 2025