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**1. Full-Time Academic Positions**

- 2025- **Universitätsprofessor of Social and Conflict Psychology**, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany
- 2022-2025 **Tenured Assistant Professor** at the department of political studies, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2018-2022 **Tenure-track Assistant Professor** at the department of political studies, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2017-2018 **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow** at the department of Social Psychology, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Fellow** at the Psychology of Intergroup Conflict & Reconciliation Lab (PICR), Reichman University, Israel

2. Education

- 2011-2015 **PhD** Psychology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
- 2007-2009 **MA** Social, Occupational & Organizational Psychology (*Magna Cum Laude*), Ariel University, Israel
- 2002-2005 **BA** Psychology & Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Israel

3. List of Publications (*=equal contribution by authors; †=mentee author)**3.1 Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications**

Kretchner, M. †, **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Hirsch-Hoefler, S., Orian Harel, T., & Halperin, E. (in press). The Disappointing (not Hateful) Divide: Uncovering the Emotional Basis of Affective Polarization. *Cognition and Emotion*. Preprint doi: <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/x5mqd>

Shaanan, T. [†], Hirsch-Hoefler, S., Canetti, D., & **Elad-Strenger, J.** (2026). From Democratic Backsliding to Political Violence: Evidence from Israel. *Democratization*, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2026.2615131>.

Elad-Strenger, J., Thiel, A. M. [†], & Kessler, T. (2025). Ideological (a)symmetry in research evaluations: The case of research on ideological versus racial group differences. *European Journal of Social Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.70050>

Čehajić-Clancy, S., Lindner, C. [†], Gelfort, P. [†], **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Kessler, T. (2025). Where you live matters more than who you know: Context-level contact as a stronger predictor of post-war reconciliation than individual-level contact. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 64(3), e12913.

Meirovitch Shoham, M. [†], Shahr, G., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Davidovitch, N., Greenberg, D., Grotto, I., Shalev, H., Tendler, A., & Aharonson-Daniel, L. (2025). Effect of a Major Political Crisis on Negative and Positive Affect: The Israeli Legislative Reform/Overhaul. *International Journal of Stress Management*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/str0000360>.

Elad-Strenger, J., Statman, D., & Kessler, T. (2025). Left-right ideological differences in moral judgments: The case of acceptance of collateral civilian killings in war. *European Journal of Social Psychology*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/ejsp.3154>

Halperin, E. ^{*}, Kretchner, M. ^{†*}, Hirsch-Hoefler, S., & **Elad-Strenger, J.**, (2024). The Affective Gap: A Call for a Comprehensive Examination of the Discrete Emotions Underlying Affective Polarization. *Cognition and Emotion*, 38(4), 442-450.

Elad-Strenger, J., & Kessler, T. (2024). The role of misrecognition in driving support for right-wing populism. *American Behavioral Scientist*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/000276422412403>

Elad-Strenger, J., Ben-Shitrit, L., & Hirsch-Hoefler, S. (2024). Mainstreaming Democratic Backsliding: The Role of Gender Stereotypes. *European Journal of Political Research*. Open access link: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12667>.

Elad-Strenger, J., Goldenberg, A., Saguy, T., & Halperin, E. (2024). How our ideological out-group shapes our emotional response to our shared socio-political reality. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 63(2), 723-744.

Aronson, O., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Kessler, T. & Feldman, Y. (2023). Does Personalization of Officeholders Undermine the Legitimacy of the Office? On Perceptions of Objectivity in Legal Decision-Making. *Regulation and Governance*, 17(3), 833-850.

Elad-Strenger, J., Reifen-Tagar, M., Kessler, T., Hasson, Y., Shulman, D., Brahms, K., & Halperin, E. (2022). Out of sight, out of mind: The emotional determinant of “harmful inaction” intergroup conflict. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 101, 104-304.

Elad-Strenger, J. & Kessler, T. (2022). Psychological and actual group formation: conflict is neither necessary nor sufficient. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 45, e105.

Ben-Shitrit*, L., **Elad-Strenger, J.***, & Hirsch-Hoefler*, S. (2022). “Pinkwashing” the Radical-Right: Gender and the mainstreaming of radical-right policies and actions. *European Journal of Political Research*, 61, 86-110.

Elad-Strenger, J., Hall, B. J., & Hobfoll, S. E., & Canetti, D. (2021). Explaining Public Support for Violence against Politicians during Conflict: Evidence from a Panel Study in Israel. *Journal of Peace Research*, 58, 417-432.

Elad-Strenger, J.*, Proch, J. *, & Kessler, T. (2020). Is disgust a conservative emotion? *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 46(6), 896-912.

Elad-Strenger, J., Halperin, E, & Saguy, T. (2019). Facilitating Hope among the Hopeless: The Role of Ideology and Moral Content in Shaping Reactions to Internal Criticism in the Context of Intractable Conflict. *Social Science Quarterly*, 100, 2425-2444.

Proch, J. *, **Elad-Strenger, J.***, & Kessler, T. (2018). Liberalism and conservatism, for a change!: Rethinking the association between political orientation and relation to societal change. *Political Psychology*, 40, 877-903.

Canetti, D. *, Hirschberger, G. *, Rapaport, R., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Ein-Dor, T., Rosenzweig, S., Pyszczynski, T., & Hobfoll, S. (2018). Collective Trauma from the Lab to the Real World:

The Effects of the Holocaust on Contemporary Israeli Political Cognitions. *Political Psychology*, 39, 3-21.

Ben-Shitrit, L. *, **Elad-Strenger, J. ***, & Hirsch-Hoefler, S. * (2017). Gender Differences in Support for Direct and Indirect Political Aggression in the Context of Protracted Conflict. *Journal of Peace Research*, 54, 733-747.

Elad-Strenger, J., & Shahar, G. (2017). Revisiting the Effects of Societal Threat Perceptions on Conflict-Related Political Positions: A Three-Wave Study. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 62, 1753-1783.

Canetti, D., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Lavi, I., Guy, D., & Bar-Tal, D. (2017). Exposure to violence, ethos of conflict, and support for compromise: Surveys in Israel, East Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 61(1), 84-113.

Elad-Strenger, J. (2016). Activism as a Heroic Quest for Symbolic Immortality: An Existential Perspective on Collective Action. *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*, 4, 44-65.

Doron, G., Szepeswol, O., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, Hargil, E., & Bogoslavsky, B. (2013). Entity Perceptions of Morality and Character are Associated with Obsessive Compulsive Phenomena. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 32, 733-752.

Elad-Strenger, J. (2013). Changing Minds: A Psychodynamic Interpretation of Kuhnian Paradigm Change. *Review of General Psychology*, 17, 40-52.

Elad-Strenger, J., Fajerman, Z., Schiller, M., Besser, A., & Shahar, G. (2013). Risk-Resilience Dynamics of Ideological Factors in Distress After the Evacuation from Gush Katif. *International Journal of Stress Management*, 20, 57-75.

Shahar, G., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, & Henrich, C. C. (2012). Risky resilience and resilient risk: The key role of intentionality in an emerging dialectic. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 31, 618-640.

Elad-Strenger, J., & Littman-Ovadia, H. (2012). The contribution of counselor-client working alliance to career exploration. *Journal of Career Assessment*, 20, 140-153.

3.2 Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters and Book Reviews

Shaanan, T. [†], Hirsch-Hoefler, S., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, & Canetti, D. (in press). An Identity-Based Model of Violence Against Political Leaders amid Armed Conflicts. In Idler, A. & Tkacova, K. (Eds.), *Handbook on Global Security and Change in Armed Conflict*. Oxford University Press.

Elad-Strenger, J. (2023). Collective Action and Heroic Self-Distinction. In Scott T. Allison, James K. Beggan, & George R. Goethals (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Heroism Studies*, Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-17125-3_389-1.

Elad-Strenger, J. & Mintz, A. (2015). Political Psychology. In Mazzoleni, G. (Ed.) *The International Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Wiley-Blackwell (p. 1-10).

Elad-Strenger, J. (2013). "Man is by nature a political animal: Evolution, Biology and Politics" By Hatemi, P. & McDermott, R. (Eds.). (Chicago: University of Chicago Press). *Political Psychology*, 24, 935-937.

3.3 non-refereed publications in peer-reviewed journals

Eagle, M. N., **Elad-Strenger, J.**, & Shahar, G. (2022). Carlo Strenger: Embracing internal contradictions. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 39(1), 1-4.

4. Research Grants

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| 2021-today | PI (with Dr. Sivan Hirsch Hoefler and Dr. Lihi Ben-Shitrit), <i>Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</i> research grant on "political extremism in Israel" (31,000 EUR) |
| 2021-2025 | PI (with Dr. Sivan Hirsch Hoefler), <i>Israeli Science Foundation</i> research grant on "the gender mainstreaming model of the radical right" " (2021-2025; No. 2623/21; 170,000 EUR). |
| 2022-2023 | PI (with Prof. Mansoor Moaddel), <i>US National Science Foundation</i> (NSF) grant on "religious fundamentalism in Israel" (7.2022-9.2023; no. 2213706, 168,000 EUR) |
| 2020-2022 | PI (with Dr. Sivan Hirsch Hoefler and Dr. Lihi Ben-Shitrit), <i>Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</i> research grant on "gender and democratic backsliding" (37,000 EUR) |

- 2019 PI, “cohesion and divisions in Israeli society” project of the Israeli Congress (Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University); supported by a Bar Ilan University grant (30,000 EUR)
- 2018-2020 Leading Author and research coordinator; *German Israeli Foundation* (GIF) research grant on "group-based contempt in intergroup conflict" (I-1435-105.4/2017, PIs: Prof. Eran Halperin, Prof. Thomas Kessler, Dr. Michal Reifen Tagar, 150,000 EUR)

5. Fellowships

- 2022 Invited senior fellow; *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation* residency program on “social cohesion”, Berlin, Germany.
- 2021-2022 Fellow; “Beit Yotzer Israeli” (think tank and policy-focused working group on “Israeli identity and statehood”), Israel.
- 2020-2021 Fellow; the Young Scholars Forum in the Humanities and Social Sciences on “prejudice, antisemitism and genocide”, *The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities* on “prejudice, antisemitism and genocide”, Israel.
- 2017-2018 Fellow; *Alexander von Humboldt* Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers in Germany.
- 2017 Fellow; *Fritz Thyssen Foundation* Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research in Germany (withdrawn by the recipient).

6. Awards and Honors

- 2022 *Bar Ilan University* prize for excellence in teaching (for teaching in 2018-2021)
- 2018 Early Career Committee Travel Award, *International Society of Political Psychology*
- 2014 Psychology department's award for academic excellence for PhD students, *Ben-Gurion University*
- 2012 Early Career Committee Travel Award, *International Society of Political Psychology*
- 2008 President's Award for Academic Excellence, *Ariel University*

7. Teaching Experience

7.1 Teaching Positions

- 2018 **Visiting Lecturer** at the 12th Summer School of the International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behaviour in a Fundamentally Uncertain World (IMPRS Uncertainty), Jena, Germany.
- 2015-2017 **Adjunct lecturer** at the department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- 2011-2017 **Adjunct lecturer** at the school of psychology and the school of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, Reichman University, Israel
- 2014 - 2015 **Adjunct lecturer** at Ben-Gurion University, Israel
- 2013 - 2014 **Adjunct lecturer** at Beit Berl College, Israel
- 2011 - 2012 **Adjunct lecturer** at Sapir College, Israel

7.2 Current/Past Courses (selected)

- *Institute of Psychology, Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany:*
Basic Module in social psychology (BA); Basic Module in conflict psychology (BA);
Basic module for scientific specialization - social and conflict psychology (MA; focus on stress, conflict, and health)
- *Political studies department, Bar-Ilan University:*
Statistics and quantitative research methods (BA & MA), Psychology of decision making in politics (MA), Social and Political Psychology (BA), Psychological aspects of conflicts and their resolution (BA seminar), Empirical Seminar on the psychology of political ideology (BA seminar)
- *International Max Planck Research School:*
The political psychology of intergroup conflict (PhD candidates)
- *Tel Aviv University, Department of Political Science:*
The psychology of political communication (MA), The psychology of political communication - international program (MA)
- *Reichman University School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy:*
Political Psychology (BA & MA), Psychological aspects of conflicts and their resolution (BA)
- *Reichman University School of Psychology:*
Empirical Pro-Seminar on intergroup conflict (BA seminar), Introduction to statistics and research methods (BA)
- *Ben-Gurion University, Department of Psychology:*
Psychological aspects of conflicts and their resolution (BA seminar)

8. Other Academic Activities

8.1 University administration positions and committee memberships

- 2026- Member of Institutional Ethics Committee, University der Bundeswehr
 München
- 2024-2025 Academic advisor for MA students at the department of political studies, Bar
 Ilan University
- 2023-2025 Coordinator for student reservists, department of Political Studies, Bar Ilan
 University
- 2021-2025 Member of the departmental teaching and curriculum committee, department
 of Political Studies, Bar Ilan University
- 2019-2025 Chair of the departmental ethical committee, department of Political Studies,
 Bar Ilan University
- 2022 Member of the Bar Ilan University “teaching excellence” committee for the
 2023 Prizes, Bar Ilan University
- 2019 Member of the institutional ethical committee, Bar Ilan University
- 2019-2021 Organizer of departmental seminar
- 2019-2020 Member of the departmental student fellowships committee, department of
 Political Studies, Bar Ilan University

8.2 Conference Organizing

- Co-Organizer (with Prof. Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler and Prof. Lihi Ben-Shitrit), Online
 international conference (webinar) on *Gender and Anti-Democratic Politics*, funded
 by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2022
- Organizer, scientific conference on *Freedom, individuality and their limitations*, School of
 psychological sciences, Tel Aviv University, Israel, 2021
- Organizer and chair, international workshop *Prejudice and Discrimination in society and
 politics: Integrating political and psychological perspectives*, Department of
 political studies, Bar Ilan university, 2019
- Co-Organizer (with Prof. Alex Mintz) of the *International Society of Political
 Psychology* (ISPP) Annual Scientific Conference, 2012
- Co-Organizer (with Prof. Alex Mintz) of the *Harvard-Reichman University Symposium in
 Political Psychology and Decision Making*, Reichman University, 2011

8.3 Editorial activities and scientific committees

- 2021-today Associate Editor, "The Israelis" academic book series, *Open University Press
 & Ben- Gurion University Press*
- 2024 Scientific co-chair, interdisciplinary research group on polarization in Israeli

- society, *Menomadin Center for Jewish & Democratic Law, Bar Ilan University*
- 2023 Member of scientific committee, *annual conference of the Israeli Political Science Association, 2024*
- 2012 Editorial Assistant, *Political Psychology (Wiley)*

8.4 Ad Hoc Reviewer (selected)

Scientific journals (selected): *Nature Human Behavior, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, European Journal of Social Psychology, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Conflict Management and Peace Science, British Journal of Social Psychology, International Journal of Public Opinion Research*

Funding agencies/foundations (selected): *Israeli Science Foundation (ISF), Einstein Foundation and Berlin University Alliance (Einstein Research Unit, ERU), Swiss National Science Foundation, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)*

8.5 Membership in Scientific Societies

- 2026-today Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs; German Society for Psychology)
- 2017-today European Association of Social Psychology
- 2011-today International Society of Political Psychology
- 2021-2025 Israeli Political Science Association

8.6 Other Scientific Functions

- 2023-today Scientific council member, the 'Thin Constitution for Israel' initiative, *the Jewish People Policy Institute*
- 2021-today Lead researcher, project on “building cohesion and divisions in Israeli society”, *The Israeli Congress, Bar Ilan University*
- 2016-2017 Senior researcher, *Applied Center for Psychology of Social Change (aChord), Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel*

9. Selected Invited/Conference Presentations

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- 2025 Invited speaker, Humboldt Dialogue on Democratic Resilience in Times of Political Turbulence, *American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*.
- 2025 19th conference of the *Social Psychology section (FGSP) of the German Psychological Society (DGPs)*, University of Bochum, Germany
- 2025 *International Society of Political Psychology* annual meeting, Prague.
- 2025 Conference on polarization in Israeli society, *Menomadin Foundation & Office of the President of Israel*, Bar Ilan University (Invited keynote)
- 2025 EASP Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Norms, Cohesion, and (De)Polarization, Utrecht University
- 2024 Invited chair and discussant, annual conference for doctoral students, the *Israeli Political Science Association*, Reichman University
- 2024 Panel on Consolidation and Rifts in Current Israeli Society (invited talk), *Helen Diller Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies, Berkeley University*
- 2023 19th general meeting of the *European Association of Social Psychology*, Krakow, Poland
- 2022 26th International workshop on “aggression”, *Center for Research on Right-Wing Extremism, Democracy Education and Social Integration (KomRex)*, Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany
- 2022 International workshop on “theorizing national solidarity” (invited talk), *Bar Ilan Center for Cultural Sociology* and the Azrieli Center for Israel Studies (MALI) in *The Ben-Gurion Research Institute at Ben Gurion University*, Israel
- 2022 Conference on “Thinking Social Cohesion Locally: Community Responses to Right-Wing Extremism” of the German National Academy of Sciences (invited talk), *Leopoldina Centre for Science Studies, Halle, Germany*.
- 2022 Annual meeting of the *Israel Political Science Association*
- 2022 Workshop of the *Israeli Democracy Institute & the Israeli Science Foundation* (invited talk)
- 2021 General conference of the *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)*
- 2021 Scientific Online Meeting of the *German Political Psychology Network*
- 2019 *Workshop on the development of Political Thought*, University of Padova
- 2019 *International Society of Political Psychology* annual meeting, Lisbon.
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- 2018 *EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) meeting on “Polarization, Populism, Political Alienation: Causes and Consequences of Social Diversity and Inequality?”*, Landau, Germany.
- 2018 *EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) meeting on “Boundaries, Norms, and Conflicts: Understanding Intergroup Relations and Rising Intolerance Across Europe and Beyond”*, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- 2018 *EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) and ISPP (International Society of Political Psychology) meeting on Intergroup Processes and Conflicts*, San Sebastian, Spain
- 2017 *International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting*, Edinburgh.
- 2017 *EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) medium sized meeting on Intergroup Processes*, Oppurg, Germany
- 2017 *Conflict & Development Program*, Sciences Po Lille, France (Invited talk)
- 2016 *International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting*, Warsaw.
- 2016 *EASP (European Association of Social Psychology) medium sized meeting on the “Psychology of Political Ideology”*, Oppurg, Germany
- 2015 *Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC)*, Harris Manchester College, Oxford University (Invited talk)
- 2015 *Society of Experimental Social Psychology annual meeting*, Denver, Colorado.
- 2015 *Conference on Identity, Emotion and Intergroup Conflict: Reichman University & University of Groningen*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2014 *International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting*, Rome, Italy.
- 2014 *International conference on gender, peace and conflict*, Hebrew University.
- 2013 *International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting*, Reichman University Herzliya.
- 2012 *United Nations Alliance of Civilizations & University of Coimbra*, Portugal (Invited talk).
- 2012 *International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting*, Chicago, USA.
- 2011 *Harvard-Reichman University Symposium in Political Psychology and Decision Making*, Reichman University Herzliya, Israel.
- 2011 *Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2011 *American Psychological Association annual conference*, Washington DC, USA.
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