

CURRICULUM VITAE – DR. KAREN UMANSKY

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION AND INTEREST

Radical populism, spatial models of party competition and entry, opinion formation, political mobilisation strategies, text mining and NLP.

EDUCATION

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| 2021 | PhD – <i>Department of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University (Israel)</i>
Dissertation: “The Rise of New Radical Parties in Contemporary European Politics: Assessing How the New Radical Parties’ Mobilization Strategy Affects the Political Space”
Committee: Prof. Itai Sened ¹ (chair), Prof. Alberto Spektorowski ² and Prof. William Bianco ³ |
| 2014 | MA – <i>Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University (Israel)</i>
Thesis: “The Quest for a “Legitimate” Enemy: Electoral Behaviour of Populist Parties in Europe – Evidence from Austria, the Netherlands and the UK”
Advisor: Prof. Alberto Spektorowski |
| 2008 | BA – <i>Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University (Israel)</i>
Minored in International Relations |
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2019 - 2020 | The Dan David Prize Scholarship in the field “Defending Democracy” |
| 2016 - 2020 | The Boris Mints Institute Fellowship |
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PUBLICATIONS

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| Published | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Giannetti, Daniela, Karen Umansky, and Itai Sened. 2022. “The Entry of the M5S and the Reshaping of the Policy Space of Party Competition in Italy (2008-2018).” <i>Government and Opposition</i>, 1-18. http://doi.org/10.1017/gov.2022.38. |
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¹ Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Professor of Public Policy at Tel Aviv University, Israel.

² Professor of Political Science at Tel Aviv University, Israel.

³ Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, USA.

- **Umansky**, Karen, Alberto Spektorowski, and Joel Busher. 2020. "Can Europe Recover from Its Latest Wave of Us-versus-Them Politics?" In *European Studies: Past, Present, and Future*, ed. Erik Jones. London: Agenda Publishers, Chapter 23.
- **Umansky**, Karen, and Judith Kohlenberger. 2020. "Hunt or Be Hunted? The "Legitimate" Enemy Strategy of Radical Right Populist and Mainstream Parties - A Case Study of the 2017 Austrian General Election." In *The New European National Populism: Lessons for School Education*, eds. Manfred Oberlechner, Reinhard Heinisch, and Patrick Duval, 84-99.
- **Umansky**, Karen, Wolfgang Lutz, and Daniela Weber. 2019. "The Impact of Education and Age on Attitudes toward Immigration in Europe." IIASA Working Paper. Laxenburg, Austria: WP-19-008.
- **Umansky**, Karen and Alberto Spektorowski. 2017. "From Notorious Anti-Europeans to Radical-Right Populists: Disillusionment with Democracy and What This Could Mean for European Solidarity." In *Solidarity in the European Union: Challenges and Perspectives*, ed. Angelos Giannakopoulos. Tel Aviv: S. Daniel Abraham Centre for International and Regional Studies of Tel Aviv University, 40-60.

Work in Progress

- **Umansky**, Karen; Sened, Itai; Kohler, Ulrich: "The End of the Populist Spectre? Explaining the Decline in Voter's Support for Populist Parties in the 2021 German Election."
- **Umansky**, Karen; Kohler, Ulrich: "What to Do and Not to Do with Wordfish: Assessing the Replicability and Reliability of the Method."

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

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| 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The End of the Populist Spectre? Explaining the Decline in Voter's Support for Populist Parties in the 2021 German Election," <i>MPSA⁴ Annual Meeting (virtual)</i> |
| 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "While German Shepherds Were Sleeping: How Mainstream Parties Facilitated the Rise of the AfD in the 2017 German Election," <i>MPSA Annual Meeting (virtual)</i> |

⁴ MPSA – Midwest Political Science Association.

- “The Emergence of M5S and the Reshaping of the Italian Policy Space, 2008-2018,” *CES*⁵ (virtual)
- 2020
- “From Immigration to (Nature) Preservation: The Effect of the Shift in the FPÖ’s Position on the 2019 Austrian Parliamentary Election,” *MPSA Annual Meeting* (virtual)
- 2019
- “Why Trump Won in 2016 and What It Means for the Two-Party System,” *MPSA Annual Meeting* (Chicago, USA)
 - “How Trump Campaign Targeted a “Legitimate” Enemy to Win the Presidency,” *APSA*⁶ (Washington, DC, USA)
 - “New Radical Right Parties in European Politics: The Impact of NRPs’ Mobilization Strategy on the Sphere of Politics,” *BMI*⁷ Annual Meeting (Rome, Italy)
- 2018
- “Hunt or Be Hunted? The “Legitimate” Enemy Strategy of Radical Right Populist and Mainstream Parties - A Case Study of the 2017 Austrian General Election,” *MPSA Annual Meeting* (Chicago, USA)
 - “Is the “Devil” as Black as He is Painted? The Impact of the Political Discourse, Education and Age on Attitudes toward Immigration in Europe,” *CES* (Chicago, USA)
 - “Racial Diversity and the Changing Party Identifications of the American Voter,” *APSA* (Boston, USA)
- 2017
- “Should I Stay, or Should I Go? Analysis of British Party Politics that Led to Brexit,” *MPSA Annual Meeting* (Chicago, USA)
- 2015
- “Dimensions of the Political Space: Radical Right Parties’ Success and Impact on Public Policies,” *CES* (Paris, France)

WORK EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

- 2022
- Lecturer** in “Treating Words in Political Texts as Data: A Brief Introduction to Text-Mining in R” (MA)
University of Potsdam (Germany)

⁵ CES – Council for European Studies.

⁶ APSA – American Political Science Association.

⁷ BMI – The Boris Mints Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions to Global Challenges.

- 2020 - 2021 **Postdoctoral research fellow** – *Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam (Germany)*
 Research: “Applying Natural Language Processing Techniques to Map Party Positions in a Multidimensional Political Space”
 Advisor: Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kohler
- 2016 - 2019 **TA in “Introduction to Public Policy” (MA)**
Prof. Itai Sened, Department of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University (Israel)
- 2014 - 2019 **TA in “Leadership Seminar” (MA)**
Mr. Ophir Pines, Department of Public Policy, Tel Aviv University (Israel)
 Coordinated the development of assignments, yearly syllabus revision, and grading with the course lecturer and advised students on the research design of the seminar paper.
- 2012 - 2013 **Research Assistant to Prof. Uriel Abulof** (*a joint project of Princeton and Tel Aviv Universities*)
 The main aim of this project was to build a linguistic corpus of approximately 500,000,000 words, combining articles referring to the Middle East, attained from the Lexis-Nexis database, and analyse the change of trends over the period of 35 years according to word frequencies, collocates and other discourse analysis techniques.
- 2010 - 2012 **TA in “Research Methods” (BA)**
Dr. Yael Shomer, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University (Israel)

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- 2017 **Young Scholars Summer Program** at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (*Laxenburg, Austria*)
 This micro-level, panel, cross-sectional research examined the change in general, cultural, and economic aspects of attitudes toward immigration in 16 European countries between 2002 and 2014. It attempted to understand this change by assessing the effects of education, age and cohort while controlling for shifts in immigration rates.
 Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Lutz

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2013 - 2019 **Project Manager** – *Prime Minister’s Office (Israel)*
 In charge of digital communications of several ministries, including the Prime Minister’s Office.

2010	Advisor to Spokesman – Turkel Committee (Israel) Responsible for overseeing the committee's public relations, media reports and daily activities, as well as advising and managing the website development process.
2009 - 2010	Public Relations Advisor to Minister – Ministry of the Minority Affairs (Israel) In charge of the Minister's public relations and development and management of the Ministry's online presence.
2008	Advisor to City Council Candidate and Personal Campaign Manager – Municipal Elections (Israel) Member of the municipal election strategy planning team and in charge of public relations.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2018 – to date	American Political Science Association (APSA), member.
2018 – 2021	Council for European Studies (CES), co-chair of the Radicalism and Violence Research Network.
2017 – to date	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), member.

SKILLS

Languages	English (fluent), Hebrew (fluent), German (B1), Italian (basic)
Computer Skills	R, Stata, SPSS, MS Office, Sharepoint

ATTACHMENTS

- Declaration
- ID Scan
- MA Certificate
- PhD Certificate
- Postdoc Acceptance Letter
- Text-as-Data Course Information

Date: 17.4.2022

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