

Alon Zoizner – CURRICULUM VITAE

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Appointments

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| 2020-2021 | Postdoctoral fellow, Hujilab of Computational Text Analysis, Department of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Host: Professor Shaul R. Shenhav. |
| 2020 | Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Antwerp. Host: Professor Stefaan Walgrave. |

Education

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| 2015–2020 | Ph.D. , Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
Dissertation title: Affective Polarization, Political Identity, and Citizens' Information Environment. Supervisor: Professor Tamir Sheafer. |
| 2013–2015 | M.A. (Summa Cum Laude) , Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. |
| 2010–2013 | B.A. (Summa Cum Laude) , Political Science and Communication, Tel Aviv University. |

Research Interests

Political communication, public opinion, political behavior, comparative politics, computational social sciences, social psychology, political psychology, public diplomacy.

Publications

Index: Principal Investigator PI; Student S; Co-researcher C

Refereed Journal Articles:

1. **Zoizner, A.**^{PI} (2021). The consequences of strategic news coverage for democracy: A meta-analysis. *Communication Research*, 48(1), 3-25. (JCR 2017 5-year impact factor 4.024, 5/84 in Communication).
2. Shenhav, S.R.^{PI}, Sheafer, T.^{PI}, **Zoizner, A.**^{PI}, van Hoof, A.^C, Kleinnijenhuis, J.^C, Kaplan, Y.R.^S, & Hopmann, D.N.^C (2020). Story incentive: The effect of national stories on voting turnout. *European Political Science Review* (JCR 2019 5-year impact factor 2.676, 47/180 in Political Science).
3. **Zoizner, A.**^{PI}, Shenhav, S.R.^{PI}, Fogel-Dror, Y.^{PI}, & Sheafer, T.^{PI} (2020). Strategy news is good news: How journalistic coverage of politics reduces affective polarization. *Political Communication*. (JCR 2019 5-year impact factor 5.068, 7/180 in Political Science).
4. Amsalem, E.^{PI}, & **Zoizner, A.**^{PI} (2020). Real, but limited: A meta-analytic assessment of framing effects in the political domain. *British Journal of Political Science*. (JCR 2018 5-year impact factor 4.721, 10/176 in Political Science).

5. Amsalem, E.^{PI}, **Zoizner, A.**^{PI}, Sheafer, T.^{PI}, Walgrave, S.^{PI}, & Loewen, P.J.^{PI} (2020). The effects of politicians' personality on their media visibility. *Communication Research*, 47(7), 1079-1102. (JCR 2017 5-year impact factor 4.024, 5/84 in Communication).
6. **Zoizner, A.**^{PI}, Sheafer, T.^{PI}, & Walgrave, S.^{PI} (2017). How politicians' attitudes and goals moderate political agenda-setting by the media. *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 22(4), 431-449. (JCR 2016 5-year impact factor 2.87, 20/165 in Political Science).

Chapters in Books:

1. **Zoizner, A.**, Tsurriel, K., Markus, D., Porzycki, V., Mor, G., Green, A., Levi, E., Tsfati, Y., Waismel-Manor, I., Sheafer, T., & Shenhav, S.R. (Forthcoming). Three in a (right-wing) boat: media, politicians, and the public in the age of digital media. In G. Rahat & M. Shamir (Eds.), *The Elections in Israel 2019-2020*.
2. **Zoizner, A.**, Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. (2017). When politicians react to the media: How the attitudes and goals of political elites moderate the effect of the media on the political agenda. In P. Van Aelst & S. Walgrave (Eds.), *How political actors use the media: A functional analysis of the media's role in politics* (pp. 147-163). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
3. Walgrave, S., Sevenans, J., **Zoizner, A.**, & Ayling M. (2017). The media independency of political elites. In P. Van Aelst & S. Walgrave (Eds.), *How political actors use the media: A functional analysis of the media's role in politics* (pp. 127-145). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.

Working Papers

1. **Zoizner, A.**, Castro-Herrero, L., & Sheafer, T. "The effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on selective exposure: Evidence from 17 countries."
2. Amsalem, E., & **Zoizner, A.** "The (de)polarizing effects of extreme political rhetoric"
3. **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., & Sheafer, T. "Fighting for our story: The relationship between national stories and affective polarization in America."
4. **Zoizner, A.**, & Amsalem, E. "Ideologically motivated reactions to broken campaign promises."
5. Shenhav, S.R., Mor, G., **Zoizner, A.**, Markus, D. & Sheafer, T. "News sharing on Facebook as a partisan competition over narrative chambers."
6. Markus, D.K., Mor, G., Porzycki, V., **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S., Levi, E., Green, A., & Sheafer, T. "Classifying political identities in media discourse with document embeddings."

Conference Papers and Presentations

- Amsalem, E., & **Zoizner, A.** *The (de)polarizing effects of extreme political rhetoric*. Paper to presented at the **78th Annual MPSA Political Science Conference**. Virtual conference (April 2021).
- Amsalem, E., & **Zoizner, A.** *The (de)polarizing effects of extreme political rhetoric*. Paper to presented at the **71st International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference**. Virtual Conference (May 2021).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. *Strategy news is good news: How journalistic coverage of politics reduces affective polarization*. Paper presented at the **14th ECPR General Conference**

(August, 2020).

- Markus, D.K., Mor, G., Porzycki, V., **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S., Levi, E., Green, A., & Sheafer, T. *Classifying Political Identities in Media Discourse with Document Embeddings*. Paper presented at the **3rd Annual COMPTExT Conference** (May, 2020).
- Zoizner, A., Shenhav, S., Markus, D., Mor, G., Porzycki, V., Levi, E., Green, A., and Sheafer, T. (2020). *Identifying Political Identities in Media Discourse*. Paper for the **24th Israel Communication Association Annual Conference**. Israel (Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. *Strategy news is good news: How journalistic coverage of politics reduces affective polarization*. Paper presented at the **15th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin**. Jerusalem, Israel (December 2019).
- Amsalem, E., & **Zoizner, A.** *Framing effects on voters' attitudes, emotions, and behavior: A meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the **115th American Political Science Association (APSA) conference**. Washington, D.C., USA (August 2019).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. *The effects of strategy coverage on affective polarization*. Paper presented at the **1st Haifa Social Sciences Conference: Social Scientists of the Future**. Haifa, Israel (June 2019).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., & Sheafer, T. *There are two sides to the story: How national stories influence affective polarization in America*. Paper presented at the **69th International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference**. Washington, D.C., USA (May 2019).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Shenhav, S.R., & Sheafer, T. *There are two sides to the story: How national stories influence affective polarization in America*. Paper presented at the **14th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin**. Jerusalem, Israel (December 2018).
- **Zoizner, A.** *Strategic news coverage and its effects on political cynicism: A meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the **68th International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference**. Prague, Czech Republic (May 2018).
- **Zoizner, A.** *Strategic news coverage and its effects on political cynicism: A meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the **13th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin**. Jerusalem, Israel (December 2017).
- Amsalem, E., **Zoizner, A.**, Sheafer, T., Walgrave, S., & Loewen, P.J. *The effects of politicians' personality traits on their media visibility*. Paper presented at the **67th International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference**. San Diego, USA (May 2017).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Sheafer, T., & Walgrave, S. *Inside their minds: How politicians' attitudes and goals moderate political agenda-setting*. Paper presented at the **Annual Conference of the Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA)**. Tel Aviv, Israel (May 2017).
- Amsalem, E., **Zoizner, A.**, Sheafer, T., Walgrave, S. *The effects of politicians' personality traits on their media use*. Paper presented at **ECPR Joint Sessions – Workshop titled "The Politics of Information: How Political Elites Select and Process Information"**. Nottingham, UK (April 2017).
- Amsalem, E., **Zoizner, A.**, Sheafer, T., Walgrave, S., & Loewen, P.J. *The effects of politicians' personality*

traits on their media visibility. Paper presented at the **12th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin**. Jerusalem, Israel (December 2016).

- **Zoizner, A.**, Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. *Heads of Parliament: How Perceptions of Politicians Moderate Political Agenda Setting*. Paper presented at the **66th International Communication Association (ICA) Annual Conference**. Fukuoka, Japan (June 2016).
- **Zoizner, A.**, Fogel-Dror, Y., & Sheafer, T. *Heads of Parliament: How Perceptions of Politicians Moderate Political Agenda Setting*. Paper presented at the **20th Israel Communication Association Annual Conference**. Israel (April 2016)
- **Zoizner, A.** *Understanding the contingency of political agenda setting through politicians' mind*. Paper presented at the **11th Annual Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy In Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin**. Jerusalem, Israel (December 2015).
- **Zoizner, A.** *The influence of micro-level variables on political agenda setting*. Paper presented at the **Annual Conference of the Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA)**. Ashkelon, Israel (May 2015).

Awards and Fellowships

2020–2021	Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Pratt Malka & Simha Fund for the Advancement of Excellence, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2013–2018	Advanced Graduate Studies Program (" <i>Telem</i> ") Scholarship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
2017	Annenberg Fellowship for doctoral students, The Program for American Studies at the Hebrew University.
2016	The Israeli Political Science Association (ISPSA) award for best MA thesis.
2016	Peter Lougheed Fellowship in Canadian Studies for 2016, The Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies.
2016	The Nancy & Lawrence E. Glick Prize in Israeli democracy for best MA thesis.
2015	The Hebrew University's Rector's honor list award (MA).
2015	The Social Sciences Dean's honor list award, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (MA).
2011–2013	The Social Sciences Dean's honor list award for years: 2011, 2012, 2013. Tel Aviv University (BA).
2011	Tel Aviv University's Rector's honor list award (BA).

Grants

2020	Independent postdoctoral research grant, Faculty of Social Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (\$1,500)
2018-2019	International Communication Association (ICA) political communication division travel grant.
2018	International Communication Association (ICA) travel grant.
2018	The Hebrew University's Social Sciences Faculty travel grant.

- 2016 International Communication Association (ICA) political communication division travel grant.
- 2016 The Hebrew University's Social Sciences Faculty travel grant.

Academic Experience

Research Experience:

- 2018–present **The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** *Prof. Tamir Sheafer and Prof. Shaul Shenbav.* Research associate in a research project of political representation in Israel, combining computational content analysis in Hebrew.
- 2016–present **The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** *Prof. Shaul Shenbav and Prof. Tamir Sheafer.* Researcher in a research project of the political effects of national story proximity.
- 2015–present **The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** *Prof. Tamir Sheafer and Prof. Shaul Shenbav.* Researcher in the Big Data Lab for researching political discourse across countries.
- 2017–2018 **The Department of Communication, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** *Prof. Zohar Kampf.* Research assistant in a research project of the conditions for achieving (re-)conciliatory consequences of discursive actions.
- 2013–2017 **The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:** *Prof. Tamir Sheafer.* Researcher in an ERC funded project (INFOPOL): Information-processing by individual political actors from Belgium, Canada, and Israel.

Teaching Assistance:

The Department of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

- 2014–2016 Methodology of Research in Political Behavior (Graduate)
- 2014–2016 Advanced Issues in Political Communication (Graduate)
- 2013–2014 Scientific Reading and Writing (Undergraduate)
- 2013–2014 History of Classic Political Thought (Undergraduate)

Other Activities:

- 2017–2020 Referee for *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Communication*; *Communication Research*; *Information, Communication and Society*; *Human Communication Research*; *International Journal of Press/Politics*.
- 2017–2018 Knowledge center coordinator at B.I. and Lucille Cohen Institute for Public Opinion Research, Tel Aviv University.
- 2016–2017, 2020 Conference reviewer for the International Communication Association (ICA) political communication division.

Additional Academic Training

- 2020 Simplifying matching methods for causal inference (Prof. Gary King, Harvard University).
- 2019 Automated content analysis with R (Dr. Mario Haim, University of Stavanger).

2019	Causal inference (Dr. Yaniv Reingewertz, University of Haifa).
2019	Introduction to factor analysis (Dr. Marina Goroshit, Tel-Hai College).
2018	Hierarchical linear models in R (Prof. Avraham Kluger, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
2017	Meta-analysis in R (Prof. Avraham Kluger, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
2017	Causal inference: Estimation strategies (Prof. Guy Grossman, University of Pennsylvania).
2016	Multilevel modeling in the social sciences (Mr. Amit Gal, Tel Aviv University).
2016	How political actors use the media (Prof. Peter Van Aelst and Prof. Stefaan Walgrave, University of Antwerp).
2016	Longitudinal multi-level modeling (LMLM) using R (Prof. Jonathan Huppert, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem).
2015	Mediation analysis in R workshop (Mr. Amit Gal, Tel Aviv University).

Media Appearances

- "Elections science: Why do the media cover the elections as a horse race?", covered in *Kan – Israeli Public Broadcasting Corporation* (2019). Video available [online](#).
- "How do we perceive the journalistic coverage?", covered in *103fm* (2018). Broadcast available [online](#).
- "We don't know anything substantive about the candidate. We only know how he will gain public support", covered in *The 7th Eye* (2018). Available [online](#).