

Lotem Bassan-Nygate

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INTERESTS	Domestic Politics of International Relations, Political Psychology, Experimental Research Methods, Human Rights, Naming and Shaming, Israel.	
APPOINTMENTS	Harvard University Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School Predoctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative	2024– 2022-2023
	Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center	2023-2024
EDUCATION	University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D, Political Science <i>Dissertation: “Who is Watching? The Consequences of Foreign Criticism”</i>	August 2023
	★ <i>Merze Tate Award (formerly Helen Dwight Reid Award) for the best dissertation in international relations, law, and politics, American Political Science Association, 2024.</i>	
	★ <i>Best Dissertation Award by the Experimental Research Section, American Political Science Association 2024</i>	
	★ <i>Lynne Reiner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation in Human Rights , International Studies Association 2025</i>	
	★ <i>Best Dissertation in International Relations Award, UW Madison, 2023.</i>	
	M.A. Political Science	2020
	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel M.A. Davis Graduate School of International Relations B.A. International Relations and Communications (cum laude)	2018 2016
PUBLICATIONS	9. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem (Forthcoming). “Champions and Pariahs: Image Effects of Naming and Shaming”, <i>Journal of Politics</i> .	
	8. Lo, Adeline, Jonathan Renshon, and Lotem Bassan-Nygate (2026). “Praise from Peers Promotes Empathetic Behavior”, <i>Nature Human Behavior</i> . ★ <i>Polmeth Best Faculty Poster Award, 2021.</i>	
	7. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem (2025). “How Does Shaming Human Rights Violators Abroad Shape Attitudes at Home?” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> .	
	6. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem , Jonathan Renshon, Jessica Weeks, and Chagai M. Weiss (2024). “The Generalizability of IR Experiments beyond the U.S.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> .	
	5. Buzas, Zoltan and Lotem Bassan-Nygate (2024). “Race, Shaming, and International Human Rights”. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> .	

4. Lo, Adeline, Jonathan Renshon, and **Lotem Bassan-Nygate** (2023). “A Practical Guide to Dealing with Attrition in Experiments”, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
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3. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** and Gadi Heimann (2022). “Dealing with Guilt and Shame in International Politics”. *International Relations*.
2. Haftel, Yoram Z., Soo Yeon Kim, and **Lotem Bassan-Nygate** (2021). “High-Income Developing Countries, FDI Outflows and the International Investment Agreement Regime”, *World Trade Review*.
1. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** & Chagai M, Weiss (2021). “Party Competition and Cooperation Shape Affective Polarization: Evidence from Natural and Survey Experiments in Israel”. *Comparative Political Studies*.
 - ★ *George and Sylvia Laikin Prize, UW-Madison, 2021.*
 - ★ *Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize, UW-Madison, 2021.*

BOOK PROJECT

The Logic of Shaming: Multiple Audiences and the Consequences of International Criticism

- Under review, book workshop held in May 2025.

IN PROGRESS

5. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** and Zoltan Buzas. “Human Rights Organizations and Anti-racist Reputations.” (*Under review*)
4. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** and Sabrina Arias. “Breaking Commitments: Public Reactions to Withdrawals from International Climate Agreements.” (*Working paper*)
3. Arias, Sabrina and **Lotem Bassan-Nygate**. “Influencer Diplomacy: Non-Traditional Actors in Public Diplomacy.” (*In preparation*)
2. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** and Dara Kay Cohen. “The Sound of Silence: The Effects of Exposing Silence on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence.” (*In preparation*)
1. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem** and Zoltan Buzas. “Human Rights, Shaming, and Sino-American Competition for the Global Public’s Support” (*In preparation*)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

9. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem**. [How Naming and Shaming Impacts Public Opinion](#), HKS Faculty Focus, 2026.
8. Sabrina Arias & **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem**. [When Trump withdraws from global agreements, will the public follow?](#), Good Authority (formerly the Monkey Cage), 2026.
7. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem**. [Quick Take – Israel and Hamas Agree to a Ceasefire](#), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 2025.
6. Buzas, Zoltan & **Lotem Bassan-Nygate**. [6+1 Questions on Race Shaming and International Human Rights](#), Duck of Minerva, 2025.
5. **Bassan-Nygate, Lotem**. [Quick Take – Election 2024: What happens next?](#), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 2024.
4. Buzas, Zoltan & **Lotem Bassan-Nygate**. [Human Rights Organizations and Shaming Tactics: Using Anti-Racist Cues to Hone the Messaging](#), Policy Brief, 2024.

3. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem "Understanding the Benefits and Costs of International Naming and Shaming," HKS Faculty Focus, 2024.
2. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem & Chagai M. Weiss. Israel is voting – for the third time in a year. That’s polarizing voters even more *The Monkey Cage (The Washington Post)*, 2020.
1. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem From Reagan to Trump, *Haaretz* (In Hebrew), 2016.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

3. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem & Chagai M. Weiss. *Zulat’s Human Rights Index, 2021-2022*.
2. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem. *My Heart is in the West: Formation of Western Identity in Israel around the Korean War. Politika* (In Hebrew), 2021.
1. Bassan-Nygate, Lotem & Chagai M. Weiss. *It’s Us or Them: Partisan Polarization in Israel and Beyond APSA MENA Newsletter*, Spring 2020.

TEACHING

Harvard Kennedy School

IGA103: Global Governance (Instructor) Fall 2024, Fall 2025

UW–Madison

PS348: Analysis of IR – Game Theory (TA) Spring 2020

PS170: Research Methods in Political Science (TA) Fall 2019

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

International Relations in the 20th Century (TA) 2015-2018

Scientific Reading and Writing in IR (Co-Instructor) 2016-2018

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- Harvard University Global Climate Policy Project 2026
- Harvard University Government Department IR Workshop 2026
- Harvard Law School Sexual Violence and Antisemitism Conference 2026
- ISA Experiments Workshop 2026
- University of Pennsylvania Christopher H. Browne Center 2025
- Keough School Human Rights Workshop, Washington DC 2024
- Princeton University IR Colloquium 2024
- American Political Science Association (APSA) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Studies Association (ISA) 2019, 2023
- Middle East Initiative Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School 2022, 2023
- Journeys in World Politics, Iowa University 2022
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2022
- European Political Science Association (EPSA) 2018, 2021
- Graduate Students in International Security Workshop (GSISE) 2021
- UW–Madison IR Colloquium 2019, 2020
- First Harvest Award Ceremony, The Hebrew University 2017

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- **Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability Seed Grant**
Harvard University 2025
- **Lynne Reiner Publishers Award Best Dissertation in Human Rights**
International Studies Association 2025
- **Merze Tate Best Dissertation Award**
American Political Science Association 2024
- **Best Dissertation Award by the Experimental Research Section**
American Political Science Association 2024
- **Best Dissertation in International Relations Award**
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2023
- **Graduate School Travel Grant**
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2022
- **Ronald Rapoport Summer Research Collaborative Program**
Rapoport Family Foundation 2021
- **George & Sylvia Laikin Prize**
Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2020, 2021
- **Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize**
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2021
- **Graduate Student Research Grant Competition**
Wisconsin Project on International Relations 2019, 2020
- **Political Science Summer Initiative funding**
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2019, 2020, 2022
- **Graduate School Fellowship**
University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018-2019, 2021-2022
- **Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund**
Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018, 2021
- **Isaac and Ida Lipton Study Abroad Fellowship**
Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018
- **Davis Graduate School Fellowship**
International Relations, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem 2016-2018
- **'First Harvest' award for best BA seminar paper in IR**
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem 2017
- **Dean's List and Dean's Award for Academic Excellency**
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem 2015-2017
- **Shefner's scholarship for academic achievements**
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Referee:** *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Behavior Research Methods, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, International Organizations, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Peace Research, Political Psychology, Review of International Organizations, World Politics.*
- **University Service:** Admissions Committee, Masters Program in Public Administration, Harvard Kennedy School (2026)

- **Award Committee Member:** APSA Best Dissertation Award by the Experimental Research Section (2025), ISA Lynne Reiner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation in Human Rights (2026)
- **Board Member or Faculty Associate:** Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (HKS), Carr Center for Human Rights (HKS), Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (Harvard University)
- **Consultant:** Zulat– Equality and Human Rights (2020-2021)
- **Grad Student Coordinator:** UW–Madison International Relations Colloquium (2020-2022), UW–Madison Models, Experiments, and Data (MEAD) Workshop (2020-2022), Hebrew University Conference on the Nature and Implications of the Global Investment Regime (2016)

SOFTWARE R, STATA, Javascript

LANGUAGES Hebrew (Native)

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