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## Current Position

- 2023-present**     **Visiting Researcher, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich**  
Chair of Empirical Theory and Research, Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science. Host: Prof. Christoph Knill
- 2023-present**     **Postdoctoral Researcher on ERC-funded project REGTRUST**  
Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Supervisor: David Levi-Faur

## Education

- 2017-2023**     **Ph.D., Political Science**, the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dissertation Title: *Regulating Discretion: The Institutionalization of Regulatory Discretion*. Supervisor: David Levi-Faur. Dissertation Committee: Christoph Knill, Edward C. Page, Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov, Shaun Bevan. Exchange Stay: University of California, Berkeley (Host: Prof. David Vogel) (six months)
- 2015-2017**     **M.A (magna cum laude), Political Science**, the Department of Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Thesis Title: *Between Law and Regulation: A Law-Centered Perspective on the Production of Regulations in Israel*. Supervisor: David Levi-Faur
- 2012-2015**     **B.A, Political Science & Communication**, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## Prizes, Awards, and Honorable Mentions

- 2023**     **Giandomenico Majone Prize**  
Best Paper Award for an outstanding paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance by an early career scholar. Paper Title: *More Discretion, More Regulation? Policy Implementation through Regulation in the United Kingdom, 1991-2022*.
- 2022**     **Rudolf Wildenmann Prize**  
Best Paper Award for an exceptional paper presented at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops by an early career scholar. Paper Title: *Conceptualization and Measuring Regulatory Discretion: Text Analysis of 120 Years of British Legislation*.
- 2018**     **Jonathan Fine Best M.A. Thesis Award**  
An honorable mention by the Israel Political Science Association for an outstanding Master's thesis. Paper Title: *Between Law and Regulation: A Law-Centered Perspective on the Production of Regulations in Israel*.
- 2018**     **Jacques Nass Award for Outstanding Seminar Paper in political economy**  
An Outstanding Seminar Paper in political economy awarded by the Department of Political Science and the Department of Economics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for. Paper Title: *How Does Overlapping Regionalism Shape the Output of Regional Organizations?*

## **Fellowships**

- 2024-2026 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (€200,000)**  
The research fellowship, funded by the European Commission, is among Europe's most competitive and prestigious research and innovation fellowships.
- 2024-2026 The Israeli Science Foundation (ISF) - Postdoctoral Fellowships in Social Sciences (€80,000) (Declined)**  
This two-year scholarship for outstanding researchers is one of the most competitive scholarships given to Israeli social scientists to pursue post-doctoral program abroad.
- 2024-2025 Rothschild Humanities & Social Sciences Fellowship (€65,000) (Declined during Shortlist)**  
This one-year scholarship for outstanding young researchers is one of the most competitive scholarships given to Israeli social scientists to pursue post-doctoral program abroad.
- 2019-2022 The Hebrew University President's Scholarship for Excellent Doctoral Students (€45,000)**  
This three-year scholarship is the most competitive scholarship given to graduate students at the Hebrew University.
- 2020-2022 The Hebrew University Center for interdisciplinary Data Science Research PhD Fellowships (€12,000)**  
This scholarship is awarded annually to selected graduate students applying data science techniques at the Hebrew University.
- 2018-2021 The President of Israel's Scholarship for Excellence and Scientific Innovation (€45,000)**  
This three-year scholarship is awarded by the President of the State of Israel to 12 top graduate students annually.
- 2015-2020 Advanced Graduate Program (Telem) Scholarship, the Hebrew University's Political Science Department (€55,000)**

## **Grants**

- 2020** The Heth Academic Center for Research of Competition and Regulation, College of Management and Academic Studies, Research Grant (with Yoav Mehozay)
- 2020** The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
- 2018** The Heth Academic Center for Research of Competition and Regulation, College of Management and Academic Studies, Research Grant (with David Levi-Faur)
- 2018** The Aharon Barak Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
- 2018** The Levi Eshkol Institute, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Research Grant
- 2018** The Faculty of Social Sciences, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Travel Grant
- 2018** International Association of Public Policy, Travel Grant

**Publications**

**Kosti, N.** (2023). Styles of Regulatory Discretion: A Comparison of the British and Israeli Education Legislation, *Public Administration*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12929>

**Kosti, N.** (2023). Conceptualization and Measuring Regulatory Discretion: Text Analysis of 120 Years of British Legislation, *Regulation & Governance*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.12516>

**Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. (2019). The Co-Production of Primary and Secondary Legislation: Israel as a Case Study, *Law & Policy*, 41(4), 432–457. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12138>

**Kosti, N.**, Levi-Faur, D., & Mor, G. (2019). Legislation and Regulation: Three Analytical Distinctions. *The Theory and Practice of Legislation*, 7(3), 169–178

Haber, H., **Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. (2019): Welfare Through Regulatory Means: Eviction and Repossession Policies in Singapore, *Housing Studies*, 34(3), 407–424

**Under Review**

**Kosti, N.** More Discretion, More Regulation? Policy Implementation through Regulation in the United Kingdom, 1991-2022

Alon-Barkat, S., Gilad, S., **Kosti, N.** & Shpizman, I. Civil Servants' Endogenous Response to Political Initiation of Democratic Backsliding

**Book Chapters**

**Kosti, N.** (2021). Centralization via Delegation: The Long-term Implications of the Israeli Arrangements Laws. In Bar-Siman-Tov, I (ed.). *Comparative Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Omnibus Legislation* (pp. 73–94). Cham: Springer

**Kosti, N.**, Shpaizman, I. & Levi-Faur, D. (2019). The Israeli Agendas Project. In Baumgartner, F., Breunig, C. & E. Grossman (eds.). *Comparative Policy Agendas: Theory, Tools, Data, Cambridge* (pp. 114–119), Oxford: Oxford University Press

**Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. (2018). The Right to Participate in Collective Decision Making: Barriers and Beyond. In Seubert, S., Hoogenboom, M., Knijn, T., de Vries, S. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Moving Beyond Barriers: Prospects for EU Citizenship?* (pp. 199–219). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Levi-Faur, D., **Kosti, N.** & van Waarden, F. (2018). Democratic Empowerment in the European Union: An Introduction. In Levi-Faur, D. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Democratic Empowerment in the EU* (pp. 1–14). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Dinur, K., **Kosti, N.**, Levi-Faur, D. & Mor, G. (2018). Is Democratic Empowerment Enough? The Lessons of Brexit for the Future of the European Union. In Levi-Faur, D. & F. van Waarden (eds.). *Democratic Empowerment in the EU* (pp. 269–280). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

**Publications (Hebrew)**

**Kosti, N.**, Gross, A. "The Paradox of COVID-19 Legislation" (accepted), *Democratic Culture*

**Kosti, N.**, Mehozay, Y. (2022) Policy in Times of Emergency: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective on the Use of Emergency Regulations in Israel, *Studies on Regulation*, 5, 211–246

**Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. (2019). Excessive Regulation in Israel? Analysis of Primary and Secondary Legislation in Israel, 1948-2017, *Studies on Regulation*, 2, 25–60

### **Work in Progress**

**Kosti, N.** The Effects of Regulatory Discretion on Regulatory Production: A Comparison of British and Israeli Education Legislation and Regulation

**Kosti, N.**, Siddiki, S, Franz, C. Nesting Delegations: Understanding Delegation of Regulatory Authority Using Computational Text Analysis and Institutional Grammar 2.0

**Kosti, N.** & Levi-Faur, D. Developing Discretion for Trust in Regulatory Governance: Analyzing Citizen’s Willingness to Grant Discretion to Regulators, Politicians, Regulatory Agencies, and Private Regulators

Rozenberg, O., Ando, Y., Bar-Siman-Tov, I., **Kosti, N.**, Saalfeld, T. A Democratic Storm? Covid Oral Questions in Four Western Countries.

### **Training (International Schools)**

#### **ECPR Winter School: Time Series Analysis**

Bamberg, 2019

Instructor: David Pupovac

#### **IPPA Winter School: Historical Institutionalism**

Autrans, 2017

Instructor: Grace Skogstad

#### **European Integration Summer School: History, Institutions and Policies of European Integration & Current Issues in the European Union**

Kristiansand, 2016

Instructors: Various

#### **ECPR Winter School: Quantitative Text Analysis**

Bamberg, 2015

Instructor: Heike Klüver

#### **Essex Summer School: Data Analysis and Statistical Graphics with R**

Essex, 2014

Instructor: Martin Elff

#### **ECPR Winter School: Multiple Regression Analysis I**

Ljubljana, 2013

Instructor: Bernhard Kittel

### **Conferences**

Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2023

Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments 2022

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2022

International Public Policy Association Conference 2021

Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2021

Bar-Ilan University’s Conference on Omnibus Legislation 2019

Biennial Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Regulatory Governance 2018

Israel Political Science Association Conference 2018

Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference 2017  
Israel Political Science Association Conference 2017  
Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference 2015

### **Invited Talks and Seminars**

#### **Talk on Regulatory Discretion**

Theories of Regulation and Governance Seminar, online, 2022

#### **Talk on State of Emergency**

Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions, University of Haifa, Israel, 2020

#### **Talk on Regulatory Expansion**

Siemens-Colloquium of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany, 2019 (with David Levi-Faur)

#### **Talk on Legislative Division of Labor**

Center of the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, United States, 2018

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **The Open University of Israel**

Lecturer

Course: Regulation Seminar

Bachelor's Seminar

Spring Term, 2021, 2022

Autumn Term, 2022

#### **Reichman University**

Teaching Assistant

Course: Empirical Research in Politics

Lab Sessions

Autumn Term, 2021

#### **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Teaching Assistant

Course: Research Methods

Lab Sessions

Spring Term, 2015, 2016, 2017

#### **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Teaching Assistant

Course: Scientific Reading and Writing

Lab Sessions

Autumn Term, 2015, 2016, 2017

#### **Essex Summer School**

Teaching Assistant

Course: Comparative Methods

Summer 2014

### **Other Professional Activities**

#### **Guest Editor**

Special issue on legislation and regulation, *the Theory and Practice of Legislation* (with David Levi-Faur and Guy Mor)

**Reviewer of Scientific Journal**

Governance, European Journal of Political Research, Regulation & Governance, Government and Opposition, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Policy Design and Practice

**Research Assistance**

Research assistant to Prof. David Levi-Faur (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), 2013-2018

Research assistant to Prof. Yoram Haftel (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), 2017-2018

**Editorial Assistance**

Editorial assistant in Regulation & Governance, 2015-2020

**Conference Coordination**

10th-14th Rabin Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations, and Public Policy, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2014-2017 (Four Conferences)

**Software**

R (very good command), Python (very good command)

**Language**

Hebrew (Native), English (fluent), German (Basic)