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Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor (Lecturer) of Government, University of Essex, UK 2020-Present
- Lecturer (Associate Instructor) of Political Science, UC-Davis, USA Fall 2019

Education

- PhD, Political Science, University of California, Davis, Spring 2019
Dissertation title: *The Empty Center Phenomenon Revisited: Ideology, Valence, and the Electoral Failures of Centrist Parties*
Dissertation Committee: James F. Adams, Matthew S. Shugart, Christopher D. Hare
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute at the University of Houston, June 2017
- M.A., Political Science, Program for outstanding students, Tel Aviv University, 2011
- B.A., Political Science, Tel Aviv University, 2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Tobias Böhmelt, Lawrence Ezrow, and **Roi Zur**. 2024. "[Anti-immigration party success abroad and voter polarization at home](#)". *Electoral Studies*, Volume 88.
- Adams, James, Samuel Merrill III, and **Roi Zur**. 2024. "[How Much Does Issue Salience Matter? A Model with Applications to UK Elections](#)". *European Journal of Political Research*. 63, no. 2: 798-809.
- Vasilopoulou, Sofia & **Roi Zur**. 2024. "[Electoral competition, the EU Issue and Far-Right Success in Western Europe](#)." *Political Behavior* 46, no. 1 (2024): 565-585.
- **Roi Zur** and Ryan Bakker. 2023. "[The Israeli parties' positions in comparative perspective](#)." *Party Politics*, 0(0).
- Algara, Carlos and **Roi Zur**. 2023. "[The Downsian Roots of Affective Polarization](#)." *Electoral Studies*, 82, 102581.
- **Zur, Roi**. 2021. "[The Multidimensional Disadvantages of Centrist Parties in Western Europe](#)" *Political Behavior* 43 (4), 1755-1777.
- **Zur, Roi**. 2021. "[Stuck in the Middle; Ideology, Valence, and the Electoral Failures of Centrist Parties](#)" *British Journal of Political Science* 51 (2), 706-723.
- **Zur, Roi**. 2019. "[Party Survival in Parliament: Explaining Party Durability in Lower-House Parliaments](#)". *European Journal of Political Research*, 58: 960-980.

- Zur, Roi. 2017. "[When Valence Crushes: Explaining the Electoral Failure of the German FDP in the 2013 Election](#)". *German Politics* 26 (3):380-97.

Book Chapters

- Agnes Magyar, Sarah Wagner, and Roi Zur. 2023. "Party strategies: valence versus position". In *The Routledge Handbook of Political Parties*.
- Adams, James, Samuel Merrill III, and Roi Zur. 2020. "The Spatial-Voting Model". In *The Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science & International Relations*, Luigi Curini and Robert J. Franzese, Jr., editors. London: Sage Publications (available upon request).
- Zur, Roi. 2015. "[Impact of the political instability in Israel on the construction of sports facilities](#)" (Hebrew). In *The Vision of the Israeli Governance*, ed., Assaf Meydani. The Citizens' Empowerment Center in Israel (CECI) Press. 225-260.

Under Review

- Sofia Vasilopoulou and Roi Zur. "Public issue salience and far-right success in Western versus Central and Eastern Europe".
- de la Cerda, Nicolás, Ryan Bakker, Ruth Dassonneville, Seth Jolly, Jelle Koedam, Patrick Leslie, Jonathan Polk, Jill Sheppard, and Roi Zur. "A global scale of economic left-right party positions: cross-national and cross-expert perceptions of party placements."

Teaching

- University of Essex
GV121: 'Institutions of Democracy', Spring 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024
GV303: 'Electoral Behaviour', Spring 2021; 2024
GV525: 'Introduction to Israeli Politics', Spring 2022; 2023; 2024
All Syllabi are available upon request.
- PhD Students
Agnes Magyar (completed 2022)
Philip Swatton (completed 2023)
- UC Davis (Associate Instructor)
POL 140B: 'Comparative Political Parties', Fall 2019 [[Syllabus](#)]
POL 147A: 'West European Politics', Summer 2018 [[Syllabus](#)]
POL 147D: 'German Politics', Summer 2017 [[Syllabus](#)]; Fall 2019 [[Syllabus](#)]
POL 02: 'Introduction to Comparative Politics', Spring 2017 [[Syllabus](#)]

Grants and Awards

- Talent Development Award (British Academy), 2022
- UC Davis Political Science Department Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2018-2019
- EITM Summer Institute (University of Houston), 2017
- Merk Family Distinguished Prospectus Award, 2017
- Bret Hewitt Distinguished QE Award, 2016
- Charles Hardin Emeriti Travel Award, 2015
- UC Davis Political Science Department, Summer Research Award, 2014; 2015
- UC Davis Political Science Department Travel Grants: EITM 2017, MPSA 2019; 2018; 2017; 2016; 2015, APSA 2014
- UC Davis Political Science Department Fellowship, 2012
- Bacon Family Fellowship, 2012
- The Citizens' Empowerment Center in Israel (CECI) Research Grant, 2011
- The Konrad Adenauer program for Jewish-Arab Cooperation Research Prize, 2011
- Department of Political Science Fellowship, Tel Aviv University, 2010