

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-today **The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya**  
Adjunct Lecturer.
- 2020-today **Ono Academic College, Kiryat Ono**  
Lecturer and Writing Clinic Director.
- 2019-today **IDF Dado Center: Israel Military Think Tank, Tel-Aviv**  
Adjunct Researcher  
Research Field: Strategic Aspects of the Chinese Involvement in the Middle East.
- 2018-today **Middle East Institute (MEI), Washington D.C.**  
Non-Resident Scholar  
Research Fields: Israel and the Palestinians, China - Middle East Relations.
- 2015-today **Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA), Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan**  
Research associate and China-Israel/MENA Forum director  
Research Fields: China-Middle East Relations.
- 2012-2014 **The Institute for Zionist Strategies, Jerusalem**  
Researcher  
Member of the Institute Journal and Legislation-Religion Research Teams.
- 2012-2013 **The Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv**  
Research Assistant  
Research Fields: Security, Regional Dynamics and Processes in the Gulf States.
- 2010-2012 **Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan**  
Research Assistant  
Research Fields: Society and Tribalism in Saudi-Arabia.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2021 **German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)**  
Visiting fellow / Postdoc Position.
- 2017 **Shanghai University, Shanghai**  
Visiting Scholar  
Research Field: China - Israel Relations.
- 2016-2018 **Kohelet Policy Forum, Jerusalem**  
Fellow  
Research Field: China - Israel Relations.

**EDUCATION**

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- 2016-2020 **Ph.D., Bar-Ilan University, School of Communication and the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Ramat-Gan (University President's Scholarship)**  
Dissertation: Chinese Soft Power towards the Middle East and the Local Response to it. Supervisors: Prof. Udi Lebel, Dr. Yossi Mann.
- 2014-2015 **The Statesmanship Centre, Jerusalem**  
The Identity and Public Policy Program and Doctoral Student Track.
- 2011-2014 **M.A., Bar-Ilan University, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Ramat-Gan (Excellence Scholarship)**  
Master Thesis: Socio-Economic Component of Relations between China and the GCC from the First Iraq War to the Arab Spring. Supervisor: Dr. Yossi Mann.
- 2008-2011 **B.A., Bar-Ilan University, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, Ramat-Gan**  
Honors Track to M.A.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### **Book:**

China model of using Education as a Diplomatic Soft Power Tool in the Middle East, in progress.

### **Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed):**

“The Soft Power Component on China-Iran Relations”, co-authored with Udi Lebel and Yossi Mann, *The Journal for Interdisciplinary Middle Eastern Studies*, Volume 4 – Spring 2019, pp. 39-65, DOI: 10.26351/JIMES/4/7 (in Hebrew).

“Chinese ‘Soft Power Pipelines Diffusion’ (SPPD) to the Middle Eastern Arab Countries 2000-2018: A Discursive-Institutional Study” co-authored with Udi Lebel and Yossi Mann, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, March 02, 2020, DOI: 10.1080/13530194.2020.1732870.

“The Attitude of the Arab States to the Existence of a Palestinian Nationalism”, co-authored with Asaf Malach, *Middle East Quarterly*, forthcoming.

“Chinese Soft-Power in the Arab World – China’s Confucius Institutes as a Central Tool of Influence”, co-authored Yossi Mann and Udi Lebel, *Comparative Strategy*, Volume 39, - Issue 6, 2020, DOI: 10.1080/01495933.2020.1826843.

“The New Chinese Oil Benchmark: Implications for the Middle East”, co-authored Yossi Mann, *Middle East Policy Journal*, Volume 27, - Issue 4, 2020, DOI: 10.1111/mepo.12532.

“Out of sight... out of mind: China’s Soft Power Pipes Drilling Strategy in Israel”, co-authored Yossi Mann and Udi Lebel, *Social Issues in Israel*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26351/SIII/30-1/5> (in Hebrew).

“UAE-Israel Diplomatic Normalization: A Response to a Turbulent Middle East Region”, co-authored with Jonathan Fulton, *Comparative Strategy*, Volume 40, - Issue 6, 2021.

“China’s Media Strategy and Pipelines towards Israel and the Israel’s Local Response”, *Israel Affairs*, forthcoming.

“Soft Power and SPPD in China Iran Relationship”, *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, forthcoming.

### **Submitted Academic Article:**

“Trust, Pandemics and Public Policy: The Impact of COVID-19 on the Trust in Governments in the Middle East”.

### **Academic Articles in Progress:**

“Challenging China’s Security Strategy Perception”, co-authored with Yossi Mann.

“The Iranian digital diplomacy towards China”.

### **Book chapters:**

“Middle Eastern Students and Young Professionals in China: A Mutual Investment in the Future” in Yahia H. Zoubirt, *Handbook on China and the Middle East & North Africa*, Routledge, forthcoming.

“Israel and China - Past Denial, Present Cooperation, Uncertain Future” in Jonathan Fulton, *Handbook of China – Middle East Relations*, Routledge, forthcoming.

## **Booklets:**

"3000 Years of Jerusalem in Thought and Song", *The Institute for Zionist Strategies and Menachem Begin Heritage Center*, co-edit with Adi Arbel, 2017.

"Women in Zionism", *The Institute for Zionist Strategies and Menachem Begin Heritage Center*, co-edit with Adi Arbel and Noa Lazimi, 2018.

## **Selected Reports and Policy Analysis:**

"Vaccine diplomacy in the MENA region", co-authored with Eckart Woertz, *Middle East Institute*, April 14, 2021.

"The Middle East – a conflict zone between China and Russia?", co-authored with Danny Citrinowicz, *Middle East Institute*, February 19, 2021.

"How can China mediate between Israel and Pakistan?" co-authored with Danny Citrinowicz, *Middle East Institute*, December 18, 2020.

"How can China maintain good relations with both Israel and Iran?", *Middle East Institute*, September 29, 2020.

"Implications of the Israel-UAE Peace Deal", co-authored with Jonathan Fulton, *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,698*, August 18, 2020.

"The Ongoing US-China Propaganda Battle", *E-International Relations*, August 02, 2020.

"Why Did Beijing Decide to Apply the Security Law to Hong Kong?", *Wild Blue Yonder*, American Air University, July 09, 2020.

"The Chinese Media's Take on US Unrest", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,642*, July 14, 2020.

"Israel: Trust must be rebuilt", *Middle East Institute*, May 18, 2020.

"The Middle East and China: Trust in the time of COVID-19", *Middle East Institute*, May 12, 2020, co-authored with Adam Hoffman.

"The "Soft-Relations" between China and Iran", *AIS Newsletter*, Volume 41, Number 1, April 2020, pp. 35-39.

"China and the Rebuilding of Syria", *E-International Relations*, March 23, 2020.

"Taiwan and Israel: Don't Recognize, but Collaborate", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,480*, March 12, 2020.

"Pipelines and Politics: Natural Gas Connects Israel and Egypt", *E-International Relations*, March 04, 2020.

"The Impact of China's Belt and Road Initiative on Central Asia and the South Caucasus", *E-International Relations*, February 14, 2020.

"China's Response to the Killing of Soleimani", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,447*, February 12, 2020.

"How did China Win Over the Israeli People?", *Middle East Institute*, February 11, 2020.

"Trump's "deal of the century" generates plenty of debate in Israel", *Middle East Institute*, January 27, 2020.

Co-author with Elizabeth Chen, "The "22 vs. 50" Diplomatic Split Between the West and China Over Xinjiang and Human Rights", China Brief Volume: 19 Issue: 22, *Jamestown Foundation*, December 31, 2019.

"There may not be any Celebrations, But the Israeli-Jordanian Peace Agreement has Endured for 25 Years", *Middle East Institute*, October 28, 2019.

"Why does Trump treat Iran and North Korea so differently?", *Middle East Institute*, August 27, 2019.

"The Gulf states, the "deal of the century," and the Iranian threat", *Middle East Institute*, July 25, 2019.

"The Third Trump-Kim Summit", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,219*, July 5, 2019.

"US raises concerns over Israel-China ties", *Middle East Institute*, June 17, 2019.

"The Second Belt and Road Summit", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1,171*, May 13, 2019.

"Islamic Countries Engage with China Against the Background of Repression in Xinjiang", China Brief Volume: 19, Issue: 5, *Jamestown Foundation*, March 5, 2019.

"Israel in the Sino-US Great Power Competition", Asia Pacific Bulletin, *East West Center*, Number 463, March 5, 2019.

"Giant and Dwarf: Dreams and Basic Concerns of Israel-China", *Hashiloach*, Issue 13, February 2019.

"US-Chinese Competition over the Haifa Port", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 1071*, January 23, 2019.

"The Israel-China-U.S. Triangle and Haifa Port Project", *Middle East Institute – Asia Project*, November 27, 2018.

"A Reappraisal of China-Iran Ties After US JCPOA Withdrawal", China Brief Volume: 18, Issue: 14, *Jamestown Foundation*, August 10, 2018.

"China's Role in a Nuclear Middle East", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 824*, May 7, 2018.

"Middle Eastern People in China Accepted or Not?", *Middle East Institute – Asia Project*, April 10, 2018.

"Who Will Reconstruct Syria?", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 750*, February 25, 2018.

"President Xi's Economy-Focused Leadership Model", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 608*, October 9, 2017.

"How Can Greece Pay Back China?", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 523*, July 9, 2017.

"China, Europe, and the US: Are Changes Coming to the World Order?", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 496*, June 13, 2017.

"Why Did Islamic State Choose to Threaten China at This Time?", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 423*, March 12, 2017.

"China's New Position on the Middle East", *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 363*, September 11, 2016.

"Immigration as Illegal Infiltration: Price and Coping Methods", *The Institute for Zionist Strategies*, co-authored with Eyal Gabai, March 2014.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

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- 2021 **Speaker at 'People's Republic of China Engagement in Africa and the Middle East' NATO workshop**  
NATO Strategic Direction – South Hub
- 2020 **Speaker at the News Media in the Middle East Conference**  
University of Oslo and NUPI
- 2019 **Speaker at the Twelfth Annual ASMEA Conference**  
Washington D.C.
- 2019 **Speaker at the Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies**  
Freie Universität, Berlin
- 2018 **Speaker at the 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of DAVO**  
Frankfurt University, Frankfurt
- 2018 **Speaker at the 'From Present to Past: China & Global History' workshop**  
Pavia University, Pavia.
- 2018 **Speaker at BRISMES 2018**  
King's College, London
- 2017 **Speaker at the '6<sup>th</sup> French Network for Asian Studies International Studies'**  
SciencesPo, Paris
- 2017 **Speaker at the 'Fifth Global International Studies Conference'**  
National Taiwan University, Taipei
- 2014-2015 **Participant in the "Liberal Nationalism Research Workshop"**  
Menachem Begin Heritage Centre, Jerusalem
- 2013 **Co-Organizer of '40 years to 'Yom Kippur' \ 1973 War Conference'**  
Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan
- 2012 **Co-Organizer of '36<sup>th</sup> Middle Eastern Studies National Conference'**  
Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan

## SCHOLARSHIPS and GRANTS

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- 2020 **Taiwan Fellowship**, Taiwan MOFA, Nine months scholarship for research at National Taiwan University – *postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic*.
- 2019 **Minerva Short-Term Research Grant, Minerva foundation [Stiftung]**, Grant for short term research in Germany.
- 2019 **Erasmus+ Mobility Scholarship, European Commission**, Scholarship for semester at Friedrich Alexander University, Erlangen-Nurnberg.
- 2017 **Study Abroad Grant, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities**, Visiting Scholar for three months in Shanghai University.
- 2015-2019 **President's Scholarship for Ph.D. Students, Bar-Ilan University**, Highest scholarship awarded to selected Ph.D. student.
- 2013 **Excellence Scholarship for Masters' Students, Bar-Ilan University**, Scholarship awarded to selected Masters' student.