

# MORAN STERN

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## EDUCATION

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### **University of Maryland, College Park**

Department of Government & Politics

PhD Candidate in Political Science, expected graduation 2018

Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Israel Studies

### **Johns Hopkins University**

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Bologna, Italy and Washington, D.C.

Master of Arts in International Relations and International Economics, 2011

Concentrations: Middle East Studies, International Economics; Specialization: Emerging Markets

M.A. final thesis: “Turkish-Israeli Relations, 1996-present: from the Golden to the Rusting Age.”

### **Saint Francis College (SFC), Brooklyn, New York**

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Arts and Philosophy, 2007

Graduated *summa cum laude*; Dean's List for Academic Excellence, 2003-2007

### **Seminars and Study Abroad Programs:**

**University of Maryland**, the Arabic Program, College Park, Maryland

Arabic Summer Institute, Summer 2015

**Georgetown University**, Turkish Institute for Turkish Studies, Washington, D.C.

Intensive Seminar on Turkey: Domestic and foreign policy, nationalism, Kemalism, and democratization, 2013

**Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies**, Rabat, Morocco

Intensive seminar in Modern Standard Arabic, July 2010

**Denmark's International Study Program (DIS)**, Copenhagen, Denmark

Danish study abroad program in Copenhagen, August – December 2006

## LANGUAGES

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**Hebrew**: Native    **English**: Bilingual proficient    **Arabic**: Proficient

## SCHOLARSHIPS & ACADEMIC AWARDS

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**Scholarships:** Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) PhD Scholarship (2015-2016), George Mason University; Jack Kay Distinguished Graduate Fellow in Advanced Israel Studies, the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies, University of Maryland (2014-present); Recipient, William Hearst Endowed Scholarship, SFC (August 2004-May 2007)

**Awards:** Winner of Medal for Excellence, SFC Communication Department

**Honor associations:** Duns Scotus Honor Society of SFC (2006-present); Phi Sigma Tau, International Honor Society in Philosophy, New York Phi Chapter (2005-present)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer reviewed articles:

- "The Role of Syria in Israeli-Turkish Relations," co-authored with Ambassador Dennis Ross. *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (Summer / Fall 2013, pp. 115-128).

### Other selected publications:

- "How Syria is Changing Israel's Position in the Middle East" *Atlantic SyriaSource* (September 13, 2016). Available at: <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/syriasource/how-syria-is-changing-israel-s-position-in-the-middle-east>
- "Turkish-Israeli Reconciliation has Potential to Benefit both Sides" *The Jerusalem Post* (July 5, 2016). Available at: <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Turkish-Israeli-reconciliation-has-potential-to-benefit-both-sides-459485>
- "Might Turkish-Israeli Rapprochement be Premature?" *The Jerusalem Post* (January 14, 2016). Available at: <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Might-Turkish-Israeli-rapprochement-be-premature-441433>
- "Turkey, the U.S. and the Middle East Peace Process" co-authored with Karen Kaya *The Washington Jewish Week* (May 18, 2013)
- "Mideast's Uneasy Triad" *The Washington Jewish Week* (April 10, 2013)
- "Politics of Torah: Why Israel ultra-Orthodox Parties are Under Pressure?" *The Washington Jewish Week* (February 27, 2013)
- "Haredi Power on the Brink" *The Jewish Daily Forward* (February 22, 2013). Available at: <http://forward.com/articles/171664/haredi-power-on-the-brink/?p=all>
- "Is Israel's Gaza Campaign Laying the Ground for an Attack on Iran?" *The Atlantic* (November 21, 2012). Available at: <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/11/is-israels-gaza-campaign-laying-the-groundwork-for-an-attack-on-iran/265513/#>
- "The Unlikeliest Peace: Why Israel and Hamas Have (Mostly) Stopped Fighting" *The Atlantic* (July 3, 2012). Available at: <http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/07/the-unlikeliest-peace-why-israel-and-hamas-have-mostly-stopped-fighting/259373/>
- "Turkey and the Middle East: Recent Development" [*Turkiya ve-HaMizrach HaTichon*] *Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies* (June 27, 2012). Available at: <http://www.mitvim.org.il/he/תורכיה-והמזרח-התיכון-התפתחויות-אחרונות> [Hebrew]
- "The Syrian Crisis" *Middle East Policy Council* (September 8, 2011). Available at: <http://www.mepc.org/articles-commentary/commentary/syrian-crisis>

## ACADEMIC TALKS AND INVITED TALKS

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### Invited Academic Talks, Presentations and Interviews:

- “Mideast Focus: Turkey/ Israel Ties”; interview on i24 English (i24 English, Washington D.C., July 7, 2016). Available at: <http://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/focus-en/x4jt6hh>
- “Changing Tides: The Road to Reconciliation and the Future of Turkish-Israeli Relations”; participant at a roundtable discussion at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Washington, D.C. June 28, 2016)
- "Focus: Turkey"; interview on i24 English (i24 English, Washington D.C., June 10, 2015). Available at: <http://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/focus-en?page=1#/focus-en/4287245257001>
- “The News Today”; interview on i24 English on Israel-US relations (i24 English, Washington D.C., March 4, 2015) Available at: <http://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/evening-news#/evening-news/4101181306001>
- “Turkey and Israel: Irreconcilable Differences?”; featured speaker at The American Israel Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Annual Policy Conference (Washington D.C., March 2, 2015)
- "A History of Modern Zionism"; featured speaker at AIPAC Annual Policy Conference (Washington D.C., March 2, 2014)
- "The Secular-Haredi Cleavage: One State, Two Peoples"; lecture at Beth El Congregation (Beth-El Congregation, Baltimore, Maryland, February 22 2014)
- "Rama Burshtein is first ultra-Orthodox woman to direct for general audience;" interview for the Washington Post (Emily Wax, The Washington Post, Washington D.C., June 7, 2013). Available at: [http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-06-07/news/39809217\\_1\\_israel-s-rama-burshtein-feature-length-film/2](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-06-07/news/39809217_1_israel-s-rama-burshtein-feature-length-film/2)
- "Erdogan in Washington: What will be on the table?" interview for BBC Turkey, (İlhan Tanır, Washington D.C., May 16, 2013). Available at: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/turkce/haberler/2013/05/130515\\_erdogan\\_obama.sh](http://www.bbc.co.uk/turkce/haberler/2013/05/130515_erdogan_obama.sh)
- "Israel Migrant Dilemma;" interview on al-Jazeera English (al-Jazeera English, Washington D.C., February 27, 2013). Available at: <http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201302270017-0022571>
- Towards Israel's General Elections 2013; organizer and moderator of a conference on the implications of Israel's elections for Israel's domestic politics, regional policies, and U.S.-Israel relations (Georgetown University, January 14 2013)
- Guest lecture undergraduate students on Turkish-Israeli relations for a course on Turkish Foreign Policy (Georgetown University, 2012-2013)
- "The New Middle East Neighborhood, Turkey, and Israel"; lecture at Agudat Achim Synagogue (Alexandria, Virginia, January 2012)
- "Turkey-Israel Relations: New Challenges, New Opportunities"; lecture at the Edmund A. Walsh-School of Foreign Service, Program for Jewish Civilization (Georgetown University, September 2011)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Georgetown University**

Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Program for Jewish Civilization, Washington, D. C.

*Adjunct Lecturer*

- Designed and instructed new course: “History of Zionism”, January 2012-present.
- Designed and instructed the course: “Introduction to Jewish Civilization”, September 2012- September 2013.
- Designed and instructed new course: “Israel: 1948 to Present”, Fall 2014-present.
- Designed and instructed new course: “Israel and the Arab Spring”, Fall 2016.
- Teaching and Research Assistant to Ambassador Dennis Ross's class "History of Peacemaking in the Middle East", 2013-2014.
- Instructor for Hebrew language classes, January 2013-present.
- Member, Program for Jewish Civilization Executive Committee, March 2012-present.
- Senior thesis advisor: “Aid for Peace: The Role of American Foreign Assistance in Fostering the Egyptian-Israeli Relationship,” Spring 2012; "Isolation and Participation: Haredim and the State of Israel," Spring 2013.

### **University of Maryland, College Park**

The Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies

*Graduate Fellow*

- Designed and instructed new course: “A History of Zionism & Pre-State Israel”, Fall 2016.

### **American University**

College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, Washington, D.C.

*Adjunct Lecturer*

- Designed and instructed new course: Israeli Society, Fall 2013.

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

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### **Washington Jewish Week**

Commentator, Washington, D.C., February 2013-February 2014

- Write analyses and commentaries on Israeli politics, society, security, Judaism, the Middle East, Turkey, and US policy in the Middle East
- All articles are available upon request

### **Eurasia Group**

Consultant, Washington, D.C., August 2011-March 2012

- Assessed opportunities and risks regarding Israel's health system for a Government Services client
- Researched and analyzed topics including: in-depth qualitative and quantitative study of Israel's health system; profiles of key officials in Israel's health system; Israel's Ministry of Health; Israel's relations with international and governmental bodies (e.g. WHO, USAID), and neighboring countries in the field of health cooperation and research; Israel's emergency system preparedness; pandemic planning and man-made and natural disaster management
- Produced a 250-page report on the aforementioned topics

### **Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins University (SAIS)**

Research Assistant to Professor Joshua Muravchik, Washington, D.C., September 2010-September 2011

- Conducted research, analysis, and editing for a book *Making David into Goliath: How the World Turned Against Israel* (Encounter Books, New York 2014)
- Research topics include: international politics; Israeli domestic politics, foreign policy, economy, security, and society; Israel's relations with international institutions (mainly with the UN); Palestinian politics; political Islam; current events

### **Sybil Group (TASE: Sybil Europe Public Co. Ltd.)**

Global Marketing Manager, Ramat-Gan, Israel, July 2007-September 2008

- Coordinated marketing activities between company's main headquarters in Tel Aviv and Group subsidiaries across Eastern Europe; initiated and headed global branding project
- Traveled throughout Eastern Europe regularly to participate in meetings with local marketing personnel to align country-specific marketing activities and infiltrate branding into country-based centers
- Created marketing concept and managed production of all global marketing materials, including first company website
- Worked with supervisor to produce international marketing budget

### **Israeli Defense Forces (IDF)**

First Sergeant, Israel, 1999-2002

Senior Instructor, Special Trainings Center