

Curriculum Vitae - Avri Eitan (January 2026)

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Environmental governance | Energy transitions | Climate policy | Regulatory institutions | Public participation | Sustainability governance | Regulatory intermediation | Comparative energy policy

Education

- **2017-2022: PhD (Summa Cum Laude)**, The Department of Geography and the Advanced School for Environmental Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Final grade for courses: 95.8). Dissertation entitled "*Partnerships in Renewable Energy*."
 - **2016-2019: MA (Summa Cum Laude)**, The Environmental and Natural Resources Management Program, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Final grade 96.43).
 - **2011-2014: BA (Magna Cum Laude)**, Philosophy, Political Science & Economics (PPE), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Final grade 93.41).
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Academic Experience and Appointments

- **2024-present: Senior lecturer (assistant professor)** – The Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
 - **2022-2024: Postdoctoral researcher** – Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development at Utrecht University. Engaging in thorough research and teaching within the domains of sustainable development and environmental innovation, while exploring the factors may hinder global efforts to tackle climate change, specifically focusing on the energy transition process.
 - **2023-2024: Postdoctoral researcher (remote)** – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Conducting rigorous research within the field of environmental policy and regulation, while examining the crucial role of intermediaries in the struggle against climate change and the global transformation into a low-carbon society.
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Professional Experience and Appointments

- **2018-2022: Senior economist and team leader** – Israel Competition Authority. Overseeing and leading a team of economists tasked with conducting extensive economic evaluations and in-depth market analyses within the energy, infrastructure, and environmental domains. In addition, managing multiple intricate projects and spearheading competition advocacy initiatives, while nurturing strong working relationships with senior stakeholders throughout these endeavors.
- **2017-2018: Advisor to the chairman** – Israel Electricity Authority. Offering strategic guidance to senior management at the Electricity Authority regarding critical matters concerning the local electricity sector. In this framework, collaborating to ensure the stability, reliability, and appropriate level of competitiveness within the electricity industry while actively mitigating adverse environmental impacts.

- **2015-2017: Economist** – Israel Competition Authority. Conducting economic examinations, performing in-depth market analyses, and executing projects within the energy, infrastructure, and environmental domains.
 - **2014-2015: Strategic consultant** – 'Pareto Group' consulting firm. Conducting comprehensive economic analyses pertaining to energy and environmental matters, while encompassing data collection and processing to establish business objectives. In addition, oversight of energy and environmental initiatives for diverse companies and the provision of strategic counsel for sustainable development.
 - **2012-2014: Junior economist** – Israel Ministry of Finance. Collecting, monitoring, and analyzing economic indicators, producing position papers, and maintaining working relations with various stakeholders.
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Teaching

- Environmental Planning in Theory and Practice.
 - Environmental Regulation and Policy.
 - Mega Projects and National Infrastructures.
 - Circular Economy.
 - Environmental Planning: Issues and Approaches.
 - Economic Geography.
 - Governance and Sustainability Transitions.
 - Understanding and Assessing Technologies for Sustainability.
 - Economics and Technology.
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Notable Grants

- **2025-2028:** Ministry of Energy. *The Assessment of OREI: Environmental, Economic & Geostrategic Impacts* (With Lior Herman and Shiri Zemah-Shamir).
- **2025-2028:** Ministry of Energy. *Data Science and Field Experiment to Design Residential PV Policy* (With Ram Fishman and Ravit Hananel).
- **2025-2026:** Levy-Eshkol Institute. *The Potential Environmental and Economic Effects of Ocean Renewable Energy Infrastructure in Israel* (With Lior Herman).
- **2024-2027:** The Council for Higher Education of Israel – The CHE Program for the Integration of Outstanding New Faculty in the Fields of Energy and Climate. *The Role of Path-dependence Lock-ins in the Renewable Energy Landscape*.

Honors and Awards

1. Outstanding Young Researcher Award, Utrecht University (2023-2024).
 2. Rothschild Fellowship for Young Scholars of Outstanding Academic Merit and Potential, Yad Hanadiv–The Rothschild Foundation (2022-2023).
 3. Ph.D. Degree – Summa Cum Laude, The Department of Geography and the Advanced School for Environmental Studies, The Hebrew University (2022).
 4. Amiran Scholarship for Outstanding PhD Students, The Hebrew University (2020, 2021).
 5. Floersheimer Scholarship for Outstanding Policy Studies, Floersheimer Institute (2019).
 6. Gortner Scholarship for Outstanding PhD Students, The Hebrew University (2019).
 7. The Advanced School for Environmental Studies' Excellence Scholarship for PhD Students, The Hebrew University (2019, 2020).
 8. M.A. Degree – Summa Cum Laude, the Environmental and Natural Resources Management Program, The Hebrew University (2019).
 9. University Rector's Honor List – M.A. studies, The Hebrew University (2017).
 10. Dean's Honor List – M.A. studies, The Faculty of Social Sciences, The Hebrew University (2016).
 11. B.A. Degree – Magna Cum Laude, Philosophy, Political Science & Economics (PPE), The Hebrew University (2014).
 12. Dean's Honor List – B.A. Studies, The Faculty of Social Sciences, The Hebrew University (2012, 2013).
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Notable Academic Conferences (Active Participation)

A. International Conferences

1. Navigating Sustainability Trade-offs in Wind Energy Governance: The Role of Environmental Regulators (paper presentation). *The Geography of Innovation Conference*, 2026, Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary.
2. Shaping Niche Innovations in Energy Transitions: The Role of Pitching to Regulators (paper presentation). *International Sustainability Transitions (IST) Conference*, 2025, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal.
3. The Effectiveness of Environmental Impact Assessment as a Mechanism of Regulatory Intermediation: The Case of Israeli Wind Energy (paper presentation and part of the organizing committee). *Workshop on Regulatory Intermediaries*, 2024, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany.
4. How Are Public Utilities Responding to Electricity Market Restructuring and the Energy Transition? Lessons from Israel (paper presentation). *The Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water, and Environment Systems*, 2023, University of Dubrovnik, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
5. Locked in Transition? Towards a Conceptualization of Path-Dependence Lock-Ins in the Renewable Energy Landscape (paper presentation). *Conference on Pathways to Sustainability*, 2023, Utrecht University, Utrecht, the Netherlands.

6. The Role of Community–Private Sector Partnerships in the Diffusion of Environmental Innovation: Renewable Energy in Southern Israel (paper presentation). *Geographies Beyond Recovery Conference*, 2022, Newcastle University, Newcastle, the UK.
7. Neglecting Exit Doors: How Regret Cost Shapes the Irreversible Execution of Renewable Energy Megaprojects? (paper presentation). *Energy and Climate Transformations Conference*, 2022, The University of Manchester, Manchester, the UK .
8. The Social Dimension of Renewable Energy Storage in Electricity Markets: The Role of Partnerships (paper presentation). *The Royal Geographical Society's Annual Conference*, 2021, The Royal Geographical Society, London, the UK.
9. Promoting Renewable Energy to Cope with Climate Change—Policy Discourse in Israel (paper presentation). *Conference on Ruralizing Low-Carbon Energy and Energizing Rural Geographies*, 2021, Cardiff University, Cardiff, the UK .
10. Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs: A Conceptual Framework (Paper presentation). *The Energy and Society Conference*, 2019, University of Exeter, Exeter, The UK.
11. Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs: A Conceptual Framework (paper presentation). *Conference on Moving Beyond the Ivory Tower: How do Science Contribute to the Sustainability Transformation*, 2018, The Free University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany.
12. Community–Private Sector Partnerships in Renewable Energy (paper presentation). *Conference on Transitions in Energy History: State of the Art and New Perspectives*, 2018, University of Milan, Milan, Italy.
13. Community–Private Sector Partnerships in Renewable Energy (paper presentation). *Social Sciences and Humanities for Advancing Policy in European Energy Conference*, 2017, University of Lyon, Lyon, France.
14. Community Renewable Energy Initiatives (panel discussion). *Political Economy of Energy Transitions Renewable Electricity Workshop*, 2017, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

B. Local Conferences

15. Negotiating the Energy Transition: Governance Trade-offs in Solar Deployment (paper presentation). *Innovation Policy Amid the Climate Crisis Conference*, 2026, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel.
16. Neglecting Exit Doors: How Does Regret Cost Shape the Irreversible Execution of Renewable Energy Megaprojects? (paper presentation). *Energy Conference for the Establishment of the HUJI Energy Center*, 2025, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Israel.
17. Shaping Niche Innovations: The Role of Pitching to Regulators (paper presentation). *GreenTech*, 2024, Azrieli Academic College of Engineering, Jerusalem, Israel.
18. Shaping Niche Innovations: The Role of Pitching to Regulators (paper presentation). *Workshop on sustainable development in evolving world*, 2024, Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel.
19. The Effectiveness of Environmental Impact Assessment as a Mechanism of Regulatory Intermediation: The Case of Israeli Wind Energy (paper presentation). *Workshop on Regulatory Intermediaries*, 2024, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.

20. Neglecting Exit Doors: How Regret Cost Shapes the Irreversible Execution of Renewable Energy Megaprojects? (paper presentation). *Energy and Geopolitics Conference*, 2021, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.
21. The Role of Community–Private Sector Partnerships in the Diffusion of Environmental Innovation: Renewable Energy in Southern Israel (paper presentation). *Renewable energy for Sustainable Development Workshop*, 2021, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Be'er Sheva, Israel.
22. The Social Dimension of Renewable Energy Storage in Electricity Markets: The Role of Partnerships (paper presentation). *Climate Change and Society Workshop*, 2021, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel.
23. Promoting Renewable Energy to Cope with Climate Change—Policy Discourse in Israel (paper presentation). *Climate Change and Environment Workshop*, 2019, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.
24. Community–Private Sector Partnerships in Renewable Energy (paper presentation). *Energy and Environment workshop*, 2018, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel.

Additional Academic Activities

A. Editorial Roles

1. Associate Editor, *npj Climate Action*.
2. Associate Editor, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice*.

B. Editorial Roles in Special Issues

1. Co-editing with Jale Tosun the special issue, *Intermediaries and Digital Governance*, in the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice, 2026.
2. Co-editing with David Levi-Faur and Jale Tosun the special issue, *The Politics of Intermediation: Insights across the Policy Cycle*, in Policy and Society, 2025.

C. Academic Internships

1. Central European University: dealing with the global energy transition process (Budapest and Vienna, 2018 – 6 months).
2. Horizon 2020: concerning the social acceptance of renewable energy initiatives in a changing world (Paris, 2017 – 6 months).

D. Peer Review Activity

Extensive peer review experience for several esteemed academic journals, including: Energy; Energy Policy; Energy Research & Social Science; Energy Strategy Reviews; Energy Technology; Environmental Innovation and Societal Transition; Environmental Politics; Environmental Science and Policy; Environment, Development and Sustainability; Journal of Cleaner Production; Regulation & Governance; Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews; Renewable and Sustainable Energy Transition; Review of Environmental Economics and Policy; Sustainability and Society.

Graduate Supervision

1. Reut Zamir (co-supervised with Lior Herman and Shiri Zamir)
Thesis topic: *Marine Renewable Energy in the Mediterranean Sea*
2. Ori Gurfinkel (co-supervised with Shira Bukchin-Peles)
Thesis topic: *Solar Energy Development in Nigeria*
3. Noa Steinberger (co-supervised with Nufar Avni)
Thesis topic: *The Role of the Fourth Sector in Urban Development*
4. Matan Shadmi
Thesis topic: *Urban Development and the Evolution of Sports Stadiums in Israel*
5. Naama Ben Eliyahu
Thesis topic: *Geographical Distribution of Energy Infrastructure and Advanced Computing Infrastructure*
6. Osnat Pavese (co-supervised with Nufar Avni)
Thesis topic: *The In-Between City and Alternative Processes of City- Making*

Publications

A. Doctoral Dissertation

1. **Eitan, A.** (2022). *Partnerships in Renewable Energy*. Supervisor: Professor Itay Fischhendler.

B. Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals (Accepted or Published)

2. **Eitan, A., Herman, L., Fischhendler, I., & Rosen, G.** (2019). Community–Private Sector Partnerships in Renewable Energy. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 105*, 95-104.
3. **Eitan, A., Rosen, G., Herman, L., & Fischhendler, I.** (2020). Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs: A Conceptual Framework. *Energies, 13*(10), 2554.
4. **Eitan, A.** (2021). Promoting Renewable Energy to Cope with Climate Change—Policy Discourse in Israel. *Sustainability, 13*(6), 3170.
5. **Eitan, A., & Fischhendler, I.** (2021). The Social Dimension of Renewable Energy Storage in Electricity Markets: The Role of Partnerships. *Energy Research & Social Science, 76*, 102072.
6. **Eitan, A.** (2023). The Impact of Renewable Energy Targets on Natural Gas Export Policy: Lessons from the Israeli Case. *Resources 12*(2), 21.
7. **Eitan, A., Fischhendler, I., & Marrewijk, A.H.** (2023). Neglecting Exit Doors: How Regret Cost Shapes the Irreversible Execution of Renewable Energy Megaprojects? *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transition, 46*, 100696.
8. **Eitan, A., Fischhendler, I., Herman, L., & Rosen, G.** (2023). The Role of Community–Private Sector Partnerships in the Diffusion of Environmental Innovation: Renewable Energy in Southern Israel. *Journal of Economic Geography, 23*(3), 683-719.
9. **Eitan, A.** (2023). How Are Public Utilities Responding to Electricity Market Restructuring and the Energy Transition? Lessons from Israel. *Utilities Policy, 82*, 101562.

10. **Eitan, A., & Fischhendler, I. (2023).** The Architecture of Inter-Community Partnerships in Renewable Energy: The Role of Climate Intermediaries. *Policy Studies Journal – special issue on Neglected Climate Intermediaries*, 1-17.
11. **Eitan, A., & Hekkert, M.P. (2023).** Locked in Transition? Towards a Conceptualization of Path-Dependence Lock-Ins in the Renewable Energy Landscape. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 106, 103316.
12. **Eitan, A. (2024).** Climate Change Adaptation Through Renewable Energy: The Cases of Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom. *Environment*, 11(9), 199.
13. **Eitan, A. (2025).** Navigating Sustainability Trade-offs in Wind Energy Governance: The Role of Environmental Regulators. *Energy Policy*, 203, 114645.
14. **Eitan, A., & Levi-Faur, D. (2025).** Environmental Impact Assessments as a Mechanism of Regulatory Intermediation: The Case of Israeli Wind Energy. *Policy and Society*, puaf006.
15. **Eitan, A., & Fischhendler, I. (2025).** Shaping Niche Innovations in Energy Transitions: The Role of Pitching to Regulators. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 126, 104170.
16. **Bukchin-Peles, S., & Eitan, A. (2025).** From the Ground Up: Smallholder Perspectives on Agrivoltaic Implementation. *Agricultural Systems*, 230, 104453.
17. **Eitan, A. (2025).** Negotiating the Energy Transition: Governance Trade-offs in Solar Deployment. *Energy Strategy Reviews*, 61, 101854.
18. **Eitan, A. (2025).** Privatizing Environmental Governance: The Evolving Relationship Between Regulators and Private Entities. *Environmental Policy & Planning*, 1-27.
19. **Eitan, A., Tosun, J., & Levi-Faur, D. (2025).** The Politics of Intermediation: Rethinking the Architecture of Public Policy. Editorial introduction for a special issue in *Policy and Society*, 44(4), 405-418.
20. **Eitan, A., & Bukchin-Peles, S. (2025).** Solar Middle Ground: NGOs as Regulatory Intermediaries in Renewable Energy Governance. *Earth System Governance* 26, 100298.
21. **Eitan, A., & Bukchin-Peles, S. (2026).** A Framework for Assessing Market Concentration and Competition in the Aggregate Sector: Insights from Israel. *Resources Policy*, 113, 105827.

C. Other Academic Publications (Hebrew)

22. **Eitan, A., Rosen, G., Herman, L., & Fischhendler, I. (2020).** Renewable Energy Partnerships as a Tool for Tackling Climate Change (Hebrew). *Ecology & Environment* 4.
23. **Lev, S., Levi-Faur, D., Eitan, A., & First, B. (2026).** Institutionalization in the Development of Environmental Impact Assessments as a Regulatory Intermediation Tool (Hebrew). *The politics of regulation*.

D. Submitted to Peer-Reviewed Journals

24. **Eitan**, A., & Tosun, J. Intermediaries in Digital Governance: Conceptual and Empirical Perspectives.
25. **Eitan**, A. From Project Participants to Policy Shapers: How Communities Influence Renewable Energy Governance.
26. **Eitan**, A. From Numbers to Power: How Data Configurations Shape Environmental Governance.
27. **Eitan**, A., & Bukchin-Peles, S. The Politics of Land in Solar Transitions: Top-Down and Bottom-Up Governance.
28. Bukchin-Peles, S., & **Eitan**, A. The Social Terrain of Agrivoltaics: A Framework for Community Formations in Dual-Use Land Governance.
29. **Eitan**, A., Barkan, L., Aner, I., Nisenbaum, I., Labrousse, C., & Levin, N. Governing in the Dark: Municipal LED Streetlighting under Decentralized Governance.

E. Notable Report and Policy Papers

30. **Eitan**, A. (2018). Economic Analysis of the Agreements Concerning the “Tamar” Natural Gas Reservoir. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
31. **Eitan**, A. (2018). Economic Analysis of the Swap Agreement Between the Refineries in Israel. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
32. **Eitan**, A. (2019). Economic-Geographic Analysis of Gas Stations in Israel. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
33. **Eitan**, A. (2019). Economic Analysis of the Transmission Grid of the “Leviathan” Natural Gas Reservoir. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
34. **Eitan**, A. (2020). Economic Analysis of LPG Supply to Households in Israel. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
35. **Eitan**, A. (2020). Competition Guidelines for the Israeli Electricity Market. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
36. **Eitan**, A. (2021). Economic Analysis of the Cement Market. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
37. **Eitan**, A. (2021). Economic-Geographic Analysis of Organic Waste Treatment Facilities in Israel. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
38. **Eitan**, A. (2021). Economic Analysis of the Deposit on Large Drinking Bottles. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.
39. **Eitan**, A. (2022). Economic and Environmental Analysis of Hazardous Waste Treatment and Sorting. *Israel Competition Authority (ICA)*.