

## Curriculum Vitae

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### CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021-current **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Studies, Bar-Ilan University

2021-current **Senior Researcher, Head of Energy Division**, Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2021 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Dep. of International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2018-2021 **Researcher**, Maritime Policy and Strategy Research Center, University of Haifa

2020 **Adjunct Lecturer**, National Security College, University of Haifa

2019-2020 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University

2018-2020 **Israel Institute Teaching Fellow**, Department of Jewish, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Washington University in St. Louis

2017-2018 **Neubauer Research Fellow**, Institute for National Security Studies, Tel-Aviv University

2017-2018 **Adjunct Lecturer**, New York University – Tel Aviv Academic Center

2015-2016 **Visiting Scholar**, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, George Washington University

### EDUCATION

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2011-2019 **Ph.D.**, School of Political Science, University of Haifa (direct track from BA)  
Dissertation: *Crude Cooperation: Energy Security and International Cooperation through Energy Trade*. Supervised by Prof. Ben Mor and Dr. Carmela Lutmar

2009- 2011 **B.A.** (highest honors), Honors Program in Humanities (“Ofakim”), University of Haifa

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journals

Rettig, Elai and Ziv Rubinovitz. [How Small States Break Oil Sanctions: Israel's Oil Import Strategy in the 1970s](#). *Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming).

Rettig, Elai, Fischhendler, Itay, and Fiona Schlecht. [The Meaning of Energy Islands: Towards a Theoretical Framework](#). *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*. Volume 187 (2023), 113732.

Rettig, Elai. [Securitizing Energy Cooperation: Israel's Regional Shift in the East-Mediterranean](#), *Foreign Policy Analysis*. Vol. 17, no. 3 (2021). pp. 1-18

Rubinovitz, Ziv and Elai Rettig. [Crude Peace: The Role of Oil Trade in the Israeli-Egyptian Peace Negotiations](#), *International Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 62, No. 2 (2018). pp. 371-382

Rettig, Elai and Eli Avraham. [The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in the Battle over Framing: The Case of the Israeli-West Bank Separation Barrier](#), *International Journal of Press/Politics*. Vol. 21, No. 1. (2016). pp. 111-133

Rettig, Elai. [Limits to Cooperation: Why Israel Does Not Want to Become a Member of the International Energy Agency](#), *Israel Affairs*. Volume 22, No. 2. (2016). pp. 512-527

Rettig, Elai. [Protecting Foreign Manpower in the Israeli Natural-Gas Industry: Lessons from Nigeria](#), *Military and Strategic Affairs*, Vol. 6, No. 2. (2014). pp. 49-64

### Edited Books

Spanier, Benny, Sheffler Orin, and Elai Rettig (eds.). [“UNCLOS and the Protection of Innocent and Transit Passage in Maritime Chokepoints”](#). University of Haifa, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (2021).

### Book Chapters

Rettig, Elai [The Impact of Natural-Gas Discoveries on Israeli Politics, Geopolitics & Socioeconomic Discourse](#), in David Jalilvand and Kirsten Westphal (eds.) *The Political and Economic Challenges of Energy in the Middle East and North Africa*, Routledge (2018). pp. 169-181.

Rettig, Elai. [Obstacles to Israeli Natural Gas Developments](#), in Ayla Gürel, Harry Tzimitras and Hubert Faustmann (eds.) *Global Energy Debates and the Eastern Mediterranean*, PRIO Cyprus Centre Report, 1. Cyprus: PRIO (2016). pp. 59-66

## Selected Professional Publications / Policy Reports

Rettig, Elai (October 2023). “[Cutting the Electricity Supply to Gaza – Consequences and Implications](#)”. *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 2219, October 16, 2023*

Rettig, Elai and Benny Spanier (July 2023). “[Why Israel Approved Development of the Gaza Marine Gas Field](#)”. *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 2207*.

Rettig, Elai (March 2023). “[Israel’s Energy Market and the War in Ukraine](#)”. *BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 2186*.

Rettig, Elai. “Solar Hopes and Grounded Reality: Should and Could Israel Meet its 2030 Renewable Energy Transition Targets”, in Shaul Chorev and Ziv Rubinovitz (eds.), *Maritime Strategic Evaluation for Israel 2021-22*. Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center (2022).

Rettig, Elai. “Israel’s Energy Sector Between Peace and Plague”, in Shaul Chorev and Ehud Gonen (eds.), *Maritime Strategic Evaluation for Israel 2020-21*. Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center (2021).

Zimmerman, Nadia, Benny Spanier, and Elai Rettig. [Consequences of Development and Production of Cross-Border Oil and Gas Deposits](#) [in Hebrew], Maritime Policy & Strategy Research Center (2020).

Rettig, Elai. “[The Black Gold isn’t Shining Anymore](#)” [in Hebrew], *Hashiloach* (September 2020)

Rettig, Elai and Oded Eran. [Economic Relations between Israel and Europe: Selected Issues](#), in: Rosner, Yotam and Adi Kantor (eds.), *The European Union in Turbulent Times: Challenges, Trends, and Significance for Israel*. INSS Memorandum 175, Tel Aviv University (2018). pp. 157-163.

Rettig, Elai and Oded Eran. [The EU's Energy Challenges](#), in: Rosner, Yotam and Adi Kantor (eds.), *The European Union in Turbulent Times: Challenges, Trends, and Significance for Israel*. INSS Memorandum 175, Tel Aviv University (2018). pp. 103-112.

Rettig, Elai. [Claim what's yours: Natural Gas, Regional Perception and Socioeconomic Discourse in Israel](#), Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (December 2016)

Rettig, Elai. [Can Saudi Arabia Cook a Homemade Defense Industry? Not with Oil in the Recipe](#), *War on the Rocks* (July 13, 2016)

Rettig, Elai. [Removing the Iranian Threat from the Gas Framework's Agenda](#) [in Hebrew], Public Hearing on the Proposed Framework to Regulate Israel's Natural Gas Sector, Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water, State of Israel (July 3, 2015)

## Books Under Contract

Rettig, Elai and Eitan Shamir. “Israel’s Grand Strategy: Controlling, Shaping, and Adapting to New Realities”. Under contract with Oxford University Press. Expected publication: 2025

## Articles Under Review

Rettig, Elai and Lior Herman. “Powering Urban Energy Divisions as a Peacebuilding Strategy: Foreign Involvement in the Solar Electricity Projects of East-Jerusalem”

Rettig, Elai and Benny Spanier, “Striking Energy Deals in Disputed Seas: The Case of the Gaza Marine Gas Field”

Rettig, Elai. “Why Regional Energy Cooperation Fails: Perception of Supply Vulnerability in Northeast Asia and the EU Energy Union”

## SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

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2023 **Israel Science Foundation (ISF)**, personal research grant (1508/23), *How Small States Reformulate their Grand Strategy: The Case of Israel’s Attempt to Become a Regional Power*, 45,000USD

2023 **Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa**, research grant, *How Small States Break Oil Embargoes: Israel’s Oil Import Strategy in the 1970s*, 2,500USD

2018-21 **The Israel Institute Teaching Fellowship Grant**, post-doc grant, 210,000 USD

2019 **Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa**, travel grant, 500USD

2016-17 **Reuven Chaikin Chair in Geo Strategy**, research grant: *Avoiding the Curse: Dangers and opportunities in the utilization of Israel’s energy export revenues*, 75,000 NIS

2016 **Ministry of Science, Technology and Space, State of Israel**, travel grant, 1,500 Euro

2013-16 **The University of Haifa’s President’s Scholarship**, full tuition for PhD, 200,000 NIS

2012-13 **Ministry of Energy and Water, State of Israel**, full tuition for M.A., 100,000 NIS

## COURSES

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- 2021 - Current    **Bar-Ilan University**  
    “Energy and National Security”  
    “Strategy and National Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”  
    “Regime Change in the Middle East”
- 2018 – 2020    **Washington University in St Louis**  
    U94 JME 303: “Global Energy Policy: from Israel to Iran”  
    L82 EnSt 402: “International Energy Politics”  
    L75 JINE 387: “Israel’s Foreign Policy”  
    L82 EnSt 340: “Energy Governance in Israel and the Middle East”  
    L75 JINE 373: “Democracies and Dictatorships in the Middle East”
- 2019-2020    **Rice University**  
    MGMT 611: “Geopolitics of Energy”
- 2017    **New York University**  
    POL-UA 9994: "Democracies, Dictatorships and Regime Change"
- 2016-2018    **University of Haifa**  
    “Energy and National Security in Israel and the International System”  
    “Introduction to Academic Writing and Methodology”  
    “Practicum: M.A. Program for Local Governance Cadets”