

NATAN SACHS

Director, Center for Middle East Policy, the Brookings Institution

EXPERIENCE & FELLOWSHIPS

Director, The Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution (May 2017 to present)

Fellow, The Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution (January 2012 to present) Research Israeli foreign policy and politics, Israeli national security and Israeli-Arab relations.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University Department of Government (Fall 2013). *Course: Arab-Israeli conflict.*

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Security Studies Program, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (Spring 2013). *Course: Graduate capstone research methods seminar.*

Instructor, *International Relations*, Stanford EPGY Summer Institutes (2011)

Hewlett Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Democracy Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University (September 2010 to June 2011)

Visiting Fellow, Tel Aviv University, Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies (2008-2009)

Fulbright Fellow, Indonesia, (2007-2008)

Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation Graduate Fellowship (2005)

Stanford University Graduate Fellowship (2003-2008)

Short-term aide, International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC (Spring-Summer 2003) Office of Rep. Howard L. Berman

Research Assistant, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC (2001-2002)

REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS

Israel, Jordan, and the UAE's energy deal is good news (with Bruce Riedel, November 23, 2021)

Around the halls: Examining the impact of what does (or doesn't) happen at COP26, Brookings, October 28, 2021

Israel's new government agrees on only one thing: Booting Netanyahu, Brookings June 23, 2021

"The Middle East and a Global China: Israel amid U.S.-China Competition" (with Kevin Huggard) in *Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World*, editors: Tarun Chhabra, Rush Doshi, Ryan Hass, and Emilie Kimball, Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, June 22, 2021

After Bibi, Brookings, June 4, 2021

The perfect storm for Israelis and Palestinians, Brookings, May 15, 2021

Around the halls: How leaders and publics around the world are reacting to events at the Capitol, Brookings, January 8, 2021

Saudi-Israeli relations: The curious case of a NEOM meeting denied (with Tamara Cofman Wittes), Brookings, November 25, 2020

Israel in the Middle East: The next two decades, (with Kevin Huggard), Brookings, November 2020

Future trends for Israel and the Middle East, (with Samantha Gross, Kevin Huggard, Shibley Telhami, and Tamara Cofman Wittes), Brookings, November 20, 2020

Beyond the classics: A fresh international relations reading list for students, Brookings, September 8, 2020

Around-the-halls: Experts analyze the normalization of Israel-UAE ties, Brookings, August 13, 2020

Israel and the Middle East amid U.S.-China competition (with Kevin Huggard), Brookings, July 20, 2020

In American eyes, annexation is like playing with fire, Yediot Ahronot (from Hebrew), July 1, 2020

Reopening the World: Israel reopens, but the risks persist, Brookings, June 16, 2020

Technosurveillance mission creep in Israel's COVID-19 response (with Kevin Huggard, Brookings Techstream, June 9, 2020

In Israel, Benny Gantz decides to join with rival Netanyahu (with Kevin Huggard), March 27, 2020

Israel is back on the brink, Brookings, March 3, 2020

Around the halls: Brookings experts on the Middle East react to the White House's peace plan, Brookings, January 29, 2020

Around the halls: What Brookings experts hope to hear in the Iowa debate, Brookings, January 13, 2020

Around the halls: Experts discuss the recent US airstrikes in Iraq and the fallout, Brookings, January 2, 2020

Timeline: A tumultuous year in Israeli politics (with Kevin Huggard), Brookings, December 19, 2019

Israel's Netanyahu is indicted amid political gridlock (with Kevin Huggard), Brookings, November 21, 2019

Israel's government formation: Answering the key questions (with Kevin Huggard), Brookings, October 25, 2019

The end of Netanyahu's unchecked reign, Brookings, September 20, 2019

Israeli elections redux: What you need to know, Brookings, September 13, 2019

Israel's right-wing majority, Brookings, April 11, 2019

Israeli elections primer: Final polls and what they mean, Brookings, April 8, 2019

"Israel's Reverse Periphery Doctrine" in *The Iranian Revolution at Forty* Editor: Suzanne Maloney, Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press. February 25, 2020

Around the halls: Brookings experts react to Secretary of State Pompeo's speech in Cairo, Brookings, January 10, 2019

The new geopolitics of the Middle East: America's role in a changing region, Brookings, (with Jeffrey Feltman, Samantha Gross, Martin Indyk, Kemal Kirişci, Suzanne Maloney, Bruce Riedel, Amanda Sloat, Angela Stent, Tamara Cofman Wittes, and Bruce Jones), January 2019

Ending Gaza's perpetual crisis: A new U.S. approach (with Hady Amr, Ilan Goldenberg, and Kevin Huggard), Brookings and Center for New American Security, December 2018

Brookings experts on Trump's UNGA speech, Brookings, September 26, 2018

Around the Halls: Brookings experts discuss the implications of President Trump's Iran nuclear deal announcement, Brookings, May 8, 2018

Israel and Trump are at odds on Syria, Brookings, April 11, 2018

The two things that will determine Netanyahu's fate, Brookings, February 15, 2018

How much does BDS threaten Israel's economy? (with Dany Bahar), Brookings, January 26, 2018

Brookings experts on Trump's National Security Strategy, Brookings, December 21, 2017

Benjamin Netanyahu and the politics of grievance, Brookings, August 22, 2017

50 years: Legacies of the 1967 War, Brookings, May 31, 2017

Around the Halls: What Brookings experts are saying about the U.S. airstrikes on Syria, Brookings, April 7, 2017

Around the Halls: What Brookings experts are saying about the U.S. airstrikes on Syria, Brookings, April 7, 2017

"Tribes, identity, and individual freedom in Israel" (with Brian Reeves), Brookings Institution Report, March 2017

"What's new and what's not in the U.N. resolution on Israeli settlements", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, December 26, 2016

"Bibi's Trump dilemma", with Michael Koplow, Foreign Affairs, November 18, 2016

"Israeli national unity government redux?", with Brian Reeves, Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, October 14, 2016

"Shimon Peres: Eternal optimist, 1923-2016", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, September 28, 2016

"Whose side are you on? Alliance credibility in the Middle East and Japan", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, May 31, 2016

"Reckless politicking: Lieberman to be named Israel's defense minister", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, May 20, 2016

"Why Israel waits: Anti-solutionism as a strategy" Foreign Affairs magazine, Nov/Dec 2015

"Dilemmas of the Israeli-Palestinian impasse", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, September 17, 2015

"Israel and the United States: A dialogue of the deaf", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, July 21, 2015

"Israeli elections: Netanyahu IV", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, May 15, 2015

"How Bibi pulled it off", Foreign Policy and Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, March 18, 2015

"Israel's elections: what to expect", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, March 17, 2015

"Israeli elections: Decision time (or not)", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, March 16, 2015

"Israeli elections: Who will win? (Take 3-ish)", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, March 9, 2015

"Drusha Savlanut Estrategit" (Patience is Israel's best strategy against Iran), originally published in Hebrew, Ha'aretz (print), March 3, 2015

"The Energy Island: Israel Deals with its Natural Gas Discoveries" (with Tim Boersma), Foreign Policy at Brookings Policy Paper # 35, February 2015

"Gaza Marine: Natural Gas Extraction in Tumultuous Times?" (with Tim Boersma), Foreign Policy at Brookings Policy Paper # 36, February 2015

"Israeli elections: The politics of Bibi's Congressional speech", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, February 7, 2015

"Israeli Elections: Who Will Win? (The Numbers, Take 1)", Brookings Center for Middle East Policy

Markaz, January 22, 2015 | Comments

“Israeli Elections: Labor's Challenge”, Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, January 16, 2015

“Israeli Elections: Tell Me Who Your Friends Are”, Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, January 5, 2015

“Unprecedented Tension in an Unshakable Relationship? U.S.-Israeli Dialogue in Time of Crisis”
Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, December 4, 2014

“Netanyahu More Vulnerable Than He Seems”, CNN Opinion, December 3, 2014

“Violence in Jerusalem and the Future of the Two-State Solution”, Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, November 25, 2014

“Netanyahu in New York and Washington” Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, September 30, 2014

“Israeli Intelligence Veterans Refusal Letter” Brooking Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, September 12, 2014

“Do Four More Months for Iran Talks Enhance American Leverage or Cede Ground to Tehran?”
Brookings UpFront, July 21, 2014

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs hearing on “Israel and Iran's Role in the Middle East”, July 16, 2014

“What Hamas Wants, What Israel Needs” Foreign Policy, July 11, 2014

“Iran and the Peace Process Top the Agenda for Netanyahu-Obama Meeting” Brookings UpFront, March 3, 2014

“Israeli-Palestinian Violence Erupts” Brookings Big Bets & Black Swans - Memorandum to The President, January 23, 2014

“Politics Trump Economics in the Complex Game of Eastern Mediterranean Hydrocarbons” (with Dan Arbell, Tim Boersma and Kemal Kirischi) Brookings UpFront, December 20, 2013

“On Balance, A Good Deal For Israel” Brookings UpFront, November 24, 2013

“Israel Reacts With Alarm At What Its Leadership Sees As A Bad Deal” Brookings UpFront, November 11, 2013

“Religious Politics at a Crossroads in Israel” Brookings UpFront, October 9, 2013

“Hope for the Best, Prepare for the Worst” Foreign Policy, July 25, 2013

“The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Discussed at U.S.-Islamic World Forum” Brookings UpFront, June 9, 2013

“Kerry's Improbable Peace Process Lacks Israeli and Palestinian Buy-In” Haaretz, June 3, 2013

“Israel's Three Gambles in Syria” (with Daniel Byman) Foreign Policy, May 7, 2013

“Around the Halls: Israel's Airstrikes in Syria” Brookings UpFront, May 7, 2013

“Israelis Love to Argue: And Four Other Tips for Obama's First Presidential Visit to Israel” Foreign Policy, February 6, 2013

“Bibi Can't Lose” Foreign Policy, November 30, 2012

“Israel Loses an Envoy” The National Interest, November 30, 2012

“What Bill Clinton Can Teach Obama about the Israelis” The Washington Post (Outlook), Nov. 23, 2012

“Israel, Engage Abbas Now” CNN.com, November 22, 2012

“Abbas Appeals to Israeli Public” *The National Interest*, November 14, 2012

“The Gaza Strip Erupts in Further Violence” *The Huffington Post*, November 14, 2012

“Stopping Extremist Settlers” (with Daniel Byman) *The New York Times Global (IHT)*, August 16, 2012

“The Rise of Settler Violence in the West Bank” (with Daniel Byman), *Foreign Affairs*, August 14, 2012

“Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, A Stalwart of Israeli Conservatism” *Brookings UpFront*, July 5, 2012

“Israel's Spy Revolt” *Foreign Policy*, May 10, 2012

“The Upcoming Obama-Netanyahu Meeting and Iran’s Nuclear Program” *Brookings UpFront*, March 1, 2012

Book Review: Hassner, R. E. (2009). *War on Sacred Grounds*. Ithaca, Cornell University Press, *Comparative Political Studies* 2010 43: 1317

“Life of an Israeli Government: Nasty, Brutish and Short”, *Huffington Post*, March 12, 2009

“An International Force in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: The Security Aspects” (with Nitsan Alon) *Washington Institute for Near East Policy PolicyWatch #380*, May 9, 2002

“International force would be wrong move” (with Nitsan Alon), *The Baltimore Sun*, May 19, 2002

“The Intra-Likud Power Struggle and Israeli National Elections” *Washington Institute for Near East Policy PolicyWatch 381*, May 10, 2002

Conference presentations

“Experimenting with Identity: Islam, Nationalism & Ethnicity”
Presented at: The Annual APSA Conference, Toronto, September 2009, The U.C. Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium, April 2009, The Stanford Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2009, The Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, April 2009

“Shame and Religious Prosociality”
An experiment-based investigation on the motivations behind religiously-induced prosocial behavior
Presented at: the Annual APSA Conference, Washington DC, September 2010

“Freedom of the Press, Democracy and Democratization”
A study of effects of press freedom on consequent instances of democratization
Presented at the Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, April 2007

EDUCATION

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Ph.D. Political Science (January 2012)

Dissertation Title: *Religion and Nation: Identity Manipulation in Diverse Societies*

Committee: David Laitin (Chair), James Fearon, Jeremy Weinstein

M.A. Political Science (January 2009)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Israel

B.A. Magna Cum Laude,

“Amirim” Excellence Program and Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities (2001)