

NATHAN (NATAN) B. SACHS

Fellow and 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)

PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH PROJECTS & WORKING PAPERS

Book, forthcoming, Brookings Institution Press. Working title: *Does Israel Have a Plan?*

Does Israel have a coherent plan for its relations with the Palestinians? The book explores the history of such plans, current Israeli "anti-solutionist" thinking and its limitations, and argues for a clear Israeli strategic decision to work toward separation from the West Bank.

Publications

"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”, Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, January 16, 2015

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

“Unprecedented Tension in an Unshakable Relationship? U.S.-Israeli Dialogue in Time of Crisis” Brookings 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”, Brookings Center for Middle East Policy Markaz, November 25, 2014

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

“Israeli Intelligence Veterans Refusal Letter” Brookings 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

Academic conference presentations

PhD dissertation: *Religion and Nation: Identity Manipulation in Diverse Societies*

An experiments-based study of the role of Islam and nationalism in shaping behavior in Indonesia

“Experimenting with Identity: Islam, Nationalism & Ethnicity”

A study of the role of national and Islamic identities on shaping inter-ethnic cooperation in Indonesia

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hebrew – native

Spanish – beginner-intermediate

Bahasa Indonesia – beginner-intermediate

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

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

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)

Focus: cognitive sciences and political philosophy