

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: Alon

Surname: Helled

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## 2014–2019 PhD in Social and Political Change

University of Turin and University of Florence (joint program) and École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)

- PhD Thesis: ***Engraving identity: the production of the Israeli "survival unit" through its historians*** in co-tutorship with École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS) (program in sociology). Supervisors: prof. Gisèle Sapiro (EHESS), prof. Marco Tarchi (UniFi): defense on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## 2011–2013 MA in International Sciences

University of Turin, Turin (Italy)

- Graduation on November 27<sup>th</sup> with 110 cum laude, University of Turin, Italy. Thesis: ***"The Populist Challenge in the Global Era"***, supervisors: professors Fabio Armao, Alfio Mastropalo and Anna Caffarena.

## 2008–2011 BA International Studies, Development and Cooperation

University of Turin, Turin (Italy)

- Graduation on July 7<sup>th</sup> with full-mark, University of Turin, Italy. Final dissertation: ***"Trust building for the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"***, supervised by Professor Anna Caffarena.

## Curriculum vitae

### PERSONAL SKILLS AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Hebrew

Mother tongue(s)  
Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
German	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

### Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem-solving
Proficient user	Proficient user			

Proficient user of Microsoft (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) and platforms such Zoom, Webex, Teams, Skype, Moodle, Google Meet

### Scholarships and Grants

- 2016: Aide à la mobilité, Advanced School in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris.
- 2015: Compagnia di San Paolo Foundation aide for fieldwork in Israel, July-October.
- 2014-2017: PhD full bursary, University of Turin.
- 2013: Mid-year scholarship for foreign students granted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### Research Stays Abroad

- 2016, 2017: **Tel-Aviv University**, Unit of Culture Research, under invite of prof. Rakefet Sela-Sheffy (head of unit).

### Membership in Scientific Associations

- Since 2019: Member of the Association for Israel Studies (AIS).
- Since 2019: Member of the European Association of Israel Studies (EAIS).
- Since 2018: Member of the Ecpr Standing Group on Political Culture.
- Since 2018: Member of the Ecpr Standing Group on Political Theory.
- Since 2018: Member of the advisory committee Ecpr Standing Group: Political Sociology.
- Since 2018: Fellow of the Norbert Elias Foundation, Amsterdam.
- Since 2016: Member of Euroacademia Group.
- Since 2016: Member of Ecpr Standing Group: Identity.
- Since 2015: Member of the Italian Society of Political Science (*Società Italiana di Scienza Politica*).

### Teaching Experience

Since the academic year 2019-2020 I have been serving as a teaching assistant (*cultore della materia*) for the MA courses in **History and Politics of Contemporary Middle East** (responsible: prof. Alberto Tonini) and **History of Modern Israel** at the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Florence.

In the academic year 2019-20, I was invited to hold two seminars at the course **History of The Arab-Israeli Conflict** (responsible: Prof. Arturo Marzano), Laurea Magistrale in Scienze per La Pace: Trasformazione Dei Conflitti E Cooperazione Allo Sviluppo, Department of Civilizations and Forms of Knowledge, University of Pisa.

Throughout the PhD program, I have held several lessons and lectures, on different occasions, at the department of political and social sciences, University of Florence and at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. The latter mostly regarded Israeli society, politics and culture vis-à-vis international and geopolitical contingencies. Lectures also proposed an interdisciplinary approach varying from sociological theory (i.e. Bourdieu, Elias) to political issues such as nation-building processes, state and citizenship, sovereignty etc. Such opportunities were carried out in MA courses such as **Comparative Political Systems** (SISTEMI POLITICI COMPARATI, responsible: Dr. Sorina Cristina Soare) and **History of Modern Israel** (STORIA DI ISRAELE MODERNO, responsible: Prof. Maria Grazia Enardu) which are optional courses in the MA program in International Relations and European Studies at Florence University.

### Professional and Scientific Collaborations

- Since 2021: member of Groupe de Contact « Droit et processus de (dé-)civilisation »/« Law and (De-) Civilizing Processes », Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles, Centre de recherche en Science politique (CReSPo).
- Since 2020: collaboration as peer-reviewer for the Italian sociological journal "Quaderni di Sociologia" (topics: Israel, Middle East, populism, political theory).
- Since 2014: collaboration with *The Federalist Debate* as editor and translator.

### Peer Reviewed Publications

Forthcoming publications:

- Helled, A. *The Nationalist Egg and the State-centric Chicken?*, "Quaderni di Sociologia".
- Helled, A. *Israel Studies "Italian Style": Between Academic Decentralization and Disciplinary Autonomization* in the special issue: *Israel Studies as a Global Discipline*, Journal of Israeli History.
- Helled, A. [book review]: Pardo, S. and Zahavi, H. (Eds.), *The Jewish Contribution to European Integration* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020), Italian Political Science Review-Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica.

Already published:

- Helled, A. **Israeli National Habitus and Israeli Historiography: Between Generations and Politicization** in Delmotte, F., Gornicka, B. (Ed.s): "Norbert Elias in Troubled Times: Figurational Approaches to the Problems of the Twenty-First Century", Palgrave: Springer Nature Switzerland AG, 2021.
- Helled, A. **Book Review: Memory activism: Reimagining the past for the future in Israel-Palestine by Yifat Gutman**, "Nations and Nationalism", Volume 26, Issue 4, October 2020, pp. 1128-1129, published online: 16 January 2021 <https://doi.org/10.1111/nana.12671>.
- Helled, A. **Book Review: Yael Zeira The Revolution Within: State Institutions and Unarmed Resistance in Palestine**, Cambridge University Press. 2019, "Democratization", winter 2020, Pages 863-865 | published online: 09 Oct 2020.

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- Helled, A. **Book Review: Grounded Nationalisms: A Sociological Analysis by Malešević, Siniša**, 2019: "Acta Sociologica", published October 8, 2020 Book Review: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0001699320964386>.
- Helled, A. **Book Review: Why Nationalism by Yael Tamir**, Princeton, Oxford, Princeton University Press, 2019, "Democratization" (Published online: 04 Dec 2019).
- Helled, A. **The Double-Edged Banalization of Israeli National Identity**, Atti della III Conferenza Nazionale delle Dottorande e dei Dottorandi in Scienze Sociali, Sapienza University Press, 2019, pp.225-234.
- Helled, A. **L'Habitus Nazionale Israeliano: Una Banalizzazione A Doppio Taglio, Nazioni e Regioni**. Studi e Ricerche sulla Comunità Immaginata, N. 12/ 2018.
- Helled, A. **The Israeli Electoral State of Mind: Security, Discourse and Leadership as components of the 2015 elections**, Quaderni dell'Osservatorio Elettorale, N. 79, Vol. 79, N. 1., June 2018, pp. 71-99.
- Helled, A. **Engraving politics: Antagonisms of Social Protest and Peace in 2015 Israeli Legislative Elections**, Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review, no. 2/2017, pp. 309-329.

## Non peer-reviewed Publications

- **Helled, A.** "Between National Habitus and State Actions: The Political Response to Covid-19", Open-Lab, *Cambio: Rivista sulle Trasformazioni Sociali* (Published Online: 2021-01-12 | DOI 10.13128/cambio-10113).
- **Helled, A.** "Identità plasmata: nazione e storiografia in Israele", *Incontri*, Anno XII, N. 23-24 gennaio-dicembre 2020, pp. 17-23.
- **Helled, A.** 'International "People"? A History Yet to be Written'; *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVIII, No.1, March 2015, pp. 25-28.
- **Helled, A.** 'French Populism and Anti-Europeanism: The two souls of the République'; *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, No. 3, November 2014, pp. 49-52.
- Fissolo, S., **Helled, A.**, a book review 'Resetting the European Union Constitutional Engine' by Antonio-Carlos Pereira-Manaut and Celso Cancela-Outeda (2012); *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII: No. 1, March 2014, pp. 61-63.

## Translations

- Lucio Levi, "War Returns" (Orig. title: "La guerra che torna"), in *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, Number 3, November 2014, pp. 4-6.
- "De-dollarization and Fragmentation of the International Monetary Non-system" (Tit. orig.: "De-dollarizzazione e frammentazione del non-sistema monetario internazionale"), in *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, Number 3, November 2014, pp. 39-40.
- "1914-2014: 100 Years After World War I" (Tit. orig.: "1914-2014: a cento anni dalla prima guerra mondiale"), in *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, Number 3, November 2014, p. 46.
- Raffaella Bolini, "1000 Billion Euros in 10 Years" (Tit. orig.: "1000 miliardi di euro in 10 anni"), in *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, Number 3, November 2014, pp. 59-60.
- Tzvetan Todorov, "The Union of the Peoples of Europe and the Example of Mandela", (Tit. orig.: "Unione dei popoli europei. La lezione di Mandela"), in *The Federalist Debate*, Year XXVII, Number 2, July 2014, pp.23-24.
- Giovanni Martinetto, "The Geo-strategic Space of Russia between Europe and China", (Tit. orig. "Entre l'agitation ukrainienne et la Zone aérienne d'identification chinoise"), in *The Federalist*

## Talks, Symposiums and Conferences

### • 2021

**Elezioni e Piano Vaccinale tra Israele e Palestina: Primo evento del Ciclo Incontri "Eretz Yisrael"**, Webinar organizzato dal Limes Club Firenze, 19 maggio 2021; relatore.

**37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL STUDIES "Pluralistic Israel: Women, Minorities and Diversity"**, JUNE 7 - JUNE 9, 2021, Paper-Giver: *The Ever-changing Dynamics of Nation-State, Identity, Sovereignty and Diversity in Contemporary Israel*.

**Thinking with Elias: Norbert Elias and Social Research**, 7-10 June 2021, Graduate Workshop, presenter and session-organizer.

**EAIS 4<sup>th</sup> Graduate Workshop 2021: Analysing The Challenges of Israel Studies Research**, 14 June 2021 (on-line event); expert discussant.

**Ecpr General Conference**, 30 August- 3 September 2021, Virtual event, Panel: "National state and Covid-19 pandemic crisis: democracy, populism, nationalism", Paper-Giver: ***Israeli Resilience and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between National Habitus and State Actions***.

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica**, Online Conference, 9-11 September 2021: Paper-Giver: ***The Ever-changing Dynamics of Nation-State, Identity, Sovereignty and Legitimacy in Contemporary Israel*** in Section 2 - Political Theory  
Panel 2.5: Il ruolo della nazione nella legittimazione dei sistemi politici.

### • 2020

**Ecpr General Conference** (Online Edition) August 24-27, Organizer and Paper-giver in the Political Sociology Section: Panel Qualitative Polity Modelling and Political Culture, paper: *Sovereignty and Cultural Banalization in the Israeli Habitus*.

**DNACVD19 e-WORKSHOP Discourses and Dispositifs of Covid-19 Pandemic** (Online Symposium), September 11, paper-giver.

### • 2019

**Identità e Identificazioni nel Mutevole Medio Oriente: Attori e Prospettive**, Giornata di Studi, Università di Firenze, 17 Giugno 2019 (coordinator and paper-giver).

**35th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL STUDIES Images and Realities: Land of Promise to Startup Nation?** Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, Israel JUNE 24-26, 2019 (paper-giver).

**5th "Israel Week"**, Centre for the Study of the Holocaust and Jewish Literature, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, 9th September, 2019: invited talk: ***Israel's National Habitus through Historiographical Generations***.

**8th Conference European Association of Israel Studies (EAIS)**, Charles University of Prague, paper: ***The double-edged banalization of Israeli national identity***, Panel: *Understanding the process of identities construction and reconstruction: social, legal and political implications*.

### • 2018

**Sixth International Conference of Center for Israeli Studies (CSIs - SNSPA)**, Bucharest: Policies of culture and memory in Israel", May, 22-23, speaker.

**ECPR General Conference**, Hamburg, 6-9 August: Panel-Chair: " *Political Identities: Conceptual and Methodological uses to better Understand Sociopolitical Realities*", Section: Identity Challenge or Identity Challenged? National and International Conflicts and Processes.

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica**, Torino, 6-8 Settembre, Panel 1. *Identities and Identifications: Politicized Uses of Collective Identities* Chair: Alon Helled in Section 2 – Teoria Politica; paper-giver: ***The Banalization of Israeli National Identity and Its Democratic Civic-***

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**Republicanism** (Section 2; Panel 10. Nazione e nazionalismi nella prospettiva della Scienza politica: teoria, movimenti politici, dinamiche istituzionali. Chair: Leonardo Varasano.

**III Conferenza Nazionale Dottorandi e Dottorandi in Scienze Sociali**, 12-14 settembre, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", speaker and paper-giver: **The Habitus of Israeli Historians between Identity and The State**.

**Norbert Elias Conference: Global Interdependencies: What's new in the human society of individuals?** Université Saint-Louis, Brussels, 5-8 December: paper giver.

### • 2017

**ECPR General Conference**, Oslo, 6-9 September: Section "Who is 'We'? Drawing Identity Boundaries and their Consequences"; paper-giver: "The Story of a Politicized National Historiography: The Israeli case"; "Challenges to European Identity": discussant.

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) XXXI Convegno Annuale 2017**, Urbino, 14-16 September: Section: Political Theory: Panel: Nazione e nazionalità: prospettive teoriche, empiriche e metodologiche; paper-giver: "Telling the Story of a Politicized National History: The Field and Habitus making of Israeli Historians".

**Società per gli Studi sul Medio Oriente**, Pisa 30 November-1 December: The International PhD Students Workshop SeSaMO-First Edition, speaker.

### • 2016

**European Consortium for Political Research (Ecpr) Graduate Student Conference 2016**, Tartu, 11-13 July: Section Political Sociology, co-chair of the panel "Civil Society and Social Movements: Comparative Perspectives" (with prof. Katrin Uba); paper-giver: "Engraving politics: Antagonisms of Social Protest and Peace in 2015 Israeli Legislative Elections".

**Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (SISP) XXX Convegno Annuale 2016**, Milan, 15-17 September: Section Comparative Politics, Panel 3.2 Comparative European Populism; paper-giver: "Engraving politics: Populist State of Mind and Issue Setting in 2015 Israeli Legislative Elections".

**Project PUF EHESS-NYU, Crossroads of Intellectual History**, Paris 3-5 November. Presented the ongoing PhD research: The Socio-genesis of Israeli Historiography".

**The Fifth Euroacademia International Conference: Identities and Identifications**, Rome, 9-10 December: "Telling the Story of Israeli National Historians".

### • 2015

**Colloque de recherche franco-allemand 2015: "Nationalisme, populisme et régionalisme dans une Europe en crise Histoire et présence des identités collectives"** Stuttgart, 29-31 octobre 2015: **Le cas complexe d'Israël: Crise et populisme dans une démocratie entre l'Europe et le Proche Orient**.