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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, 2012 – 2017 (expected)

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Quantitative Methods
(with distinction)

Dissertation: “How Terrorism Creates Foreign Fighters: A Study of the Islamic State’s Recruitment on Social Media Using Twitter Microdata.”

M.Phil., Political Science, 2015

M.A., Political Science, 2013

New York University, New York, NY

B.A., Politics, 2012

Highest Honors in Politics
Summa Cum Laude, GPA 4.0

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Mitts, Tamar. 2016. “From Isolation to Radicalization: The Socioeconomic Predictors of Support for ISIS in the West.” Job market paper.

- *Media coverage:* *Boston Globe* (July 17, 2016)

Bauer, Michal, Christopher Blattman, Julie Chytilová, Joseph Henrich, Edward Miguel, and Tamar Mitts. 2016. “Can War Foster Cooperation?” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 30(3): 249–274.

- *Media coverage:* *Washington Post* (June 28, 2016); *VoxEU* (July 2, 2016)

Mitts, Tamar. 2016. “Terrorism and the Rise of Right-Wing Content in Israeli Books.” Revise & Resubmit at *International Organization*.

Manekin, Devorah, Guy Grossman, and Tamar Mitts. 2016. “Contested Ground: Disentangling Material and Symbolic Attachment to Territory.” *Under Review*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“How Increasing Media Freedom Affects Political Discourse, Knowledge, and Polarization: Tracing the Mechanisms.” With Jack Snyder.

“Internet Propaganda and the Recruitment and Radicalization of Foreign Citizens.” With Dotan Haim, Gregoire Phillips, and Barbara Walter.

“Transnational Terrorism and Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the West: A Social Media Analysis.”

“Predicting Radicalization and Extremism on Social Media: An Analysis of Islamic State Supporters on Twitter.”

“The Stories of Attempted Foreign Fighters: An Analysis of FBI Investigations.”

DATASETS
(IN PROGRESS)

“The Behavior of Islamic State Activists on Twitter Before, During, and After Suspension.”
Live monitoring of about 15,000 Twitter accounts of Islamic State activists; Data recovered prior to suspension.

“The Radicalization and Extremist Rhetoric of Islamic State Followers on Social Media.”
Prospective and retrospective data collection of the content generated by approximately 1.6 million Twitter accounts of followers of Islamic State activists. Tracks the process of radicalization and extremism over time.

“Citizen Responses to Transnational Terrorist Attacks on Social Media (2010-2016).”
Random samples of Twitter accounts of individuals located in countries targeted by terrorism. Retrospective micro-level panel data in multiple languages.

SOFTWARE

“An XML Assembler for MILA Hebrew Dictionary Entries,” with Joshua Mitts.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Conference Travel Grants, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Department of Political Science, Columbia University. 2015-2016.

Summer Research Grant, Center for the Study of Development Strategies, Columbia University. 2014.

Dissertation Fellow, Teaching Fellow, Dean’s Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University. 2012-2017.

Best Honors Thesis Prize in Politics, New York University. 2012.

Founders Day Award for Outstanding Scholarship, New York University. 2012.

Dean’s List, New York University. 2010 - 2012.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Jack Snyder, Columbia University. 2016.

Christopher Blattman, Columbia University. 2013-2014.

Kanchan Chandra, New York University. 2010-2012.

Steven J. Brams, New York University. 2011-2012.

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

Nationalism, Fall 2015. TA for Jack Snyder.

Data Analysis and Statistics for Political Science Research, Spring 2014. TA for Robert Shapiro.

Scope and Methods, Fall 2013. TA for Daniel Corstange.

Graduate:

Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research: Models for Panel and Time-Series Cross-Section Data, Spring 2015. TA for Gregory Wawro.

Principles of Quantitative Political Research, Fall 2014. TA for Robert Shapiro.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Representative, Emergency and Crisis Management Center. 2008-2009.

Coordinated logistical support for rescue efforts in global crisis situations.

Corresponded daily with foreign governments and international organizations.

Research Department, Directorate of Military Intelligence, Israeli Defense Forces

Counterterrorism Research Officer (Lieutenant). 2002-2006.

Analyzed intelligence and performed assessments on tactical and strategic security issues assisting key decision makers in Israel.

Managed team of professionals specializing in counterterrorism research.

PEER REVIEWER *Comparative Political Studies, Political Behavior, International Studies Review*

SKILLS Technology: R, STATA (proficient); Python, SQL (rudimentary)
Languages: Hebrew (native), Finnish (basic)

REFERENCES Christopher Blattman
Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies
Harris School of Public Policy
The University of Chicago
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Harold Brown Professor of US Foreign and Security Policy
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