

MA & PhD Scholarship at Ben-Gurion University



Interview-based Study on "Participation and Representation in the Digital Age"

We invite applicants for fully funded scholarships for MA or PhD degrees at Ben-Gurion University's Department of Politics and Government, funded by a European Research Council (ERC) grant.

Students working on this interview-based project will focus their MA and PhD thesis research on advancing the research of the project in the context of a broader research team.

See additional information about the ERC project ([here](#)) and its international collaborators ([here](#)). See additional information about BGU's Politics and Government research degrees for the MA ([here](#)) and PhD ([here](#)).

The study:

- This interview-based study involves unique longitudinal re-interviews of activists in Israel and Spain, first interviewed during the 2011 global "Occupy" social protest cycle wave.
- The motivating question of the study is how these activists perceive that their own capacity to impact political processes has evolved since 2011 up through the current protest wave, with particular attention to their digital political participation.

Qualifications and skills:

- BA degree in Political Science or related fields (for MA applicants)
- MA degree in Political Science or related fields (for PhD applicants)
- Strong academic record and research potential
- Proficiency in English (written and spoken)
- Interest and background in social movements, protests, social networks and social change
- Interest in interview work
- Intellectual curiosity, independence, teamwork skills and attention to detail

Supervision and training:

The students on this interview-based project will be supervised and trained by two researchers:

Prof. Jennifer Oser, Principal Investigator of the ERC project.

Dr. Aya Shoshan, Postdoctoral team member of the ERC project.

Dr. Shoshan completed the first round of activist interviews as part of her PhD, which yielded high-impact research on organizational repertoires.

Application:

Email the following files to Dr. Aya Shoshan (ayas@post.bgu.ac.il):

- (1) Curriculum vitae (CV) or Resume
- (2) Letter of application describing your motivation and qualifications (1-2 pages)
- (3) Official academic transcripts and certificates (scanned copies)
- (4) Two letters of recommendation, preferably from academic recommenders
- (5) At least one writing sample (academic paper, essay, or publication), preferably sole-authored

Applications will be reviewed beginning June 30th, 2023