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### **Academic Positions**

**2022-Present.** Kenneth H. Keller Associate Professor of International Affairs. School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University

**2018-2022.** Associate Professor of International Affairs. School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University

**2012-18.** Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science and The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

**2011-12.** Research Fellow. Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University

### **Education**

**PhD**, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2012

- APSA Gabriel A. Almond Award for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics

**MA**, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008

**BA Magna Cum Laude**, Political Science and International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 2004

### **Publications and Research**

#### **Books**

Finkel, Eugene. 2024. *Intent to Destroy: Russia's Two-Hundred-Year Quest to Dominate Ukraine*. London and New York: Basic Books

Janetta Azarieva, Yitzhak M. Brudny, and Eugene Finkel. 2023. *Bread and Autocracy: Food, Politics and Security in Putin's Russia*. New York: Oxford University Press

- Reviews: *Politics Today*, *The Russian Review*

Finkel, Evgeny and Scott Gehlbach. 2020. *Reform and Rebellion in Weak States*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Elements in Political Economy series

Finkel, Evgeny. 2017. *Ordinary Jews: Choice and Survival during the Holocaust*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (Paperback edition 2019)

- Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)
- Alexander L. George Book Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)
- Bronisław Malinowski Award in the Social Sciences, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America (PIASA)
- Media Reviews and Coverage: *Australian Book Review* (2017 Books of the Year List); *Choice*; *City Journal*; *Jerusalem Post*; *Kirkus Reviews*; *New Books in Genocide Studies*; *Political Violence @ a Glance*; *The Times of Israel*; *World Magazine*
- Academic Reviews: *Comparative Politics*; *European Legacy*; *Histoire@Politique*; *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*; *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *La Rassegna Mensile di Israel*; *Quest: Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*; *Polish Review*; *Reading Religion*; *Revue d'Histoire de la Shoah*; *Shofar: Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* (Book Forum, 8 reviews); *Vingtième Siècle: Revue d'histoire*; *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung*

Finkel, Evgeny and Yitzhak M. Brudny (eds.). 2013. *Colored Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions*. London: Routledge

### Edited Journal Issues

Finkel, Evgeny and Yitzhak M. Brudny (eds.) 2012. "Reassessing Colored Revolutions and Authoritarian Reactions." *Democratization*. 19(1)

### Articles and Chapters

Ayatollahi Tabaar, Mohammad, Reyko Huang, Kanchan Chandra, Eugene Finkel, Richard A. Nielsen, Mara Redlich Revkin, Manuel Vogt, Elisabeth Jean Wood. 2023. "How Religious Are 'Religious' Conflicts?" *International Studies Review*. 25(3)

Finkel, Eugene. 2023. "Jews, Judaism, and Political Violence." *International Studies Review*. 25(3)

Charnysh, Volha, Eugene Finkel and Scott Gehlbach. 2023. "Historical Political Economy: Past, Present and Future." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 26, pp. 175-191

Finkel, Evgeny. 2023. "Historical Legacies and Jewish Survival Strategies during the Holocaust," in Jeffrey Kopstein, Jelena Subotic and Susan Welch (eds.) *Politics, Violence, Memory: The New Social Science of the Holocaust*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press

Grzymala-Busse, Anna and Evgeny Finkel. 2023. "Historical Political Economy of Autocracy," in Jeff Jenkins and Jared Rubin (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 161-184

Weiss, Chagai, Neal Tsur, Dan Miodownik, Yonatan Lupu and Evgeny Finkel. 2022. "Atypical Violence and Conflict Dynamics: Evidence from Jerusalem." *Political Science Research and Methods*

Azarieva, Janetta, Yitzhak M. Brudny and Eugene Finkel. 2022. "Bread and Autocracy in Russia." *Journal of Democracy*. 33(3), pp. 100-114

Dower, Paul, Evgeny Finkel, Scott Gehlbach, and Steven Nafziger. 2020. "Democratization as a Continuous Choice." *Journal of Politics*. 82(2), pp. 776-780

Dower, Paul, Evgeny Finkel, Scott Gehlbach, and Steven Nafziger. 2018. "Collective Action and Representation in Autocracies: Evidence from Russia's Great Reforms." *American Political Science Review*. 112(1), pp. 125-147

- Coverage: *The National Interest*
- Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award, APSA Political Economy Section
- Honorable Mention, Best Article Award, APSA European Politics and Society Section

Charnysh, Volha and Evgeny Finkel. 2017. "The Death Camp Eldorado: Political and Economic Effects of Mass Violence." *American Political Science Review*. 111(4), pp. 801-818

- Coverage: *The Monkey Cage*, *Political Violence @ a Glance*
- Honorable Mention, Luebbert Best Article Award, APSA Comparative Politics Section

Finkel, Evgeny, Scott Gehlbach, and Dmitrii Kofanov. 2017. "Determinants of Peasant Unrest in European Russia, March-October 1917." *Slavic Review*. 76(3), pp. 710-721

Finkel, Evgeny. 2015. "The Phoenix Effect of State Repression: Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust." *American Political Science Review*. 109(2), pp. 339-353

- Coverage: *The Boston Globe*, *Political Violence @ a Glance*

Finkel, Evgeny, Scott Gehlbach, and Tricia Olsen. 2015. "Does Reform Prevent Rebellion? Evidence from Russia's Emancipation of the Serfs." *Comparative Political Studies*. 48(8), pp. 984-1019

- CPS Editorial Board Best Paper Award for the best article published in *Comparative Political Studies* in 2015
- Best Article Award, APSA European Politics and Society Section

Finkel, Evgeny. 2012. "Mass Killings and Local Context." *Comparative Politics*. 45(1), pp. 107-124

Finkel, Evgeny. 2012. "The Authoritarian Advantage of Horizontal Accountability: Ombudsmen in Poland and Russia." *Comparative Politics*. 44(3), pp. 291-310

Finkel, Evgeny and Scott Straus. 2012. "Macro, Meso, and Micro Research on Genocide: Gains, Shortcomings, and Future Areas of Inquiry." *Genocide Studies and Prevention*. 7(1), pp. 56-67

Finkel, Evgeny and Yitzhak M. Brudny. 2012. "No More Colors! Authoritarian Reactions to Colored Revolutions." *Democratization*. 19(1), pp. 1-14

Finkel, Evgeny and Yitzhak M. Brudny. 2012. "Russia and the Color Revolutions in Eurasia." *Democratization*. 19(1), pp. 15-36

Brudny, Yitzhak M., and Evgeny Finkel. 2011. "Why Ukraine is not Russia: Hegemonic National Identity and Democratization in Russia and Ukraine." *East European Politics and Societies*. 25(4), pp. 813-833

- Reprinted in *East European Politics and Societies* online special issue on Ukraine (2017)

Finkel, Evgeny. 2010. "In Search of Lost Genocide: Historical Policy and International Politics in Post-1989 Eastern Europe." *Global Society*. 24(1), pp. 51-70

- Reprinted in Russian as "V Poiskakh Poteriannykh Genotsidov'," *Pro et Contra*, 15(3-4), pp. 123-43

### **Book Forum Articles**

Finkel, Evgeny. 2020. "Votes and Pogroms: The Electoral Politics of Anti-Jewish Violence." *Journal of Genocide Research* (Book Forum: Jeffrey S. Kopstein and Jason Wittenberg. *Intimate Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms on the Eve of the Holocaust*)

Finkel, Evgeny. 2019. Review of James Loeffler. *Rooted Cosmopolitans: Jews and Human Rights in the Twentieth Century*. *H-Diplo*, XX(31), pp. 8-11

Finkel, Evgeny. 2018. "Choice and Survival Across Approaches and Disciplines." *Shofar: Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*. 36(1), pp. 139-147

### **Work in Progress**

Finkel, Evgeny and David Szakonyi. "Flying with the Stars: Performance, Loyalty, and Awards in the Soviet Air Force during WWII." Under Review

Finkel, Evgeny. *Holocaust Survivors and the 1948 War in Israel/Palestine*. Book Manuscript in Progress

### **Policy Papers**

Finkel, Evgeny, Janetta Azarieva and Yitzhak M. Brudny. 2021. *Pasta and Sugar, Not Navalny, Are Putin's Main Worries*. Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia)

Finkel, Evgeny. 2017. *The Conflict in the Donbas between Gray and Black: The Importance of Perspective*. National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

### **Writing for General Audience**

"The slaughter of civilians in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza shows us a new age of mass violence," *Los Angeles Times*, 16/11/2023

"Putin cannot be compromised with," *The Spectator*, 05/10/2023

“What the world learned about Ukraine in a year of war,” *Los Angeles Times*, 02/24/2023

“Negotiations can’t end the Russia-Ukraine war until one side has lost.” *Los Angeles Times*, 11/20/2022

“Lessons from the Soviets on how to hold Russia accountable for war crimes.” (with Francine Hirsch) *Los Angeles Times*, 04/13/2022

“What’s happening in Ukraine is genocide. Period.” *The Washington Post*, 04/05/2022

“Iron Dome and beyond: Israel can, and must, save lives in Ukraine.” (with Anna Getmansky) *Haaretz*, 03/20/2022

“Western sanctions don’t harm Putin — they strengthen him.” (with Janetta Azarieva and Yitzhak Brudny) *The Hill*, 02/25/2022

“Kazakhstan reminds Putin what he really needs to fear.” (with Janetta Azarieva and Yitzhak M. Brudny) *The Washington Post*, 01/06/2022

“The liberation of Auschwitz offers the US lessons for today.” *The Hill*, 01/26/2021

“Politicizing the Holocaust is a danger to us all.” (with Jelena Subotić). *The Hill*, 02/02/2020

“Public opinion and domestic terrorism: What can we learn from Israel.” (with Yonatan Lupu). *The Hill*, 10/09/2019.

“Israeli elections require a shift in thinking about the two-state solution.” *The Hill*, 10/02/2019

“The U.S. president asks you for ‘a favor.’ How could it hurt your country?” *The Monkey Cage*, 10/02/2019

“Rewriting History in Eastern Europe.” (with Volha Charnysh) *Foreign Affairs*, 02/14/2018

“Poland’s new Holocaust law is just the latest attempt to officially redefine its history.” (with Volha Charnysh) *The Monkey Cage*, 02/03/2018

“Property Stolen During the Holocaust Made Some Communities Richer, Even 70 Years Later.” (with Volha Charnysh) *The Monkey Cage*, 08/08/2017

“Netanyahu Blames a Palestinian For the Holocaust. What Does the Evidence Say?” *The Monkey Cage*, 10/22/2015

“The Israeli Election Is Still Too Close to Call.” *The Monkey Cage*, 03/17/2015

“To Bibi or Not to Bibi.” *The Monkey Cage*, 03/13/2015

“(In)discriminate Language on Gaza.” (with Sarah Parkinson). *The Monkey Cage*, 08/07/2014

“2013 Israeli Parliamentary Elections: More the Same in a Totally New Game.” *The Monkey Cage*, 01/23/2013

## **Teaching**

Russia and Ukraine in Peace and War (Graduate)

Autocracy from Early States to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (Graduate)

Genocide and Mass Violence (Graduate)

State, Society, and Violence in Russia and Eastern Europe (Graduate)

Conflicts of the Present and the Future (Graduate)

Political Violence (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Israeli Politics and Foreign Policy (Undergraduate)

The Arab-Israeli Conflict (Undergraduate)

Comparative Study of Genocide (Undergraduate)

Politics and History of the Holocaust (Undergraduate)

## **Awards and Honors**

**2022** – Honorable Mention, Theda Skocpol Emerging Scholars Award, APSA Comparative Politics Section

**2019** – Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award, APSA Political Economy Section

**2019** – Honorable Mention, Best Article Award, APSA European Politics and Society Section

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**2018** – Bronisław Malinowski Award in the Social Sciences, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America (PIASA)

**2018** – Alexander L. George Book Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

**2016** – Best Article Award, APSA European Politics and Society Section

**2016** – CPS Editorial Board Best Paper Award for the best article published in Comparative Political Studies in 2015

**2013** – American Political Science Association’s Gabriel A. Almond Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in Comparative Politics

### **Invited Talks and Presentations**

American University, Columbia University, Cooper Union, Claremont McKenna College, Georgetown University, Georgia State University, Harvard University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Indiana University, New York University, Princeton University, Sonoma State University, Stanford University, University of Barcelona, University of California Berkeley, University of California Irvine, University of Florida, University of Notre Dame, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas-Austin, University of Toronto, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Uppsala University, US State Department Foreign Service Institute, Yale University

### **Professional Service**

Editorial Committee Member, *Comparative Politics*

Editorial Board Member, *American Political Science Review*

Associate Director, Association for the Study on Nationalities Annual Convention

Lead Editor, APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter (2018-21)

Manuscript Reviewer: *Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, International Security, Journal of Genocide Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Nationalities Papers, Perspectives on Politics, Politics, Post-Soviet Affairs, Problems of Post-Communism, World Politics*

### **Languages**

**Russian** (Native Speaker), **Hebrew** (Native Speaker Proficiency), **Ukrainian** (Fluent), **Polish** (Advanced), **Italian** (Intermediate)