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Research interests: migration, ethnicity, labour markets, inequality, gender wage gaps, quantitative research methods

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ACADEMIC POSITION

- Oct. 2020 – present **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Center for Economic Demography, Department of Economic History, School of Economics and Management, Lund University, Sweden
- Jan. 2020 – present **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Department of Economy and Society, School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Oct. 2014 – Dec. 2019 **Guest Researcher**
Department of Economy and Society, School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden

EDUCATION

- 2013 - 2019 **Ph.D.**, Tel Aviv University
Labor Studies
Dissertation title: “Immigrants’ Family Patterns and Household Economic Assimilation: A Comparative Study of the U.S. and Sweden”.
- 2009 - 2012 **M.A.**, Tel Aviv University (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Labor Studies
Thesis title: “The Effect of Immigrants’ Proportion in an Occupation on Native Wages: A Longitudinal Study”
- 2005 - 2009 **B.A.**, Ruppin Academic Center (*Magna Cum Laude*)
Department of Management, School of Social Science and Management

PUBLICATIONS

- Haberfeld Y., **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., and Elldér E. (2020). “Migration across developed countries: German immigrants in Sweden and the US”. *International Migration*, 58(6), 171-194.
- Haberfeld Y., **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., and Elldér E. (2019). “Selectivity and internal migration: A study of refugees’ dispersal policy in Sweden”. *Frontiers in Sociology*, 4, 66.
- Birgier D. P.** (2017). “Immigration, occupations, and native wages: Long time trends in the US”. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 51, 41-55.

Haberfeld Y., **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., and Elldér E. (2017). “*Economic assimilation of immigrants arriving from highly developed countries: The case of German immigrants in Sweden and the US*”. IFAU, Working paper 2017: 26

Birgier D. P., Lundh C., Haberfeld Y. and Elldér E. (2016). “Self-selection and host country context in economic assimilation of political refugees in US, Sweden and Israel”. *International Migration Review*, 52(2), 524-558.

Mandel H. and **Birgier D. P.** (2016). “The “Gender Revolution” in Israel: Progress and Stagnation”. Pp. 153-184, in Nabil Khattab, Sami Miaari and Stier Haya (eds.), *Socioeconomic Inequality in Israel: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Birgier D. P., Lundh C., Haberfeld Y., and Elldér E. “Stayers and movers: A study on emigration from Sweden 1990-2014” - *Revise and Resubmit, European Journal of Population*

Birgier D. P. “A family issue? A comparative analysis of migrants’ economic assimilation at the individual and family level” - *Under Review*

Birgier D. P., “Immigrants’ family patterns and household economic assimilation: A comparative study of the U.S. and Sweden” - *Under Review*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND FUNDING

2020 – 2022 Resercher: “*Contextual effects on educational-occupational mismatch by gender and immigration status: A cross-country comparative study in Europe*”
Israel Science Foundation - Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Social Sciences for Academic years 2020-2022 – 310,000 NIS (\$88,000 approximately).

2014 – 2019 Research Fellow: “*Comparative studies of movements in conditions reminiscent of natural experiments*”. The project revolves around the use of large scale databases (Swedish national register data, American Census, etc.) to examine economic integration in the case of immigrants.
P.I.: Prof. Christer Lundh, Department of Economy and Society, University of Gothenburg and Prof. Yitchak Haberfeld, Department of Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University.

2011 – 2014 Research Assistant of Prof. Hadas Mandel, Department of Sociology, Tel Aviv University.
Project 1: Long-term analysis of occupational gender wage gap in the US.
Project 2: Analysis of the gender wage gap in Israel.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2013 RC28 Sørensen Memorial Student Award.

2011 Dean's List, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel Aviv University.

2009 Dean's List, School of Social Science and Management, Ruppin Academic Center.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

Reviewer

Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, International Migration Review, Social Science Research, Work and Occupations

Guest Editor

Frontiers in Sociology, special issue on "*The Noneconomic and Economic Wellbeing of Immigrants*"

Professional Organization Memberships

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

- 2021 **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., Haberfeld Y., and Elldér E. "Stayers and movers: A study on emigration from Sweden 1990-2014".
- The ISA-RC28 Summer Meeting, University of Turku, Finland (online)
Birgier D. P., "A family issue? A comparative analysis of migrants' economic assimilation at the individual and family level"
- The ISA-RC28 Summer Meeting, University of Turku, Finland (online)
- 2020 Bar-Haim, E., **Birgier D. P.**, and Maskileyson D. "Pandemic Policies within Europe: Is Border Closure an Anti-COVID-19 or an Anti-Immigrant Measure?" The ISA-RC28 Conference Social Stratification under the Coronavirus Pandemic (online).
- 2019 **Birgier D. P.**, "Economic assimilation of immigrants in the U.S. and Sweden: A comparison between individual-level and family-level assimilation" The Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies Conference, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2017 Haberfeld Y., **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C. and Elldér E. "Economic assimilation of immigrants arriving from highly developed countries: The case of German immigrants in Sweden and the US". The ISA-RC28 Summer Meeting, Columbia University, New-York, USA.
- 2016 **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., Haberfeld Y., and Elldér E. "Selectivity and internal migration: A study of refugees' dispersal policy in Sweden".
- The 18th Nordic Migration Conference, Oslo, Norway.
- The ISA-RC28 Spring Meeting, Bern, Switzerland.
- 2015 **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., Haberfeld Y., and Elldér E. "Self-selection and host country context in economic assimilation of political refugees in US, Sweden and Israel". The ISA-RC28 Spring Meeting, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.
- 2014 Marantz E. A, and **Birgier D. P.**, "Ethnic Communities and Female and Male Immigrants Labor Force Participation" The ISA-RC28 Spring Meeting, Central European University Budapest, Hungary.
- 2013 **Debora D. P.**, "The Effect of Immigrants' Proportion in an Occupation on Native Wages: A Longitudinal Study".
- The ISA-RC28 Spring Meeting, Trento University, Italy.
- The ISA-RC31 Winter Meeting, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

INVITED TALKS

Immigrants' family patterns and household economic assimilation: A comparative study of the U.S. and Sweden

2021, Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM)

2020, Department of Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University

Contextual effects on educational-occupational mismatch by gender and immigration status: A cross-country comparative study in Europe

2021, Center on Global Migration (CGM), University of Gothenburg

2022, Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Germany

PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Non-comprehensive course list:

- International Migration
- Quantitative Research Methods for Graduate Students
- Introduction to Labor Markets for Graduate Students
- Introduction to Statistics for Graduate students

Supervision

European Studies - First and Second cycle thesis supervision

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Hebrew – Mother tongue

English – Full professional proficiency

Spanish – Full professional proficiency

Swedish – Intermediate

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, SPSS, R, HLM