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

### CURRENT POSITION

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#### Postdoctoral Fellow (2020 – 2022)

Unit of Economic History, Department of Economy and Society,  
University of Gothenburg, Sweden

### EDUCATION

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- 2013 - 2019 Tel Aviv University, **Ph.D**  
Labor Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences  
Dissertation title “Immigrants’ Family Patterns and Household Economic  
Assimilation: A Comparative Study of the U.S. and Sweden”.  
Supervisors: Prof. Yitchak Haberfeld and Prof. Hadas Mandel  
Committee members: Prof. Haya Stier and Prof. Christer Lundh
- 2014 - 2019 Guest Researcher  
School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg  
Department of Economy and Society
- 2009 - 2012 Tel Aviv University, **M.A (Summa Cum Laude)**  
Department of Labor Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences  
Thesis title “The Effect of Immigrants’ Proportion in an Occupation on  
Native Wages: A Longitudinal Study”
- 2005 - 2009 Ruppin Academic Center, **B.A (Magna Cum Laude)**  
Department of Management, School of Social Science and Management

#### Long interruptions

09/2017 - 04/2018 Parental leave

11/2012 - 04/2013 Parental leave

### PUBLICATIONS

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Haberfeld Y., **Birgier D. P.**, Lundh C., and Elldér E. (forthcoming). “Migration across developed  
countries: German immigrants in Sweden and the US”. *International Migration*.

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

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

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

**Birgier D. P.**, Haberfeld Y., Lundh C., and Elldér E. “Return migration from Sweden: the effect of source countries characteristics”.

**Birgier D. P.**, and Mandel H. “The growth in pay differentials between immigrants and non-immigrants in the U.S. labor market: compositional and structural changes”.

## FUNDING

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2020                    **Israel Science Foundation** - Academic years 2020-2022 – 310,000 NIS (88,000\$ approximately).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Research

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: Long-term analysis of the gender wage gap in Israel.

## Teaching experience

2016 – Present "International Migration", Master course, University of Gothenburg.

2010 – 2014 "Quantitative Research Methods", Master course, Tel Aviv University.

2010 – 2012 "Introduction to Statistics", Master course, Tel Aviv University.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

### Ad-hoc Reviewer

Research in Social Stratification and Mobility (RSSM)

International Migration Review (IMR)

### Professional Organization Memberships

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE)

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## ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 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.

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## WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- 2015 ECSR Spring School 2015 - The quantitative approach to the analysis of migration and migrants' integration in the host society. Turin, Italy.
- 2011 ICPSR-Michigan State University- Hierarchical Models using SAS and SPSS. Panel Data using STATA

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

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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.

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Hebrew – Mother tongue  
English – Full professional proficiency  
Spanish – Full professional proficiency  
Swedish – Basic

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

STATA, SPSS, R, HLM

## **REFERENCES (listed alphabetically)**

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