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## Current Positions and Affiliations

### **Brown University**

Associate Professor of Practice of International and Public Affairs, Watson Institute, 2021-Present  
Faculty Affiliate, Economics Department, 2022-Present

### **Harvard University, Growth Lab at Center for International Development**

Senior Fellow, 2022-Present

### **Center for Global Development**

Fellow (non-resident), 2021-Present

### **The Brookings Institution, Global Economy and Development**

Senior Fellow (non-resident), 2021-Present

### **CESifo Group Munich**

Research Affiliate, 2018-Present

### **IZA Institute of Labor Economics**

Research Affiliate, 2018-Present

## Education

### **Harvard University**

2014, PhD in Public Policy  
2010, MPA in International Development

### **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

2008, MA in Economics *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Universidad Metropolitana (Caracas, Venezuela)**

2003, BEng Systems Engineering

## Previous Employment or Affiliations

### **The Brookings Institution, Global Economy and Development**

Senior Fellow, 2020-2021  
David M. Rubenstein Fellow, 2017-2019  
Fellow, 2016-2017

### **Harvard University, Center for International Development**

Associate, 2014-2021  
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, 2010-2014

**Organization of American States**

Independent Expert

Working Group on the Venezuelan Migration and Refugee Crisis, 2019

**Inter-American Development Bank, Research Department**

Postdoc economist (Young Professional Program), 2014-2016

**Harvard University, Center for International Development**

Doctoral Fellow, 2010-2014

Research Assistant, 2008-2010

**Intel Corporation**

Team Leader, 2007-2008

**Israel Government Agency for Education and Immigration (WZO)**

Communications Division Director in the Young Adults Department, 2004-2007

*Visiting Positions*

Reichman University (formerly Inter Disciplinary Center Herzliya), School of Economics (Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

Paris School of Economics (Fall 2015, Summer 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

**Academic Research***Peer reviewed publications***Bahar, D.**, A Hauptmann, C Özgüzel and H Rapoport "Migration and knowledge diffusion: The effect of Yugoslavian returning refugees on export productivity" *Forthcoming, Review of Economics and Statistics*.**Bahar, D.**, Ibañez AM, Rozo S "Give me Your Tired and Your Poor: Impact of a Large-Scale Amnesty to Undocumented Refugees" *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol 151, June 2021, 102652**Bahar, D.** "The hardships of long distance relationships: time zone proximity and the location of MNC's knowledge intensive activities" *Journal of International Economics*, Vol 125, July 2020, 103311.**Bahar, D.**, Choudhury R, Rapoport H "Migrant inventors and the technological advantage of nations" *Research Policy*, Forthcoming (Special Issue on Migration and Innovation).**Bahar, D.**, Rapoport H, Turati R "Does Birthplace Diversity affect Economic Complexity? Cross-country Evidence" *Research Policy*, Forthcoming (Special Issue on Economic Complexity).**Bahar, D.** "Diasporas and economic development: A review of the evidence and policy" *Comparative Economic Studies*, Vol. 62 (SI 25th Dubrovnik Economic Conference), June 2020, pp. 200-214.**Bahar, D.**, Stein E, Wagner R, and Rosenow S "The birth and growth of export clusters: industry relatedness and comparative advantage" *World Development*, Vol 117, May 2019, pp. 48-60.**Bahar, D.**, "Measuring knowledge intensity in manufacturing industries: a new approach" *Applied Economic Letters*, Vol 26, Issue 3, 2019, pp. 187-190.**Bahar, D.**, and Rapoport H. "Migration, Knowledge Diffusion and the Comparative Advantage of Nations" *The Economic Journal*, Vol 128, Issue 612, July 2018, pp. F273-F305.

**Bahar, D.**, Molina CA, and Santos MA “Fool’s Gold: The Impact of Venezuelan Currency Devaluations on Multinational Stock Prices” *Economia (Journal of the LACEA)*, Vol 19, Number 1, Fall 2018, pp. 93-128

**Bahar, D.** “The middle productivity trap: dynamics of productivity dispersion” *Economic Letters*, Vol 167, June 2018, pp. 60-66

**Bahar, D.**, Santos MA “One more resource curse: Dutch disease and export concentration” (with MA Santos) *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 132, May 2018, pp. 102-114.

**Bahar, D.**, Hausmann R, and Hidalgo CA “Neighbors and the Evolution of the Comparative Advantage of Nations: Evidence of International Knowledge Diffusion?” *Journal of International Economics*, Vol 92, Issue 1, January 2014, Pages 111-123

### Work in progress

“Innovation on Wings: Flight connectedness and Innovation at Global Firms” (with R Choudhury, DY Kim and W Koo). *Revision requested by Management Science*.

“The Economic Effects of Immigration Pardons: Evidence from Venezuelan Entrepreneurs in Colombia” (with Bo Cowgill and Jorge Guzman)

“Migration Policy Reforms and Global Collaborative Patenting within Multinational Firms: Causal Multi-country Evidence” (with R Choudhury, J Sappenfield and S Signorelli)

“Global Mobile Inventors” (with R Choudhury, E Miguelez and S Signorelli)

“An Executive Order Worth \$100 Billion: The Impact of an Immigration Ban’s Announcement on Fortune 500 Firms’ Valuation” (with R Choudhury and B Glennon)

### Book chapters and book reviews

**Bahar, D.** and M. Dooley, (2019) “No Refugees and Migrants Left Behind”. In H. Kharas, J. McArthur and Ohno, I. (Eds.), *Leave No One Behind: Time for Specifics on the Sustainable Development Goals* (79-104). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

**Bahar, D.**, (2019) “The Economy Is about Firms: Productive Slowdown and Divergence”. In *Productive Equity: The Twin Challenges of Reviving Productivity and Reducing Inequality* (81-99). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution and Chumir Foundation.

**Bahar, D.** and K. Foda, (2019) “The Technology-Productivity Paradox: Why Has Productivity Growth Slowed?” In *Productive Equity: The Twin Challenges of Reviving Productivity and Reducing Inequality* (101-140). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution and Chumir Foundation.

**Bahar, D.** "Review of Israel’s Technology Economy: Origins and Impact (by David Rosenberg)", *Israel Studies Review*, 2018, 33(3), 173-174.

### Selected Commentary and Policy Writings

“Countries should seize the opportunity to take in Ukrainian refugees—it could transform their economies”, oped published by the Brookings Institution, March 2022 (with Chris Parsons and Pierre-Louis Vezina)”

“Ukrainian Refugees and Their Hosting Communities Are in Desperate Need of Funding,” oped published by the Center for Global Development, March 2022

“Remittances: One more thing that economists failed at predicting during COVID-19,” oped published by Brookings, February 2021

“Venezuelan refugees and their receiving communities need funding, not sympathy,” oped published by Brookings, February 2021 (with Meagan Dooley)

“Research: The Cost of a Single U.S. Immigration Restriction,” published by Harvard Business Review, January 2021 (with Raj Choudhury and Britta Glennon)

“Suspending immigration would only hurt America’s post-coronavirus recovery,” published by the Washington Post, April 2020.

“The Gig Economy: A Lifeline for Latin American Migrants – or a Dead End?,” published by Americas Quarterly, April 2020.

“Israeli Voters Don’t Care About the Economy. They Should,” published by Foreign Policy magazine, September 2019

“Impact of the 2007 sanctions on Venezuela: revisiting the evidence”, policy brief published by Brookings, May 2019 (with Sebastian Bustos, Jose Morales-Arilla and Miguel A. Santos)

“Migrants and the Startup Nation: Addressing Israel’s growing demand for skills by increasing the country’s role in the developing world”, policy brief published by Brookings, December 2018

“Integrating Venezuelans into the Colombian labor market: Mitigating costs and maximizing benefits”, policy brief published by Brookings, December 2018 (with Cindy Huang and Meagan Dooley)

“Latin America Is Facing a Refugee Crisis: Why It Matters That We Call Fleeing Venezuelans Refugees, Not Migrants”, published by Foreign Affairs, October 2018

“Refugee status and aid would unleash the potential of Venezuelan migrants” (with David Smolansky), published by the Washington Post, September 2018

“How can developing countries use their diaspora capital?” (with Ernesto Talvi), policy brief published by The Brookings Institution, March 2018

“Venezuela’s refugee crisis will exceed Syria’s; we must help”, published by The Hill, February 2018

“Give me your tired, your poor...and they will create jobs for us”, published by The Hill, December 2017

*Quoted and interviewed in several media outlets such as NYT, WaPo, The Economist CNN, Fox, FT, WSJ, etc.*

## Teaching

MPA2800 Policy in Action Consultancy - Brown University (Spring 2022)

Economic Development: Evidence and Policy Implications - Reichman University (IDC Herzliya - Israel) (Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

Economic Development and Productivity mini-course Université Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne - Paris School of Economics (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)

Advanced Quantitative Methods II (Econometrics), teaching fellow at Harvard Kennedy School (Spring 2011 & 2012)

Why countries are poor, unequal and volatile?, teaching fellow at Harvard Kennedy School (Fall 2009)

## Seminars and Conferences (Speaker)

**2021-2022:** Yale University, Brown University, University of Rochester, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Reichman University (IDC Herzliya - Israel), Duke University, US Department of State.

**2020-2021:** 37th Annual Meeting of the Association for Israel Studies (Keynote), Universidad Diego Portales (Chile), NBER (Productivity Lunch), Migration and Development Online Seminar

**2019-2020:** Case Western Reserve University Economics Department, University of Nevada Las Vegas Economics Department, Inter American Development Bank, Empirical Management Conference (World Bank), University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

**2018-2019:** American University School of Public Affairs; George Mason University School of Public Policy; Boston University Economics Department; Tel Aviv University School of Economics; American Economic Association Annual Meetings (Atlanta); 16th Annual Migration Meeting (Dublin, Ireland); 25th Dubrovnik Economic Conference (Croatia); 1st Wharton Conference on Migration, Organizations, and Management.

**2017-2018:** University of Nevada Las Vegas; NEUDC (Tufts University); Paris School of Economics; American Economic Association Annual Meetings (Philadelphia); University of Munich; NBER Productivity Group; Center for Global Development; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

**2016-2017:** The World Bank; OECD; Harvard Kennedy School; Harvard Business School; IESA (Caracas, Venezuela); Endeavor; International Monetary Fund.

**2015-2016:** The Brookings Institution; Université Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne; Inter-American Development Bank; George Washington University; Johns Hopkins SAIS; Ben Gurion University Economics Department; Tel Aviv University Business School.

**2014-2015:** Universidad de Chile Economics Department; Universidad Diego Portales Business School; Georgetown University Economics Department; Dynamics, Economic Growth, and International Trade Conference (in Vanderbilt University); Harvard Kennedy School; NEUDC (in Boston University); Georgetown University School of Public Policy; LACEA Annual Meeting (in University of Sao Paulo, Brazil).

**2013-2014:** Harvard Economics Department; Harvard Kennedy School; Harvard Business School; Indiana University Economics Department; World Bank; Inter American Development Bank; Secretariat of Economic Integration for Central America (SIECA); Tel Aviv University Public Policy Department; Haifa University Economics Department; Inter-Disciplinary Center Herzliya Economics Department; Santa Fe Institute; Oxford University.

**2012-2013:** Harvard Economics Department; Harvard Kennedy School; Hebrew University of Jerusalem Economics Department; Bar Ilan University Economics Department.

**2011-2012:** Harvard Kennedy School; Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences; Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research; Suffolk University Business Complexity Conference.

## Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Management Science, World Bank Economic Review, European Economic Review, World Development, Labour Economics, International Economic Journal, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of World Economics.

## Grants and Awards

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, 2022

Open Society Foundation, 2020

Japan Productivity Center, 2019, 2020

Corporacion Andina de Fomento, 2019

Brookings' Rubenstein Fellowship, 2017-2019

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University GSAS, 2013-2014

International Economics Student Research Grant, Harvard Economics Department, 2013

Doctoral Program in Public Policy Fellowship, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, 2010-2013

Boies Fellowship, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, 2008-2010

Nancy Klavans Cultural Bridges Fellowship, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard University, 2009

The Hebrew University Economics Department's Academic Excellence Award, 2008

Ministry of Immigrant Absorption of the State of Israel Scholarship, 2005-2008

Universidad Metropolitana Dean's List, 2003

Universidad Metropolitana School of Systems Engineering Award for Academic Excellence, 2003

Procter & Gamble's Excellence Award for Academic Performance and Leadership, 2002