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Academic education:

2013-2017 Ph.D., Zoology, Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University
Thesis title: "**Evolution on islands: testing the extent and consistency of the effects of island characteristics**" (Advisors: Prof. Shai Meiri, Tel Aviv University, and Prof. Panayiotis Pafilis, University of Athens)
2010-2012 M.Sc., Zoology, Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University
Thesis title: "**A biogeographic perspective on turtle evolution**" (Advisors: Prof. Shai Meiri, Tel Aviv University, and Prof. Pasquale Raia, University of Naples Federico II)
2006-2009 B.Sc., Biology, Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University

Employment history:

2023-Present Senior lecturer, Department of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology, University of Haifa
2018-2023 Post doctoral researcher, Freie Universität Berlin & IGB Berlin
2017-2018 Post doctoral researcher, The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Tel Aviv University

Academic and professional experience:

Teaching

Lead Teacher

2024- Population Ecology, University of Haifa

Guest lectures

2022-2023 History and Perspectives of Urban Regions, Technische Universität Berlin
2020-2023 Introduction to Advanced Biology, Freie Universität Berlin

Teaching assistant

2020-2023 Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Freie Universität Berlin
2014-2016 Biogeography, Tel Aviv University
2013-2014 Introduction to animal life, Tel Aviv University
2011-2012 Vertebrates: comparative anatomy and functional morphology, Tel Aviv University
2010 Vertebrates faunistics, Open University of Israel

External reinforcement teacher

2013-2014 Introduction to animal life, Student's Union of Tel Aviv University

Non-academic teacher

2009- 2014 Guide, Tel Aviv-Ramat Gan's Zoological Garden ("The Safari Zoo")
2009- 2015 Guide and teaching assistant, Nature Campus, Tel Aviv University

Non-teaching employment

Research assistant

2009-2010 Research assistant (Invertebrates ecology and taxonomy, in Prof. Tamar Dayan's Lab), Department of Zoology, Tel Aviv University

Publications:

Peer-reviewed publications:

Itescu, Y*, Bernard-Verdier, M*, and Jeschke, J. M. 2024. Adaptive evolution of life-history traits in urban environments. *Life history evolution: traits, interactions, and applications*. (Eds. Segoli, M., and Wajnberg, E.). Wiley publishing group. Accepted. *Equal Contribution

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Pernat, N., Canavan, S., Golivets, M., Hillaert, J., **Itescu, Y.**, Jaric, I., Pipek, P., Preda, C., Richardson, D., Teixeira, H., Vaz, A., and Groom, Q. 2024. Overcoming biodiversity blindness: Secondary data in primary citizen science observations. *Ecological Solutions and Evidence* 5: e12295.

Raz, T., Allison, A., Avila, L. J., Bauer, A., Bohm, M., Caetano, G., Colli, G. R., Doan, T. M., Doughty, P., Grismer, L. L., **Itescu, Y.**, Kraus, F., Martins, M., Morando, M., Murali, G., Nagy, Z. T., Nogueira, C., Novosolov, M., Oliver, P., Passos, P., Pincheira-Donoso, D., Sindaco, R., Slavenko, A., Torres-Carvajal, O., Uetz, P., Wagner, P., Zimin, A., Meiri, S., and Roll, U. 2023. Diversity gradients of terrestrial vertebrates – substantial variations about a common theme. *Journal of Zoology* 322: 126-140.

Lokatis, S., Jeschke, J. M., Bernard-Verdier, M., Buchholz, S., Grossart, H-P., Havemann, F., Hölker, F., **Itescu, Y.**, Kowarik, I., Kramer-Schadt, S., Musseau, C. L., Planillo, A., Schittko, C., Straka, T. M., and Heger, T. 2023. Hypotheses in urban ecology: building a common knowledge base. *Biological reviews* 98: 1530-1547.

Mi, C., Ma, L., Yang, M., Li, X., Meiri, S., Roll, U., Oskyrko, O., Pincheira-Donoso, D., Harvey, L., Jablonsky, D., Safaei-Mahroo, B., Ghaffari, H., Smid, J., Jarvie, S., Mwangi, R., Masroor, R., Kazemi, S., Nneji, L., Fokoua, A., Tasse Taboue, G. C., Bauer, A., Nogueira, C., Meirte, D., Chapple, D., Das, I., Grismer, L., Avila, L., Ribeiro-Junior, R., Tallowin, O., Torres-Carvajal, O., Wagner, P., Ron, S., Wang, Y., **Itescu, Y.**, Nagy, Z., Wilcove, D., Liu, X., and Du, W. 2023. Global Protected Areas as refuges for amphibians and reptiles under climate change. *Nature Communications* 14: 1389.

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- Itescu, Y.**, Foufopoulos, J., Schwarz, R., Lymberakis, P., Slavenko, A., Gavriilidi, I-A., Meiri, S., and Pafilis, P. 2021. The island of extremes: giants and dwarfs on a small remote island. *Russian Journal of Herpetology* 28: 225-230.
- Slavenko, E., Maza, E., and **Itescu, Y.** 2021. Results of the first herpetological survey of Israel's Mediterranean coastal islets. *Russian Journal of Herpetology* 28: 231-236.
- Schwarz, R., Stark, G., Antonopolous, A., **Itescu, Y.**, Pafilis, P., Chapple, D.G., and Meiri, S. 2021. Specialist versus generalist at the intraspecific level: functional morphology and substrate preference of *Mediodactylus kotschy* geckos. *Integrative and Comparative Biology* 61: 62-75.
- Meiri, S., Murali, G., Zimin, A., Shak, L., **Itescu, Y.**, Caetano, G., and Roll, U. 2021. Different solutions lead to similar life history traits across the great divides of the amniote tree of life. *Journal of Biological Research-Thessaloniki* 28: 1-17.
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- Itescu, Y.** 2019. Are island-like systems biologically similar to islands? A review of the evidence. *Ecography* 42: 1298-1314.
- Stark, G., Tamar, K., **Itescu, Y.**, Feldman, A., and Meiri, S. 2018. Cold and isolated ectotherms: drivers of reptilian longevity. *Biological journal of the Linnean Society* 125: 730-740.
- Itescu, Y.**, Schwarz, R., Donihue, C., Slavenko, A., Roussos, S.A., Sagonas, K., Valakos, E. D., Foufopoulos, J., Pafilis, P., and Meiri, S. 2018. Inconsistent patterns of body size evolution in co-occurring island reptiles. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 27: 538-550.
- Itescu, Y.**, Schwarz, R., Meiri, S., and Pafilis, P. 2018. Lizard tail-loss rates on islands are not governed by longer life spans. *Israel Journal of Ecology & Evolution* 63: 53-56.
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- Roll, U., Feldman, A., Novosolov, M., Allison, A., Bauer, A., Bernard, R., Bohm, M., Castro-Herrera, F., Chirio, L., Collen, B., Colli, G.R., Dabul, L., Das, I., Doan, T., Grismer, L., Hoogmoed, M., **Itescu, Y.**, Kraus, F., LeBreton, M., Lewin, A., Martins, M., Maza, E., Meirte, D., Nagy, Z., Nogueira, C.C., Pauwels, O.S.G., Pincheira-Donoso, D., Powney, G., Sindaco, R., Tallowin, O., Torres-Carvajal, O., Trape, J.F., Uetz, P., Vidan, E., Wagner, P., Wang, Y.Z., Orme, D., Grenyer, R., and Meiri, S. 2017. The global distribution of tetrapods reveals a need for targeted reptile conservation. *Nature Ecology and Evolution* 1: 1677-1682.

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Itescu, Y., Jamison, S., Slavenko, A., Tamar, K., Roussos, S.A., Foufopoulos, J., Meiri, S., and Pafilis, P. 2017. The herpetofauna of Folegandros Island (Cyclades, Greece). *Herpetozoa* 29: 183-190.

Itescu, Y., Lewin, A., Slavenko, A., Meiri, S., and Pafilis, P. 2017. *Podarcis erhardii* (Erhard's wall lizard). Extreme morphology. *Herpetological Review* 48: 199-200.

Goldberg, S. R., Bursey, C. R., Tallowin, O., **Itescu, Y.**, and Maza, E. 2017. *Hemorrhois nummifer* (Asian Racer). Endoparasites. *Herpetological Review* 48: 213.

Slavenko, A., Tallowin, O., **Itescu, Y.**, Raia, P., and Meiri, S. 2016. Late Quaternary reptile extinctions: size matters, insularity dominates. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 25: 1308-1320.

Lewin, A., Feldman, A., Bauer, A.B., Belmaker, J., Broadley, D.G., Chirio, L., **Itescu, Y.**, LeBerton, M., Maza, E., Meirte, D., Nagy, Z.T., Novosolov, M., Roll, U., Tallowin, O., Trape, J.F., Vidan, E., and Meiri, S. 2016. Patterns of species richness, endemism and environmental gradients of African reptiles. *Journal of Biogeography* 43: 2380-2390.

Sabath, N., **Itescu, Y.**, Feldman, A., Meiri, S., Mayrose, I., and Valenzuela, N. 2016. Sex determination, longevity, and the birth and death of reptilian species. *Ecology and Evolution* 6: 5207-5220.

Roll, U., Mittermeier, J.C., Diaz, G.I., Novosolov, M., Feldman, A., **Itescu, Y.**, Meiri, S., and Grenyer, R. 2016. Using Wikipedia page views to explore the cultural importance of global reptiles. *Biological Conservation* 204: 42-50.

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Itescu, Y., Slavenko, A., Schwarz, R., Meiri, S., and Pafilis, P. 2016. A new record of *Chalcides ocellatus* (Forskål, 1775) from Kythnos Island, Greece. *Herpetozoa* 29: 98-100.

Itescu, Y., Schwarz, R., Moses, M., Pafilis, P., and Meiri, S. 2016. Record sizes for the Turkish house gecko, *Hemidactylus turcicus*, from Aegean islands, Greece. *The Herpetological Bulletin* 138: 24-26.

Newbold, T., Hudson, L. N., Hill, S. L. L., Contu, S., Lysenko, I., Senior, R. A., Börger, L., Bennett, D., Choimes, A., Collen, B., Day, J., De Palma, A., Díaz, S., Echeverria-Londoño, S., Edgar, M., Feldman, A., Garon, M., Harrison, M. L. K., Ingram, D. J., **Itescu, Y.**, Kattge, J., Kemp, V., Kirkpatrick, L., Kleyer, M., Laginha Pinto Correia, D., Martin, C., Meiri, S., Novosolov, M., Pan, Y., Phillips, H. R. P., Purves, D. W., Robinson, A., Simpson, J., Tuck, S., Weiher, E., White, H. J., Ewers, R. M., Mace, G. M., Scharlemann, J. P. W., and Purvis, A. 2015. Global land-use impacts on local terrestrial biodiversity. *Nature* 520: 45-50.

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Itescu, Y., Savyon, G., and Slavenko, A. 2015. *Eryx jaculus* (Sand Boa). Albinism. *Herpetological Review* 46: 103-104.

Meiri, S., Kadison, A., Novosolov, M., Pafilis, P., Foufopoulos, J., **Itescu, Y.**, Raia, P., and Pincheira-Donoso, D. 2014. The number of competitor species is unlinked to sexual dimorphism. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 83: 1302-1312.

Itescu, Y., Karraker, N. E., Raia, P., Pritchard, P. C. H., and Meiri, S. 2014. Is the Island rule general? Turtles disagree. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 23: 689-700.

Papers currently under review:

Heger, T., Elliot-Graves, A., Kaiser, M., Morrow, K., Bausman, W., Dietl, G., Dormann, C., Gibson, D., Griesemer, J., Itescu, Y., Jax, K., Latimer, A., Liu, C., Starrfelt, J., Stephens, P., and Jeschke, J. Looking beyond Popper: How philosophy can be relevant to ecology. *Oikos*.

Published proceedings:

Bernard-Verdier, M., Heger, T., Mietchen, D., Musseau, C. L., Brinner, M., Hillig, A., Kraker, P., Lokatis, S., Nunes, A. L., Scheidweiler, N., Stocker, M., Vial, R., Vogt, L., Bacher, S., Baklouti, E., Gupta, H. B., Beisel, J.-N., Bertolino, S., Briski, E., Castellanos-Galindo, G. A., Courchamp, F., Daly, E., Dawson, W., Dickey, J., Evans, T., **Itescu, Y.**, Koenig-Ries, B., Kumar, L., Kumschick, S., Meyerson, L. A., Pattison, Z., Pfadenhauer, W., Renault, D., Rickowski, F., Ruland, F., Schittko, C., Straka, T., Yannelli, F., and Jeschke, J. M. 2023. Building an atlas of knowledge for invasion biology and beyond! 2nd enKORE-INAS Workshop. *Research Ideas and Outcomes* 9: e115395.

Published abstracts:

Meiri, S., **Itescu, Y.**, Shacham, H., and Werner, Y. L. 2011. What tortoise is *Testudo floweri* from the negev, named by Bodenheimer (1935)? *Israel Journal of Ecology and Evolution* 57: 261.

Grants and fellowships:

2024 BSF starting grant (co PI with Dr. Kinsey Brock, SDSU; 150,000\$)
2024 New PI Establishment Grant of Planning & Budgeting Committee of Israel (1,420,000 NIS)
2019 Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers.
2019 Minerva postdoctoral fellowship. (Declined)
2018 TAU-FUB Postdoctoral Exchange Program fellowship.
2017 The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History postdoctoral research fellowship.
2016 The Zoological Society of Israel student travel grant.
2015 The German-Israeli zoological initiative travel grant, German Zoological Society and the Zoological Society of Israel.
2014 Adesman fund travel grant, Life Science faculty, Tel Aviv University.

Awards:

2015 Excellence in teaching award, Life Science faculty, Tel Aviv University.
2013 Excellence in research award for M.Sc. students, Life Science faculty, Tel Aviv University.
2012 3rd place award for best M.Sc. student's presentation in the 49th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Beer Sheva, Israel.

M.Sc. student supervision/mentoring:

2023- **Laura Tavella:** The use of cemeteries by urban bats during migration season
2022-2023 **Melissa Birkner:** 1. The impact of managerial strategies on biodiversity in cemeteries
2. The conservation value of cemeteries to urban bats in Berlin
2020-2021 **Janis Wolf:** A global analysis of urban bat affinity using species occurrence data
2020 **Manuel Dols Castells:** Mammal diversity in Australian cities

2018-2019 **Juliane Noack**: Gulls and the city: the flexibility of the ecological niche

Undergraduate student supervision/mentoring:

2022-2023 **Amela Osmanovic**: The impact of religion on visitor perceptions of cemetery wildlife
2022 **Joel Luft**: Anthropogenic drivers of woody vegetation diversity in cemeteries
2017 **Hamutal Friedman**: The diet of insular *Mediodactylus kotschy*
2016-2017 **Keren-Or Vertheimer**: Reptile body size extremes on islands
2016-2017 **Michael Mosses**: Population demography in *Mediodactylus kotschy*
2016-2017 **Aviv Bejerano**: The effect of urban environments on lizard body sizes
2016 **Or Keissar**: The diet of an invasive gecko (*Tarentola annularis*) in Israel
2016 **Yuval Werber**: Hedgehogs diet in Israel
2015-2016 **Lihi Levin**: Body size evolution of snakes on islands
2015-2016 **Eden Goshen**: Tail loss proportions in *Podarcis erhardii*
2015 **Tamar Freud**: The effect of ectoparasite load on lizard body condition
2015 **Simon Jamison**: Snake body size correlates on islands
2015 **Hanna Salim**: Thermal biology of snakes
2015 **Basil Awad**: Thermoregulation and diel activity in squamates
2015 **Menachem Kurzits**: Lizard population density correlates on islands
2014-2015 **Tamar Freud**: Turtle body size in the wild and in captivity
2014 **Shani Levinkind**: Ecto-parasites in two gecko species
2014 **Nir Einav**: Limb morphology evolution in *Mediodactylus kotschy*
2012-2014 **Noa Keidar**: Turtle species richness
2012-2013 **Alex Slavenko**: Turtle home range size

Membership in professional associations:

2010-present The Zoological Society of Israel
2011-present International Biogeography Society (IBS)
2016 Greek Herpetology Society

Invited seminars:

2021 Tel-Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
2021 Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany
2020 Humboldt day, International Biogeography Society (online event)
2019 Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Midreshet Ben-Gurion, Israel

Active participation in scientific conferences (talks and posters):

Leading author:

2024 The 11th International Biogeography Society Meeting, Prague, Czechia. Talk.
2023 The 4th International Conference on Island Biology, Lipari Island, Italy. Talk.
2022 The 3rd Israeli Conference for Conservation Science, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
2019 The 56th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Jerusalem, Israel. Talk.
2019 The 2nd Israeli Conference for Conservation Science, Haifa, Israel. Poster.
2018 The 10th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin and 2nd Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
2017 The 54th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
2016 The 53th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Rehovot, Israel. Talk.
2016 The 2nd International Conference on Island Evolution, Ecology and Conservation, Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal. Talk.

- 2016** The 9th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin and 1st Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, Limassol, Cyprus. Talk.
- 2016** The 13th International Symposium of Zoology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, Heraklion, Crete. Talk.
- 2015** The 52th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Mikhmoret, Israel. Talk.
- 2015** The 8th International Biogeography Society Meeting, Bayreuth, Germany. Two posters.
- 2014** Israeli Herpetology Symposium 2014, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
- 2013** The 50th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
- 2013** The 8th International Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin, Koper, Slovenia. Talk.
- 2013** The 7th International Biogeography Society Meeting, Miami, Florida, U.S.A. Poster.
- 2012** The 49th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Beer Sheva, Israel. Talk.
- 2011** The 48th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. Talk.
- 2011** The 16th European Congress of Herpetology, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg and Trier, Germany. Talk.
- 2010** The 5th Annual Meeting of the Arachnological Society of Israel, Ramat Hanadiv, Israel. Talk.

Co-Author:

- 2018** The 10th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin and 2nd Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, Tel Aviv, Israel. Four talks and one poster.
- 2017** The 54th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. Three talks.
- 2016** The 9th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin and 1st Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, Limassol, Cyprus. Three talks.
- 2016** The 13th International Symposium of Zoology of Greece and Adjacent Regions, Heraklion, Crete. One Talk.
- 2015** The 52th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Mikhmoret, Israel. Two talks, and a poster.
- 2015** The 8th International Biogeography Society Meeting, Bayreuth, Germany. Two posters.
- 2014** The 51th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. Two talks.
- 2013** The 50th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel. One talk.
- 2012** World congress of herpetology, Vancouver, Canada. One talk.
- 2010** The 47th Annual Meeting of the Zoological Society of Israel, Jerusalem, Israel. One poster.

Conference organizing committee member

- 2018** The 10th Symposium on the Lacertids of the Mediterranean Basin and 2nd Symposium on Mediterranean Lizards, Tel Aviv, Israel. June 2018.

Journals for which I reviewed Manuscripts:

Journal of Biogeography, Israel Journal of Ecology and Evolution, Ecology and Evolution, Current Zoology, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Biology Letters, Herpetological review, Behavioral Ecology, Plos One, South American Journal of Herpetology, Biological Journal of the Linnean Society, Oikos, Neobiota, Ecography, Royal Society Proceedings B, Journal of Zoology, Nature Cities, Human Dimensions of Wildlife, Global Change Biology.

Funding agencies for which I reviewed research proposals:

Czech Science Foundation

Theses I refereed:

- 2024** Layla Sara Gordon (Ben-Gurion University, Israel), M.Sc. thesis.
- 2024** Dean Zigdon (Tel Aviv University, Israel), M.Sc. thesis.
- 2019** Adriaan Jordaan (University of the Free State, South Africa), M.Sc. thesis.