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| ACADEMIC POSITIONS | Bocconi University , Milan, Italy | |
| | Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences | 2021 to Present |
| | New York University Abu Dhabi , New York City | |
| | Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Social Science Division | 2020 to 2021 |
| | Based in Department of Politics at New York University | |
| EDUCATION | George Washington University , Washington, D.C. | |
| | Visiting Scholar, Institute for Middle East Studies | 2019 to 2020 |
| | Stanford University , Stanford, CA | |
| | Ph.D., Political Science | 2014 to 2020 |
| | American University in Cairo , Egypt | |
| JOURNAL ARTICLES | Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship | 2012 to 2013 |
| | Indiana University , Bloomington, IN | |
| | B.A., Political Science and Arabic (Double Major) | 2008 to 2012 |
| | Summa Cum Laude and Honors in Political Science | |
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| BOOK PROJECT | The King Can Do No Wrong: Blame Games and Royal Rule in the Modern World. | |
| | <i>Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA MENA Politics Section.</i> | |
| JOURNAL ARTICLES | “Learning from Null Results: A Bottom-Up Approach.” (With Ala’ Alrababa’h, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, Michael Hotard, David Laitin, and Jeremy Weinstein). Conditionally Accepted at <i>Political Analysis</i> . | |
| | “Did Egypt’s Post-Uprising Crime Wave Increase Support for Authoritarian Rule?” (With Lisa Blaydes, Alexandra Blackman, and Caroline Abadeer). Forthcoming at <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> . | |
| | “Elections, Legitimacy, and Compliance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Arab World.” Forthcoming at <i>Democratization</i> . | |
| | “Refugees to the Rescue: Motivating Pro-Refugee Public Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (With Claire L. Adida, Adeline Lo, and Lauren Prather). Forthcoming at <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> . | |
| | “Family Matters: How Immigrant Histories Can Promote Inclusion.” (With Claire L. Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, Lauren Prather, and Seth Werfel). 2021. <i>American Political Science Review</i> . | |
| | “Contesting Narratives of Repression: Experimental Evidence from Sisi’s Egypt.” (With Mashail Malik). 2020. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> . | |
| | “Attitudes toward Migrants in a Highly-Impacted Economy: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan.” (With Ala’ Alrababa’h, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, and Jeremy Weinstein). 2020. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> . | |
| | “Legislatures and Policy Making in Authoritarian Regimes.” (With Beatriz Magaloni). 2020. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> . | |
| | “Countering Misperceptions to Reduce Prejudice: An Experiment on Attitudes toward Muslim Americans.” 2020. <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> . | |
| | “Voting in Transition: Participation and Alienation in Egypt’s 2012 Presidential Election.” 2018. <i>Middle East Law and Governance</i> . (With Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer). | |
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| WORKING PAPERS | “Preaching Politics: How Politicization Undermines Religious Authority in the Middle East.” (With A.Kadir Yildirim, Sharan Grewal, and Mirjam Kuenkler). <i>Revise & Resubmit</i> |
| | “Where’s the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World.” (With Renu Singh). <i>Revise & Resubmit</i> |
| | “Signal Received? Authoritarian Elections and the Salience of Autocrats.” (With Paul Schuler and Raphael Cunha.) <i>Revise & Resubmit</i> . |
| | “Respect the Process: The Public Cost of Unilateral Action in Comparative Perspective.” (With Jonathan Chu). <i>Under Review</i> . |
| | “Ask and You Shall Receive: Executive Compliance with Parliamentary Queries in Jordan’s Authoritarian Regime.” (With Marwa Shalaby). <i>Under Review</i> . |
| | “Building a Scapegoat or Building Popularity? Autocrats, Blame Avoidance, and COVID-19 in the Arab World.” (With Renu Singh). <i>Under Review</i> . |
| | “Do Proxies Provide Plausible Deniability? Evidence from Experiments on Three Surveys.” <i>Under Review</i> . |
| | “It’s Good to be King: Ruler Type and Perceptions of Democracy in Authoritarian Regimes.” |
| DATA | “Good Czars and Bad Boyars: Power-Sharing and Attributions of Blame in Authoritarian Regimes.” |
| | “Counting the Black Flags: An Experimental Assessment of Islamic State Support in the Arab World.” (With Sharan Grewal and A.Kadir Yildirim). |
| OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS | “Mapping Cairo: An Exploration of Egypt’s Socio-Political Geography” (With Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer). |
| | “Popular Politics in Egypt: From the 2011 Revolution to al-Sisi’s Authoritarian Revival.” <i>Project on Middle East Democracy</i> . August 17, 2021. |
| | “When Americans recall their roots, they open up to immigration.” <i>The Conversation</i> . March 16, 2021. (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Lauren Prather, and Melina Platas). |
| | “Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt”. <i>Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i> . April 22, 2020. (With Renu Singh). |
| | “Separating Islam from Politics but Not the State: Implications for Religious Authority in Jordan.” <i>Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy</i> . March 14, 2019. |
| | “Jordan shut out 60,000 Syrian refugees – and then saw a backlash. Here’s why.” <i>Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post</i> . July 20, 2018. (With Ala’ Alrababa’h). |
| | “Transitional Justice Falter in Tunisia.” <i>Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i> . September 22, 2015. |
| | “Discourses on Muslims and Welfare across the Atlantic.” in <i>Race, Ethnicity and Welfare States: An American Dilemma?</i> , Sonya Michel, Klaus Pedersen, and Pauli Kettunen (eds). Edward Elgar. 2015. (With Abdulkader Sinno, Eren Tatari, Antje Schwanitz, and Hicham Bou Nassif). |
| | “Divining Divisions in Egypt’s Deep State.” <i>Political Violence @ a Glance</i> . January 27, 2015. |
| | “Egypt, Counterterrorism, and the Politics of Alienation.” <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i> . August 20, 2014. (With Michele Dunne). |

“Sisi’s Dilemma.” *Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. July 24, 2014; Republished in *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*.

“Egypt’s Unprecedented Instability by the Numbers.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. March 25, 2014. (With Michele Dunne).

“The Egypt Effect: Sharpened Tensions, Reshuffled Alliances.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, February 13, 2014. (With Anouar Boukhars, Nathan J. Brown, Michele Dunne, Raphael Lefevre, Marwan Muasher, Frederic Wehrey, and Katherine Wilkens).

“Protest, Uprising, and Regime Change in the Arab Spring.” *Muftah*. January 28, 2014. (With Caroline Abadeer).

HONORS & AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Center for Human Rights and International Justice (2019) - \$5,000

Junior Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (2019)

TRE Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science (2019) - \$3,000

Europe Center Graduate Student Grant, Stanford University (2018) - \$1,500

Modern British History and Culture Graduate Research Opportunity Award, Stanford University Sciences and Humanities (2017) - \$4,500

FSI Graduate Student Small Research Grant, Stanford University (2017) - \$1,500

Computational Social Science Fellowship, IRiSS, Stanford University (2017) - \$2,000

Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies Graduate Student Grant, Stanford University (2017) - \$2,500

Religion in International Affairs Grant, Henry Luce Foundation (as Jordan Country Director and Co-PI), with (PI) A.Kadir Yildirim and (Co-PIs) Sharan Grewal, CJ Freer, Mirjam Kuenkler, Tarek Masoud, and Yusuf Sarfati (2017-2018) - \$400,000

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, (2016-2019)

Goldsmith Summer Research Grant, Stanford Center for International Conflict and Negotiation (2016, 2017) - \$5,475

Sakurako & William Fisher Family Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (2016)

CISAC Security Research Seed Grant, Stanford University, with Mashail Malik (2015) \$1,500

Center for African Studies Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Stanford University (2015) - \$5,000

Global Studies Urban Beyond Measure Grant, Stanford University, with Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer (2015) - \$6,000

William Jennings Bryan Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis, Indiana University Political Science Department (2013)

Fulbright Research Scholarship, Jordan, IIE Fulbright Program (2012-2013, regretfully declined)

Cox Research Scholarship, Indiana University Hutton Honors College (2008-2012)

Phi Beta Kappa, Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences (2011)

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Indiana University (2010)

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| TALKS & WORKSHOPS | <p>2021: POMEPS Virtual Workshop; Stanford University Master's in International Policy Program; NYUAD Postdoc Workshop; ISA; MPSA; APSA</p> <p>2020: SPSA; IMES Workshop; POMEPS Virtual Workshop; Elliott School Visiting Scholars Workshop; Stanford University Master's in International Policy Program; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; MENA Politics Workshop; APSA; NYU Comparative Politics Workshop; NYUAD Event "The Politics of Wars and Conflicts: Armenia and Azerbaijan"; NYUAD Postdoc Workshop; Bocconi Event "Counting Political Parties in the MENA" (Moderator); <i>Canceled due to COVID-19</i>: ISA; MPSA</p> <p>2019: AALIMS; SPSA Mini Conference on Authoritarian Regimes; Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; CDDRL Conference on Human Rights and Repression (Discussant); MPSA; WPSA Mini Conference on Authoritarian Regimes; Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; IPSCON; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; US Department of State; APSA; BITSS Unlocking the File Drawer Workshop</p> <p>2018: Stanford Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies; UNICEF Jordan Office; Rice University Baker Institute for Public Policy; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; APSA; WESSI Beirut; MESA; Stanford Arab Studies Table</p> <p>2017: APSA; Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; POMEPS Annual Conference; SCICN; MPSA</p> <p>2016: Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; APSA; UCLA Compass Graduate Student Conference; MPSA; Stanford New Directions in Political Economy Conference</p> <p>2015: Stanford Center for African Studies; Stanford Global Studies; ISA</p> | |
| RESEARCH & EDITING EXPERIENCE | <p>Research Intern, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan 2017 to 2018</p> <p>Research Assistant, Stanford University, Professor Avidit Acharya Summer 2015</p> <p>Junior Fellow, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment 2013 to 2014</p> <p>Co-Editor, Egypt and North Africa Pages, Muftah 2013 to 2014</p> <p>Research Assistant, Indiana University, Professor Abdulkader Sinno 2008 to 2012</p> <p>Research Intern, Middle East Program, CSIS Summer 2011</p> | |
| LANGUAGE & METHODS TRAINING | <p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer 2017</p> <p>Qasid Language Institute: Amman, Jordan Summer 2017</p> <p>CASA Fellowship: Cairo, Egypt 2012-2013</p> <p>CIEE Arabic Language Program: Amman, Jordan Spring 2011</p> <p>UVA-Yarmouk University Summer Arabic Program: Irbid, Jordan Summer 2010</p> | |
| FIELDWORK | <p>Jordan: Summer 2016; January 2017; Summer 2017; Academic Year 2017-2018</p> <p>Tunisia: Summer 2015; Summer 2019</p> | |
| TEACHING & SERVICE | <p>Capstone Thesis Adviser, Institute for Middle East Studies, GWU 2019 to 2020</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Middle Eastern Politics (Political Science 149T), Stanford Fall 2018</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, Data Science for Politics (Political Science 150A), Stanford Fall 2016</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, The Science of Politics (Political Science 1), Stanford Winter 2016</p> <p>Arab Studies Table Graduate Student Coordinator, Stanford 2016 to 2017</p> <p>Political Science Cohort Representative, Stanford 2016 to 2017</p> <p>Reviewer for: <i>American Political Science Review</i>; <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>; <i>The Journal of Politics</i>; <i>International Organization</i>; <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>; <i>Comparative Politics</i>; <i>Terrorism & Political Violence</i>; <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>; <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i>; <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>.</p> | |