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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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#### **The Belfer Center, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA**

The Middle East Initiative Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Sept.2021-current

### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Columbia University, New York, USA**

Ph.D. (*with distinction*), Political Science, 2015-2022

M.Phil. in Political Science, 2018

M.A. in Political Science, 2017

Dissertation: *Religious Cycles of Policy Responsiveness: How Religious Seasons Shape Public Opinion and Government Responsiveness in the Muslim World*. (Committee: John D. Huber, Daniel Corstange, John Marshall, Eva Bellin, Lisa Anderson)

#### **Central European University, Budapest, Hungary**

M.A. in Political Science, 2015

Best Thesis Award.

#### **Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey**

M.A. in Public Policy. October 2014

#### **The American University in Cairo, Egypt**

B.A. in Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Dec. 2012

### **RESEARCH**

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#### **Ongoing Book Project**

Religious Cycles of Policy Responsiveness: How Religious Seasons Shape Public Opinion and Government Responsiveness in the Muslim World.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“Political Budget Cycles in Autocracies: The Role of Religious Seasons and Political Collective Action”. *Politics and Religion*. (Forthcoming)

“Trust Nobody: How Voters React to Conspiracy Theories” (with Giovanna Invernizzi). *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. (Forthcoming)

“Turnout in Transitional Elections: Who Votes in Iraq?.” (2018), *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 9(2):153-171.

### **Under Review**

“Economic Security and the Strength of Religious Cleavages” (with John D. Huber).

### **Working Papers**

“Religious Cycles of Government Responsiveness: Why Governments Distribute in Ramadan.”

“From Religious Conflict to Political Compromise: The Historical Origin of Institutional Trust” (with Isabela Mares).

*Winner, MPSA 2019 Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics*

*Winner, APSA 2020 Politics and History Section’s Award for Best Paper*

*Winner, APSA 2020 European Politics and Society Section’s Award for Best Paper*

“Official Islam: Why Do Governments Invest in Religious Education?” (with Alisson Hartnett).

### **Policy Papers**

"The Welfare State in Egypt, 1995-2005: A Comparative Approach." (2018). *AlMuntaqa (Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies)*, 1(1):66-83.

“Labor Productivity: Large vs. Small, Turkey vs. EU.” (2014). *TUSIAD Competitiveness Forum Briefs*.

### **Papers under Development**

“Explaining Electoral Manipulation in Autocracies: Evidence from Mubarak’s Egypt”

“Why Do Dictators Build Big Mosques?” (with Yasmina Abouzzohour).

“Repress to Liberate? The Promises and Limitations of Top-Down Religious Reforms”.

“Public and Private Goods Allocation in Autocracies”.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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2020	APSA Politics and History Section’s Award for Best Paper, APSA 2020
2020	APSA European Politics and Society Section’s Award for Best Paper, APSA 2020
2019	Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA 2019

- 2018 Graduate Global Policy Award, Columbia Global Policy Initiative
- 2015 Best MA Thesis Award, Political Science Department, Central European University
- 2013 Highest GPA Award, Department of Economics, the American University in Cairo

## **GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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- 2021 Collaborative Research Grant (\$6500), the MENA Workshop Professional Development Grants Program, APSA MENA Politics Section
- 2018 Dissertation Development Grant (\$3000), Political Science Department, Columbia University
- 2018 CELSS Grants for Graduate Students' Experimental Projects (\$4000), Columbia University
- 2017 Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant (\$2500)
- 2015 Dean's Fellowship for Doctoral Students, GSAS, Columbia University
- 2014 Central European University Fellowship for MA students
- 2013 Sabanci University Full Scholarship for MA students
- 2008 LEAD Scholarship Program at the American University in Cairo, USAID

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conference Presentations**

- 2021 AALIMS Graduate Conference, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA), Harvard MENA Politics Workshop, Columbia University Comparative Politics Seminar
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA), Columbia Graduate Student Seminar
- 2019 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (EPSA), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA), Annual Politics and History Conference (Yale University)

- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA)
- 2017 Tenth Annual Conference for Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA)
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA)

**Invited Talks**

- 2021 Princeton University
- 2019 Princeton Comparative Politics Seminar, ISERP Graduate Seminar at Columbia University
- 2018 American and Comparative Political Behavior Workshop at Yale University

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Teaching Assistant, **Scope and Methods**, Columbia University (Instructor: Daniel Corstange), Spring 2019 & Spring 2021.

Teaching Assistant, **Empirical Research Methods in Political Science**, Columbia University (Instructor: Michael Miller), Fall 2020.

Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Columbia University (Instructors: John Huber and Kimuli Kasara), Spring-Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant, **The Logic of Collective Choice**, Columbia University (Instructor: Jeffrey Lax), Fall 2017.

Instructor, **Sawiris Scholars Program Pre-Departure Preparation Course in Mathematical and Statistical Methods**, Summer 2012.

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Co-founder and Co-organizer, **Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (PEMENA) Workshop**, 2021-2022

**NON-ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Researcher, **TUSIAD Competitiveness Forum**, Istanbul, Sept. 2013 – Sept. 2014.

Quantitative Research Analyst, **IPSOS MENA**, Cairo, Feb. 2013- June 2013.

Research Intern, **Central Bank of Egypt**, Cairo, Jan. 2012.

## **SELECTED OTHER WRITINGS**

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“Do Dictatorships Take More Actions Against Covid-19?” (2020). *Medium*.

“Saudi Reform Could Shake the Middle East,”(2016). *Fair Observer*.

“Rio Gets its Taste of Middle Eastern Politics,”(2016). *Fair Observer*.

“The Mad White Man and the Colored Terrorist,”(2016). *Fair Observer*.

“Trump and the Future of Muslim Students in America,”(2016). *Fair Observer*.

“Is Egypt Moving Towards Secularism?”, (2013), *Muftah*.

## **SKILLS**

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**Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Basic).

**Fieldwork Experience:** Egypt (15 months)

**Computer Skills:** Stata, R, Python, Latex

## **REFERENCES**

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**John D. Huber**  
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