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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**The Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University, California, USA**

Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, Sept. 2022-current

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

The Middle East Initiative Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Sept.2021-June 2022.

### 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* 15(3):617-628, 2022.

“Trust Nobody: How Voters React to Conspiracy Theories,” (with Giovanna Invernizzi) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, Forthcoming, 2022.

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

### **Under Review**

“The Decline of Religion and Its Rise in Electoral Politics” (with John D. Huber)

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

### **Working Papers**

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

*Winner, APSA 2022 Kenneth D. Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award*

*Winner, APSA 2022 Weber Best Conference Paper Award*

“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)

“Analyzing Causal Mechanisms: A Review of Theory and Practices in Political Science”

“Believing Conspiracy Theories: Causes, Effects, and Processes from a Comparative Empirical Perspective”

### **Policy Papers**

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

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

### **Papers under Development**

“The Historical Origin of Intergroup Tolerance” (with Isabela Mares)

“Media, Community Engagement, and Gender Attitudes” (with Donald Green and Salma Mousa)

“Institutional Approaches to Counter Gender Violence: The Case of Female Genital Mutilation in Egypt”

“The Promises and Limitations of Top-Down Social Reforms: The Case of Saudi Arabia”

“Evaluating the Relationship between Islamic Charities and Islamist Strength”

“Who Gets the Perks? The Allocation of Administrative Powers in Authoritarian Parliaments”

“Determinants of Bureaucratic Quality in Autocracies: Evidence from Egypt”

“Public and Private Goods Allocation in Autocracies: Who gets what?”

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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| 2022 | Weber Best Conference Paper Award, Religion and Politics Section, APSA 2022                 |
| 2022 | Kenneth D. Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Religion and Politics Section, APSA 2022 |
| 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), Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (SPSA), 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**

- 2022 King's Center Fellows Conference, Stanford University
- 2022 Department of Political Science, the University of Amsterdam
- 2021 Department of Politics, Princeton University
- 2019 Princeton Comparative Politics Seminar
- 2019 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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