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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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*, First View, 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” (R&R *CPS*, with John D. Huber)

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

“Investigating the Relationship between Islamic Education and Support for Islamists”

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

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

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

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

“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

Conference Presentations

- 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Middle East Association Annual Conference
- 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 Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse
- 2022 Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University
- 2022 Department of Political Science, Boston College

- 2022 Department of Political Science, Yale University
- 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

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

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

Selection Committee Member, **APSA Weber's Best Paper Award in Religion and Politics**, 2022-2023

NON-ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lead Researcher, **Life Makers Foundation**, Alexandria, May 2018 – Sept. 2019

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

“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

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

Fieldwork Experience: Egypt (15 months)

Computer Skills: Stata, R, Python, Latex

REFERENCES

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