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Academic and Professional Positions

- Yale-NUS College, Assistant Professor of Political Science (2020 - Present)
 - Visiting Assistant Professor, The MacMillan Center, Yale University (Fall 2023)
- National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science, Courtesy Appointment (2021 - Present)
- Harvard Kennedy School, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Middle East Initiative (2019 - 2020)

Education

- Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2019
- M.A., The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, 2013
- B.A., International Relations, *with honors*, Stanford University, 2010

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics of Development, Southwest Asia and North Africa, International Political Economy, Gender Politics, Identity Politics, Small States

Book

Varieties of Protectionism: Neoliberal Reform in the Arab World (*Under Contract at Cornell University Press*)

- *Expected Release: Spring 2025*
- *Winner of the APSA MENA Politics Section Award for Best Dissertation in 2020*

Publications

“Insecurity and Support for Female Leadership in Conflict States: Evidence from Afghanistan,” with Jasmine Bhatia, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Forthcoming*.

“Earned Income and Women’s Segmented Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan,” with Carolyn Barnett and Amaney Jamal. *American Journal of Political Science*, volume 65, no. 4, 2021, pp. 954 - 970.

“Down and Out: Founding Elections and Disillusionment with Democracy in Egypt and Tunisia,” with Sharan Grewal. *Comparative Politics*, lead article, volume 51, no. 4, July 2019, pp. 497 - 539.

“Boundaries of Protectionism: Ethnic Politics and Crony Capitalism in Jordan,” in *Crony Capitalism in the Middle East*, ed. Ishac Diwan, Adeel Malik and Izak Atiyas. Oxford University Press, 2019, pp. 263 - 288.

“No Arab Bourgeoisie, No Democracy? The Entrepreneurial Middle Class and Democratic Attitudes since the Arab Spring,” with Nimah Mazaheri. *Comparative Politics*, volume 50, no. 4, July 2018, pp. 523 - 550.

“Salafis in Parliament: Democratic Attitudes and Party Politics in the Gulf,” *Middle East Journal*, lead article, volume 66, no. 3, Summer 2012, pp. 409 - 424.

Works in Progress

“The Blessings of Scarcity: The Institutional Origins of Smaller States’ Prosperity,” with Muhammad Bin Khalid* (Revise and Resubmit, *Perspectives on Politics*).

“Candidate Qualifications and Out-Group Support: Evidence from Afghanistan,” with Jasmine Bhatia (Under Review).

“The Blessings of Exit: Female Labor Migration and Gender Equality in Countries of Origin,” with Lim Tian Jiao* and Thiti Thitipankul*.

“In the Shadows? Informal Enterprise in Non-Democracies,” with Kristin Fabbe and Allison Hartnett.

Online Commentary

The India-Middle East - Europe Economic Corridor: An Early Assessment, *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Policy Portal Forum*, Oct. 31, 2023,
<https://theforum.erf.org.eg/2023/10/30/the-india-middle-east-europe-economic-corridor-an-early-assessment/>

Small Gulf States in World Markets, *The APSA - MENA Politics Newsletter*, volume 5, no. 4, October 2022, pp: 60 - 65.

Scottish Independence: How Do Small Economies Fare?, with Marlene Jugl, *Economics Observatory*, May. 18, 2022,
<https://www.economicsobservatory.com/scottish-independence-how-do-other-small-economies-fare>

What Small States can Learn From the Gulf - and vice versa, *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Policy Portal Forum*, Mar. 22, 2022,

*Undergraduate Student

<https://theforum.erf.org.eg/2022/03/22/small-states-can-learn-gulf-vice-versa/>

Practicing Islam in Egypt, Consociational Power Sharing, and Women’s Segmented Empowerment in Jordan, with Carolyn Barnett, *POMEPS Podcast (S.10, Ep. 3)*, Starts at 11:36, Jan. 22, 2021, <https://pomeps.org/practicing-islam-in-egypt-a-conversation-with-aaron-rock-singer-s-10-ep-3>

Remote Work and Women’s Employment in MENA: Opportunity or Pitfall?, with Carolyn Barnett and Amaney Jamal, *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Policy Portal Forum*, Dec. 15, 2020, <https://theforum.erf.org.eg/2020/12/15/remote-work-womens-employment-mena-opportunity-pitfall/>

Public Sector Employment in MENA: A Comparison with World Indicators, *Economic Research Forum (ERF) Policy Portal Forum*, Aug. 31, 2020, <https://theforum.erf.org.eg/2020/08/31/public-sector-employment-mena-comparison-world-indicators/>

Talks and Conference Presentations

“The Blessings of Exit: Female Labor Migration and Gender Equality in Countries of Origin”
– Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Annual Conference, Chicago, USA. 2023

“Candidate Qualifications and Out-Group Support: Evidence from Afghanistan”
– American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Conference, Los Angeles, USA 2023.
– International Studies Association (ISA), Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada 2023.

“The Blessings of Scarcity: The Institutional Origins of Smaller States’ Prosperity.”
– American Political Science Association (APSA), Annual Conference, Los Angeles, USA 2023.
– Asian PolMeth Conference, Singapore, 2023.
– Singapore Political Economy Seminar, Singapore, 2022.
– Yale-NUS College Global Affairs Working Paper Series, Singapore, 2022.
– Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2022.

“Insecurity and Support for Female Political Leadership in Conflict-Prone States: Evidence from Afghanistan.”
– AALIMS-Princeton Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, USA, 2022.
– Yale-NUS College Global Affairs Working Paper Series, Singapore, 2021.

Workshop: Post-Pandemic Inclusive Economic Recovery in the Middle East and North Africa
– The Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul, Turkey, 2022.

“Varieties of Protectionism Book Workshop.”
– Hosted by Yale-NUS College, (Virtual), 2021.

“Ethnic Connections and Tariff Liberalization: Evidence from Jordan.”
– Singapore Political Economy Seminar, Singapore, 2021.

Teaching

International Development (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

International Political Economy, Independent Study (Fall 2021)

Research Methods in the Social Sciences (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
Senior Capstone (Honors Thesis) Seminar (2022 - 2023)
Small States in Peace and War (Spring 2023)
Southwest Asia and North Africa: Politics and Societies (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023)

Service

Invited Discussant - APSA MENA Section's Emerging Scholars Workshop (Fall 2023)
Head of Studies, Global Affairs Major (Fall 2022)
Best Dissertation Committee - APSA MENA Politics Section (Spring 2022)
Quantitative Political Science Research Workshop (Co-organizer) (2022-2023)
Singapore Political Economy Group Seminar Series (Co-organizer) (2021-2022)
Global Affairs Working Paper Series (Organizer) (2021-2022)
Job Search Committee - Global Affairs Assistant Professor IPE and Global Governance (Fall 2020)

Awards and Grants

Yale-NUS College SEED Grant - Ports of Development: Trade Diasporas, Innovation, and 19th Century Globalisation (44,000 USD)
APSA MENA Politics Section Award for Best Dissertation in MENA Politics, 2020
Bobst Center Fall Dissertation Grant (5,000 USD), 2017
Bobst Center Summer Dissertation Grant (5,000 USD), 2016
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Language Grant, 2015
POMEPS TRE Summer Research Grant, 2015
FLAS Summer Grant Recipient, 2014
PIIRS, Language Grant, 2014
Charles S. 05 and Margaret D. Fayerweather Graduate Fellow in Politics, AY2013-2014

Fieldwork

Jordan, (Interviews, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; Survey and lab experiment, 2017. Total: 18 months)
Bahrain, Kuwait, (Interviews, 2009)

Languages

Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced - Mid Oral Proficiency Level)
French (Native)

Professional Affiliations

Association for the Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS) – Junior Fellow
Co-organizer, Middle East Political Economy Research Cafe, APSA 2018 Annual Conference

Community Service

Club Rainbow (Singapore), English Tutor, Spring and Fall 2023

Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative: English Co-Instructor, Fall 2015; Tutor, Spring 2016, Spring 2019

References

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