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Academic and Professional Positions

- Yale-NUS College, Assistant Professor of Political Science (2020 - Present)
- 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 Project

Varieties of Protectionism: Social Connections and Resistance to Trade Liberalization in the Arab World
– *Winner of the APSA MENA Politics Section Award for Best Dissertation in 2020*

Publications

“Earned Income and Women’s Segmented Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan,” with Carolyn Barnett and Amaney Jamal (*American Journal of Political Science*, Available Online, Oct. 2020).

“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

“Insecurity and Support for Female Leadership in Conflict-Prone States: Evidence from Afghanistan,” with Jasmine Bhatia (Under Review).

“The Blessings of Scarcity: The Institutional Underpinnings of Small States’ Prosperity,” with Muhammad Bin Khalid* and Jonathan Fu.*

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

Online Commentary

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,

<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/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

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

*Undergraduate Student

“The Blessings of Scarcity: The Institutional Underpinnings of Small States’ Prosperity.”

- Yale-NUS College Global Affairs Working Paper Series, Singapore, 2022.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2022.

“Insecurity and Support for Female Leadership in Conflict-Prone States: Evidence from Afghanistan.”

- AALIMS-Princeton Conference, Princeton, NJ, 2022.
- Yale-NUS College Global Affairs Working Paper Series, Singapore, 2021.
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2021.
- Center for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS), Nuffield College Oxford (Virtual), 2021.

“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.

“Business and the State in Developing Economies”, *Panel Organizer and Discussant*.

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2020.

Teaching

International Development (Fall 2021)

International Political Economy, Independent Study (Fall 2021)

Research Methods in the Social Sciences (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Southwest Asia and North Africa: Politics and Societies (Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

Service

Best Dissertation Committee - APSA MENA Politics Section (Spring 2022)

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

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

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

References

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