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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAST), Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Sept. 2023-current

The Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University, California, USA
Post-Doctoral Research Scholar, Sept. 2022-June 2023

The Belfer Center, Harvard University, Massachusetts, USA
The Middle East Initiative (MEI) Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Sept.2021-June 2022.

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Pairity, Toronto, Canada
Behavioral Data Analyst and Algorithm Engineer, Feb. 2023-current

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
Dean's Fellowship for Doctoral Students
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)
Honorable Mention for Best Dissertation by APSA MENA Politics Section in 2023.

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
M.A. in Political Science, 2015
Central European University Fellowship for MA Students
Best Thesis Award.

Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
M.A. in Public Policy. October 2014
Sabanci University Full Scholarship for MA students

The American University in Cairo, Egypt
B.A. in Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*, Dec. 2012
Highest GPA Award
LEAD Scholarship Program at the American University in Cairo, USAID

RESEARCH

Ongoing Book Project

“Religious Governance: The Politics of Ramadan in the Muslim World”

First Book Workshop, Stanford University, 28th April 2023.

Second Book Workshop, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Workshop, 8th May 2026.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Religious Policy Cycles: How Does Religion Regulate Distributive Politics in Muslim Societies?”,
Forthcoming, *the Journal of Politics*. 2026.

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

Winner, APSA 2022 Weber Best Conference Paper Award

“From Cooptation to Violence: Managing Competitive Authoritarian Elections,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 69(4):731-760, 2025.

“The Relationship between Islamic Education and Islamism,” *Politics and Religion*, 7(3):468-49, 2024.

“The Decline of Religion and Its Rise in Electoral Politics: Religious Belief, Religious Practice, and the Strength of Religious Voting Cleavages,” (with John D. Huber) *Comparative Political Studies*, 56(14): 2201-2230, 2023.

“Trust Nobody: How Voters React to Conspiracy Theories,” (with Giovanna Invernizzi) *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 10(2): 201-208, 2023.

“Political Budget Cycles in Autocracies: The Role of Religious Seasons and Political Collective Action,”
Politics and Religion, 15(3):617-628, 2022.

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

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

Policy Papers

“Ethically Informed Algorithmic Matching and Refugee Resettlement,” (with Craig D. Smith), *Forced Migration Review*, 2024, Issue 73.

“Interim Evaluation Report, Re-match: Relocation via Matching,” (with Craig D. Smith, Laura Celeste, Elisa Ertl, Katja Wagner, Lea Rau), *Berlin Governance Platform*, 2024.

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

Book Chapters

“Islam, Politics, and Women in the Public Sphere: Between Institutions, Movements, and Practices.” Forthcoming. In *The I.B. Tauris Handbook of Contemporary Islamic Studies*, ed. Seyfeddin Kara and Suleyman Dost. London: I.B. Tauris, 2026.

Papers Under Review

“Bad Impression: The Implications of Violent Elections on Political Participation and Attitudes”

Working Papers

“Religion and Authoritarian Statecraft: The Case of Religious Schooling” (with Alisson Hartnett)

“Measuring Change without Harm: Ethical and Methodological Lessons from an Edutainment Experiment in Egypt” (with Salma Mousa and Donald Green)

“Economic Strings Attached: Islamist Opposition Strategies and Authoritarian Regime Consolidation”

“Explaining Gender Gaps in Political Participation: A Cross-National Study” (with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Jane M. Sakr)

“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

Papers under Development

“Encouraging Pro-Environmental Behavior in the Public and Private Spheres: Field Experiments in Egypt” (with Salma Mousa)

“Forum Shopping and Policy Reform: Evidence from Malawi” (with Lauren Honig)

“Who Runs in Autocratic Elections?: Evidence from Egypt”

Unpublished Manuscripts

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

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

GRANTS & EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2023 Sponsored Project Funding (\$155,000), UNFPA, “The 360-Edutainment Campaign and Its Impact on the Target Groups in Egypt”, Co-PI (deliverable: technical report).
- 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)

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 Honorable Mention for Best Dissertation, MENA Politics Section, APSA 2023
- 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

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin
- 2025 Keynote Speaker, HONORLOGIC Meeting by University of Essex, Greece
- 2024 Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023 Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Toulouse School of Economics
- 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, Princeton University
- 2019 ISERP Graduate Seminar, Columbia University
- 2018 American and Comparative Political Behavior Workshop, Yale University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting, Workshop on Culture (IE University), Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshop, Workshop on Political Regimes and their Search for Legitimacy (University of Milan), IAST Workshop on the Political Economy of Autocratic Rule and Democratic Backsliding, Digital Economics Conference (Toulouse School of Economics)
- 2024 IAST-Oxford-Science Po Conference in Political Economy, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Identity and Politics, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)
- 2023 AALIMS Annual Conference, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA)
- 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)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, **Toulouse Summer School on Inclusion and Exclusion in Collective Settings**, Toulouse School of Economics, Summer 2025

Instructor, **Toulouse Summer School on Identity, Politics, and Human Welfare**, Toulouse School of Economics, Summer 2024

Instructor, **Applied Econometrics**, Toulouse School of Economics, Spring 2024-Spring 2026

Instructor, **Introduction to Political Economy**, Toulouse School of Economics, Fall 2023-Fall 2026.

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, **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

Reviewer, **American Political Science Review (APSR) / Political Science Research and Methods (PSRM)/American Journal of Political Science (AJPS)/ Journal of Politics/ Politics and Religion**, 2022-current

Selection Committee Member, **APSA-MENA Best Dissertation Award**, APSA MENA Politics Section, 2025-2026

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

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

Organizer, **IAST Political Economy and Economic History Reading Group**, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, 2025-2026.

Co-organizer, **IAST Conference on "Borders and Belonging: Migration Challenges and Solutions"**, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, 2026.

Co-organizer, **IAST Workshop on “the Political Economy of Autocratic Rule and Democratic Backsliding”**, Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, 2025

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

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

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Selected Non-Academic 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*.

Podcasts

“Is the World Becoming Less Democratic?,” (2023), *Crossing Channels Podcast*, Benette Institute for Public Policy, Season (4), Episode (3).

SKILLS

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

Fieldwork Experience: Egypt (18 months)

Computer Skills: Stata, R, Python, Latex