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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of International Relations
Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University 2018-Present

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh 2011-2016
Department of Politics and International Relations
Ph.D. in Politics

Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Political Science
M.A. in Political Science 2006-2007

York University, Department of Politics
B.A. (Honors) 2001-2006

RESEARCH FIELDS

International Relations, Middle East Politics, Foreign Intervention, Political Violence, Ethnic Conflict, Post-Conflict State Statebuilding

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Structuring Exclusion: the Institutional Legacies of Ethnic Conflict in Iraq, manuscript in preparation.

2021. *After the Arab Uprisings: Progress and Stagnation in the Middle East and North Africa*, with Valentine Moghadam. New York: Cambridge University Press.

2017. *State and Society in Iraq: Citizenship under Occupation, Dictatorship and Democratisation*, editor with Benjamin Isakhan and Fadi Dawood. London: I.B. Tauris.

ARTICLES

(Forthcoming, 2022). "Exploiting Dissent: Foreign Military Interventions in the Arab Uprisings", *International Politics*.

2021. "Subverting Peace: the Origins and Legacies of de-Baathification in Iraq", *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 15 (4): 476-493.

2021. "Evaluating the Pitfalls of External Statebuilding in Post-2003 Iraq (2003-2021)", with Alistair Edgar, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 15 (4): 425-440.

2012. "Cultural Genocide and Key International Instruments: Framing the Indigenous Experience," *International Journal of Minority and Group Rights*, 19: 175-194.

2009. "Ethno-Cultural and Religious Identity of Syrian Orthodox Christians," *Chronos*, 19: 71-113.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2019. "The Right of Return in Iraq: Conceptualizing Insecurity, State Fragility and Forced Displacement," with Hannibal Travis in *Transitional Justice and Forced Migration: Critical Perspectives from the Global South*, pp. 158-189. New York: Cambridge University Press.

2017. "Political Parties, Elections and the Transformation of Iraqi Politics since 2003," w/Marc Lemieux in *State and Society in Iraq: Negotiating Citizenship under Occupation, Authoritarianism and Democratization*, eds., Benjamin Isakhan, Shamiran Mako, and Fadi Dawood. London: I.B. Tauris.

2017. "Conclusion," with Benjamin Isakhan, in *State and Society in Iraq: Negotiating Citizenship under Occupation, Authoritarianism and Democratization*, eds., Benjamin Isakhan, Shamiran Mako, and Fadi Dawood. London: I.B. Tauris.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Ethnic Dominance in Iraq and Pakistan: a Comparative-Historical Approach," with Wilfried Swenden, in progress.

"War, External Intervention, and Women's Healthcare Outcomes in Post-2003 Iraq", with Mahesh Kara, in progress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2021. "Negotiating Peace in Iraq's Disputed Territories: Modifying the Baghdad-Erbil Sinjar Agreement." *Lawfare Blog*.

2019. "Institutionalizing Exclusion: de-Baathification in Post-2003 Iraq" POMEPS Studies 35.

2014. "Iraq: Who's to Blame?" *World Affairs Journal*.

2014. "The State of Higher Education in Iraq: Lessons from Eight Iraqi Fulbright Scholars," Co-authored w/ Denis J. Sullivan, *The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq*.

2012. "International Response to Bahrain's Arab Spring," *e-International Relations*.

2016. “Saddam Hussein: a Political Biography,” *The Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, 2nd edition. Ed. Richard C. Martin. 2 Vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference.

2010. “Peshmerga Fighters,” *Encyclopedia of Modern Middle East Wars*.

2010. “Colonialism in the Middle East,” *World History Encyclopedia*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021 (November) Presenter, LSE Middle East Studies Center, London, UK
 2021 (October) Presenter, Pardee School Research Seminar Series, Boston University
 2021 (April) Presenter, Women in Conflict Studies (WICS) Professional Development Session
 2021 (April) Presenter, Middle Eastern and North African Studies Colloquium Series, the University of Arizona
 2021 (March) Presenter, Muslim Studies Program, Boston University
 2020 (July) Presenter, Massachusetts Peace Action, “Iraq: Occupation, Governance, Protests”
 2020 (May) Presenter, Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies Beyond the Headlines Series
 2020 (April) Presenter, Northeast Middle East Working Group Workshop, Smith College (cancelled due to Covid-19)
 2019 (November) Presenter, Kennedy School, Harvard University
 2019 (November) Keynote speaker, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
 2019 (November) Presenter, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
 2019 (October) Presenter, Beyond the Headlines, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
 2019 (June) Participant, International Policy Summer Institute-Bridging the Gap, American University
 2019 (April) Presenter, Project on Middle East Political Science and the Crown Center, Brandeis University
 2019 (April) Presenter, Delta Phi Epsilon, Boston University
 2019 (April) Presenter Beyond the Headlines, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
 2018 (November) Presenter, Presidential Panel, Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
 2018 (January) Presenter, Watson Institute for International Affairs, Brown University
 2016 (October) Presenter, Roger Williams University
 2015 (March) Presenter, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University
 2014 (February) Presenter, International Affairs Program, Northeastern University
 2013 (May) Presenter, Constitutional Law Discussion Group, University of Edinburgh

CONFERENCES

(P)presenter, (C)hair, (D)discussant

- 2021 (November) Presenter, ISA-International Security Studies Section, Bloomington, IN
 2021 April (P), Progress and Stagnation after the Arab Uprisings: 10 years on. Center for Religion and World Affairs, Boston University (virtual)

- 2020 August (D), American Political Science Association (APSA), MENA Region Workshops (virtual)
- 2020 June (P), Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), George Washington University (virtual)
- 2020 February (P), Research Seminar Series, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
- 2019 November (P), Middle East Studies Association
- 2019 April (P), Workshop on Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice in Iraq, Boston University
- 2017 September (D), American Political Science Association
- 2016 November (P) Project on Middle East Political Science, The Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop
- 2016 November (P) Middle East Studies Association
- 2016 September (P) American Political Science Association
- 2016 March (P) The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University
- 2014 November (P) Middle East Studies Association
- 2014 July (P) International Studies Association
- 2014 May (P) Workshop on displacement, Boston University
- 2013 November (P) Middle East Studies Association

FELLOWSHIPS

- Visiting Scholar
Center for Middle East Studies, Brown University 2018-2019
- Visiting Assistant Professor
Center for Middle East Studies, Brown University 2017-2018
- Research Fellow
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University 2014-2015
- Carnegie Visiting Scholar
Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies, Northeastern University
2014-2015

TEACHING

Boston University

- IR 382 Understanding the Modern Middle East, undergraduate
- IR 560 Ethnic Conflict in a Global Perspective, graduate
- IR 312 Comparative Development in the MENA, undergraduate
- IR 533 Contentious Politics and the Arab Uprisings, graduate

SERVICE

- Middle East Politics Section Chair (2022), Midwest Political Science Association,
- Graduate Faculty Member, Political Science Department, Boston University 2018-Present

Executive Committee Member, Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs: CURA, Boston University

Faculty Council, Boston University 2019-2021

American Political Science Association MENA Junior Scholars Mentorship Program

American Political Science Association MENA Workshop Discussant 2020

Middle East Studies Association Program Committee Member, 2020

Faculty Search, Pardee School, Boston University 2018

Middle East Studies Association Program Committee Member, 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Women in International Security (WIIS)

Manuscript reviewer for: Comparative Politics, Middle East Journal, Third World Quarterly, Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism, University of Edinburgh Press, Oxford University Press.
Grant reviewer for Carnegie Corporation of New York.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

NPR, CTV News Canada, WHDH 7 News Boston, Vox news, Public Radio International, East is a Podcast, UFAHAMU Africa podcast, Project on Middle East Political Science Podcast, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-Sectarinization Podcasts

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Advanced proficiency), Aramaic/Assyrian (native proficiency), French (reading)

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