

FOTINI CHRISTIA

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2021-: Ford International Professor of the Social Sciences at MIT
Oct 2020-: Director, Sociotechnical Systems Research Center, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing
(one of MIT's 11 allocation labs ; ~\$17 million annual budget)
Associate Director, Institute for Data, Systems and Society (IDSS)
Program Chair, SES Doctoral Program, IDSS, MIT Schwarzman College of Computing
July 2017-June 2021: Professor, MIT Department of Political Science
Director of Graduate Studies
July 2014-June 2017: Associate Professor (with tenure), MIT Department of Political Science
July 2012-June 2014: Mark Hyman Jr. Career Development Associate Professor at MIT Political Science
July 2008-June 2012: Assistant Professor, MIT Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

PhD in Public Policy, June 2008

Fields: Comparative Politics/International Relations

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

MA in International Affairs, June 2001

Harriman Institute Certificate, June 2001

Columbia University, Columbia College

BA in Economics and Operations Research, June 2000

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2023 MIT Generative AI Impact Award (\$60K with Prof. Munzer Dahleh, Catherine D'Ignazio, Peko Hosoi and Devavrat Shah)
2023 MIT Google Award for Computing Innovation (\$100K)
2021 MIT-IBM Grant on AI for Healthcare Equity (\$100K with Marzyeh Ghassemi)
2021 MIT-IBM Grant on AI for Housing Equity (\$100K with Peko Hosoi and Catherine D'Ignazio)
2020 Preventing Social Conflict and Promoting Social Cohesion in Forced Displacement Contexts Award from the World Bank, UNHCR, UKAID (\$25K; with Kiran Garimella and Erin Walk)
2018-20 Serial Interactions in Imperfect Information Games Applied to Complex Military Decision Making, DARPA (~\$200K; part of larger grant shared with Prof. Erik Demaine, Costantinos Daskalakis, John Dickerson, and Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi)
2018 Institute for Data Systems and Society (IDSS) Seed Grant (\$75K)
2018 Access to Call Detail Records (CDRs) from Data for Refugees (D4R) Turk Telecom Competition
2015 Andrew Carnegie Inaugural Fellow (\$200K)
2015 ARO MURI Renewal Grant for work on Networks, Culture and Conflict (~\$200K)
2012 Mark Hyman Jr. Career Development Chair (\$60K)
2012 ARO MURI Grant for work on Networks, Culture and Conflict (~\$300K; part of larger grant shared with Prof. Ali Jadbabaei, Jon Kleinberg, Daron Acemoglu, Asu Ozdeglar, and Matt Jackson)
2011 UN WFP/USAID Wheat Grant and Logistics for Afghan Development Evaluation (~\$725K with Ruben Enikolopov and Andrew Beath)
2011 IGC/LSE Data Collection Grant for Afghan Development Evaluation (\$150K with Ruben Enikolopov and Andrew Beath)

- 2011 CIDA Data Collection Grant for Afghan Development Evaluation (\$150K with Ruben Enikolopov and Andrew Beath)
- 2010-12 Draper Lab Grant for Afghan Data Collection (\$50K)
- 09-12 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
- 2009 SHASS MIT Research Fund Grant, (\$20K)

BOOKS

Crime, Insecurity, and Community Policing: Experiments on Building Trust, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY 2024 (with Graeme Blair and Jeremy Weinstein eds).

Alliance Formation in Civil Wars, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY 2012

- Luebbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics
- Leggold Award for Best Book in International Relations
- Distinguished Book Award of the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section of the International Studies Association (ENMISA)
- Referenced in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Foreign Policy* among others and reviewed in *The Boston Globe*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *The Middle East Journal*, *H-Diplo*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Survival*, and *International Journal of Middle East Studies* among others.

ARTICLES

"Can Development Programs Counter Insurgencies? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan," *forthcoming* in the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (With Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

- Featured in *The New York Times*

"Social Media Narratives on Conflict: Evidence from Syria," *forthcoming* in the *Journal of Politics* (With Erin Walk, Kiran Giramella, Elizabeth-Parker Magyar and Ahmet Akbiyik).

["Empowering women facing gender-based violence amid COVID-19 through media campaigns"](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-023-01665-y), *Nature Human Behavior* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-023-01665-y> (With Horacio Larreguy, Manuel Quintero and Elizabeth Parker-Magyar).

- Featured in [JPAL Gender](#), [MIT News](#) and [EGAP](#)

"Displacement and Return in the Internet Era: How Social Media Captures Migration Decisions in Northern Syria", *World Development*, Volume 168, 2023 (with Erin Walk and Kiran Garimella).

"Mitigating the Impact of Biased Artificial Intelligence in Emergency Decision-Making," *Communications Medicine*, 2022. (With Hammaad Adam, Emily Alsentzer, Aparna Balagopalan and Marzyeh Ghassemi).

- Accepted for presentation at *Trustworthy and Socially Responsible Machine Learning (TSRML) and Deploy and Monitor ML* at NeurIPS 2022.
- Featured in [MIT News](#)

["Evidence on the nature of sectarian animosity from a geographically representative survey of Iraqi and Iranian Shia pilgrims."](#) *Nature Human Behavior*, 2022 Sep;6(9):1226-1233. (With Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox).

- Featured in *Foreign Affairs*, in *The Monkey Cage/The Washington Post*, in *Foreign Policy* and in *Foreign Policy 2019*, and in *MIT News*

[“Community Policing Does not Build Trust in Police or Reduce Crime in the Global South”](#), *Science*, 374, 1098 (2021) (with Graeme Blair, Jeremy Weinstein, Eric Arias, Emile Bardan, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Ahsan Farooqui, Thiemo Fetzer, Guy Grossman, Dotan Haim, Zulfiqar Hameed, Rebecca Hanson, Ali Hasanain, Dorothy Kronick, Benjamin Morse, Robert Muggah, Fatiq Nadeem, Lily Tsai, Matthew Nanes, Tara Slough, Nico Ravanilla, Jacob N. Shapiro, Barbara Silva, Pedro L. Souza, Anna Wilke).

- Featured in *Foreign Affairs*, *MIT News*, *Stanford Global Studies*, *UCLA News Room*
- Honorable mention for the Luebbert Best Article Prize in Comparative Politics, APSA 2023

[“Scalable Equilibrium Computation in Multi-agent Influence Games on Networks”](#), in *Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21)*, (with Michael Curry, Constantinos Daskalakis, Erik Demaine, John P. Dickerson, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi, Adam Hesterberg, Marina Knittel, and Aidan Milliff).

[“The Effect of Drone Strikes on Civilian Communication: Evidence from Yemen.”](#) *Political Science Research Methods*, 1-9 doi:10.1017/psrm.2021.22 (with Ali Jadbabaei, Michael Freedman, Spyros Zoumpoulis and Leon Yao).

- Featured in *Foreign Affairs* and *FiveThirtyEight*

[“COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions.”](#) eds. Peter Krause and Ora Szekeley in *PS: Political Science and Politics* 54(2), 264-269.

- *Podcast Feature*

[“Tests for Network Cascades via Branching Processes,”](#) in *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering*, doi:10.1109/TNSE.2020.2981327 (with Paolo Bertolotti and Ali Jadbabaei).

[“State Capacity Redux: Integrating Classical and Experimental Contributions to an Enduring Debate.”](#) *Annual Review of Political Science (ARPS)*, 21, 71-91 (with Elissa Berwick).

[“Direct Democracy and Resource Allocation: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan.”](#) *Journal of Development Economics (JDE)*, 124, 199-213 (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

- Featured in the *World Bank Blog*

[“Electoral Rules and Political Selection: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan.”](#) *The Review of Economic Studies (ReStud)*, 83 (3), 932-968 (with Andrew Beath, Georgy Egorov and Ruben Enikolopov).

- Featured in *EGAP*, in *Mapping Ignorance* and in *KelloggInsight*

[“Empowering Women through Development Aid: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan.”](#) *American Political Science Review (APSR)*, Volume 107, Number 3, August 2013, pp.540-557 (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

- Featured in the *Harvard Kennedy School*, *MIT News*, *World Bank Blog*, *JPAL Policy Insight*

[“Context Modularity of Human Altruism.”](#) *Science*, 9 December 2011:334 (6061):1392-1394 (with Marc Alexander).

- Featured in *MIT News*

[“Following the Money: Muslim versus Muslim in Bosnia’s Civil War.”](#) *Comparative Politics*, Volume 40, Number 4, July 2008, pp.461-480.

- Reprinted in *Political Violence*, Erica Chenoweth, eds., SAGE Library of International Relations, 2013.

["Who Flees? A Big-Data Approach to the Determinants of Forced Migration."](#) *Revise and Resubmit at Nature Communications* (with Aidan Milliff)

["Imams and Businessmen: Service Provision in Turkey,"](#) *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Conflict Resolution* (with Tugba Bozcaga)

- [Recipient of the best MENA Politics Paper presented at the 2021 meeting of the APSA](#)
- [Recipient of the Weber Best Paper in Religion and Politics Award of the Religion and Politics Section presented at the 2021 meeting of the APSA](#)
- [Featured in *Foreign Policy*](#)

["The Social Network Effects of Drone Strikes,"](#) *Under Review* (with Paolo Bertolotti, Aidan Miliff and Ali Jadbabaei)

- [Presented at NBER 2020 Summer Institute](#)

["Do Elected Councils Improve Governance? Experimental Evidence on Local Institutions in Afghanistan,"](#) *Under Review* (With Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov)

- [Featured in *Foreign Policy*, *EGAP*, and the *World Bank Blog*](#)

["The Police or the Public? Racial Bias in 911 Calls and Policing,"](#) *Under Review*, (with Devavrat Shah, Jessy Xinyi Han, Andrew Miller, Craig Watkins and Chris Winship)

["Networks of Sectarianism: Experimental Evidence on Access to Services in Baghdad."](#) (with Dean Knox and Jaffar Al-Rikabi)

["Training Py Torch-Big Graph Embeddings on a Large Real World CDR Graph."](#) (with Michael Curry, Aidan Millif, Adam Hesterberg, Constantinos Daskalakis, Erik Demaine, John Dickerson and Mohammadtaghi Hajiaghayi)

BOOK CHAPTERS

["Piety and Religious Communalism among Shiites in Iraq and Iran,"](#) *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, eds. Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones, Oxford University Press, 2020 (With Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox)

["Navigating Data Collection in War Zones,"](#) *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science*, eds. Peter Krause and Ora Szekely, Columbia University Press, 2020.

- [Book selected as *Choice Reviews Outstanding Academic Title for 2021*](#)

["Assessing Syrian Refugee Integration Using Call Detail Records from Turkey,"](#) in *Guide to Mobile Data Analytics in Refugee Scenarios*, eds. Salah, Pentland, Lepri, Letouze, Vinck, de Montjoye and Dong, Springer, 2019. (With Tugba Bozcaga, Constantinos Daskalakis, Elizabeth Harwood, Christos Papadimitriou)

["Decentralization in Post-Conflict Settings: Assessing Community-Driven Development in the Wake of Violence,"](#) in *Decentralized Governance and Accountability: Academic Research and the Future of Donor Programming*, eds. Jonathan Rodden and Erik Wibbels, Cambridge University Press, 2019.

MIT SERVICE

Institute Activities and Committees

2024-now Member of the SERC Seed Grants Selection Committee
2023-2024 Member of the Generative AI Policy Essay Selection Committee
2023-2024 Member of the Selection Committee for Senior Vice Provost for Research
2022-now KACST/CCES Executive Committee Member (~\$26million Engagement with Saudi)
2022-now Member of the Open Data Selection Committee
2022 Member of MIT's Open Access Task Force
2022 Member of the Social Impact ELO Review Committee
2022 Member of the Antiracism Research Fund Selection Committee
2021-2022 Member of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Afghanistan
2021-2022 Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Arts, Culture and DEI at MIT
2021-now Head of the International Advisory Committee (IAC)
2020-now Member of the Extended Computing Council
2020 Member of College of Computing Committee on Broadening IDSS in the Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts
2019-2020 Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for Outside Engagements
2018-2021 Member of the International Advisory Committee (IAC)
2016-2017 Faculty Member on Graduate Program Committee for Social and Engineering Systems (SES)
2015-2020 Member of the Graduate Advisor Committee
2015 Second Year Review Committee for Junior Colleague
2015 Comparative Politics Speaker Series Faculty Coordinator
2014-2016 Member of Mission and Scope Committee for MIT's new entity on complex and socio-technical systems, information and decision systems, and statistics (IDSS)
2014 Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid (CUAFA)
2012-2014 Member on SHASS Education Advisory Committee
2013 MIT Corporation Spouses Presentation on Women in the Syrian Revolution
2010-2020 Women in International Security, Faculty Chair
2010-now MISTI Global Seed Funds, Member of the Grants Review Committee

Departmental and School Activities and Committees

2020-now Director, Sociotechnical Systems Research Center, Schwarzman College (\$17mil annual)
2020-now Academic Head of the Social and Engineering Systems PhD, IDSS, Schwarzman College
2020-now Head of the Social and Engineering Systems PhD Admissions Committee, IDSS
2020-now Head of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Working Group in Political Science
2019-2022 Faculty Affiliate in Global Diversity Lab
2019 Faculty Advisor on Student Mental Health Survey in Political Science
2019 Tenure Promotion Case Committee Members for Political Science Faculty
2018-now Director of Graduate Studies and Placement in Political Science
2018-now Faculty Organizer of Practice Job Talk Series
2017 Member of the Graduate Committee in Political Science
2017 Member of the Undergraduate Committee in Political Science
2015 Faculty Members of Poverty and Violence Working Group
2013 Public Policy Minor Advisor
2013 American Politics Search Committee, Political Science
2012-2014 SHASS Education Advisory Committee
2012-2014 Public Policy Minor Advisor, Political Science
2012-2014 Undergraduate Program Committee, Political Science
2012 Stanton Chair Search Committee, Political Science

2010 Political Methodology Search Committee, Political Science
2010 Burchard Lecture
2009 Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science
2008 Political Methodology Search Committee, Political Science
2008-2022 Faculty Affiliate in Security Studies Program

ESSAYS/OPINION PIECES

["Community Policing Is Not One Size Fits All,"](#) *Foreign Policy*, 29 November 2021 (With Graeme Blair and Jeremy Weinstein).

["Training the COVID-19 Cohort: Adapting and Preserving Social Science Research,"](#) *SSRC Items: Insights from the Social Sciences*, 30 July 2020 (With Chappell Lawson).

["Tehran Paints Over its AntiAmerican Murals,"](#) *Foreign Policy*, 11 November 2019.

["Even Conservative Iranians Want Closer Ties to the United States,"](#) *Foreign Policy*, 23 May 2019 (With Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox).

["The Geography of Gulenism in Turkey,"](#) *Foreign Policy*, 18 March 2019 (With Tugba Bozcaga).

["Turkish Referendum Rallies in Europe Made Headlines. Did they Affect Election Results?"](#) *Monkey Cage/The Washington Post*, 6 May 2017 (With Tugba Bozcaga).

["Shiites are Participating in the World's Largest Pilgrimage Today. Here is how they View the World,"](#) *Monkey Cage/The Washington Post*, 21 November 2016 (With Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox).

["Mapping Shiite Opinion: Insights from the Arba'een Pilgrimage,"](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 24 October 2016 (With Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox).

["Yemen Calling: Seven Things Cell Data Reveal About Life in the Republic,"](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 6 July 2015 (With Leon Yao, Stephen Wittels and Jure Leskovec).

[Roundtable of Reviews for Paul Staniland's *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse*,](#) in *H-Diplo* 7(16), 11 May 2015.

["Too Much of a Good Thing,"](#) *Foreign Policy*, 18 December 2013 (With Ruben Enikolopov).

“[What Can Civil War Scholars Tell US about the Syrian Conflict,](#)” appeared in *The Political Science of Syria's War*, *POMEPS Briefings* in collaboration with *Foreign Policy*, 18 December 2013.

[Roundtable of Reviews of *Alliance Formation in Civil Wars*](#) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *H-Diplo* 6 (2), 11 October 2013.

["Why I fight for a Free Syria: A graphic story of one man's struggle,"](#) *Al Jazeera America*, 5 September 2013 (With Thalia Chantziara).

[“How Syrian Women are fueling the Resistance and Why Washington Should Support them.”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 6 March 2013.

["Doing the Least Harm: How to Prevent a Post-Withdrawal Resumption of Violence in Afghanistan and Iraq."](#) *Ethnopolitics* 11 1 (2012): 98-100.

[“Letter from Kabul: Fear and Abandonment in Afghanistan.”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 26 June 2011.

[“Defining Success in Afghanistan: What can the United States Accept.”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 89 (4): 48-60, July/August 2010 (With Stephen Biddle and J. Alexander Thier).

[“Viewpoint: Measuring Success in Afghanistan,”](#) *The BBC*, 22 February 2010 (With Thalia Chantziara).

[“Co-opt the Commanders.”](#) *The New York Times*, 1 September 2009 (With Michael Semple).

[“Sartorial Stumping.”](#) *The New York Times Op-Ed Page*, 18 August 2009 (With Thalia Chantziara).

[“Flipping the Taliban How to Win in Afghanistan.”](#) *Foreign Affairs*, 88 (4):34-45, July/August 2009 (With Michael Semple).

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

[Photos from Tehran murals](#) I collected in 2006 that are now archived at Harvard University Libraries Digital Collections.

- Featured in the [Boston Globe](#), and its [Arts Section](#), the [Harvard Gazette](#), [Harvard's Weatherhead Center](#), in [Iranian.com](#) and in [Foreign Policy](#)
- Accompanying article: ["The Art of State Persuasion: Iran's Post-Revolutionary Murals," Persica 22 \(1-13\), 2008"](#) (with Houchang Chehabi) featured in the [Washington Post](#)

REPORTS/REVIEWS

["Advancing Equality: Harnessing Generative AI to Combat Systemic Racism"](#) (with Saadia Gabriel, Jessy Han, Eric Liu, Isha Puri, Wonyoung So, Munzer Dahleh, Catherine D'Ignazio, Marzyeh Ghassemi, Peko Hosoi and Devavrat Shah)

["Violence Against Women amid COVID-19: The Effects of Social and Traditional Media Campaigns to Empower Women Pre-Analysis Plan"](#) (with Horacio Larreguy, Norhan Muhab, Elizabeth Parker-Magyar). [Registered at AEA RCT Registry](#).

[Review of *The Historical Roots of Political Violence: Revolutionary Terrorism in Affluent Countries*](#). By Ignacio Sanchez-Cuenca. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019. 296p. \$39.99 cloth in *Perspectives on Politics*, 18 (2):655-656.

"Meta-Analysis Pre-Analysis Plan on Community Policing," 2018. (with Graeme Blair and Jeremy Weinstein)

["To Karbala: Surveying Religious Shi'a from Iran and Iraq,"](#) (with Elizabeth Dekeyser and Dean Knox)
"Pre-Analysis Plan for an Impact Evaluation of USAID's "Communities Thrive" Local Governance Program in the West Bank," 2018.(With Erin York and Ruben Enikolopov)

"Impact Evaluation Design for USAID's "Communities Thrive" Local Governance Program in the West Bank," 2017. (With Erin York and Ruben Enikolopov)

"Baseline Report for USAID's "Communities Thrive" Local Governance Program in the West Bank," 2017. (With Erin York and Ruben Enikolopov)

The [final report](#), as well as our [midline](#), [baseline](#) and [monitoring reports](#), along with our [preanalysis plans](#) and [instruments and data](#) related to the randomized impact evaluation of Afghanistan's National Solidarity Program can be found here: www.nsp-ie.com

["The National Solidarity Programme: Assessing the Effects of Community-Driven Development in Afghanistan"](#), *International Peacekeeping*. 22 (4): 302-320. Special Issue: Development Assistance for Peacebuilding. (With Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov)

[Roundtable of Reviews for Paul Staniland's *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse*](#). (Cornell University Press, 2014) in *H-Diplo*, 11 May 2015.

[Roundtable of Reviews for *Alliance Formation in Civil Wars*](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *H-Diplo*. 6 (2), 11 October 2013.

Book Review of T. Barfield's Princeton University Press book: [Afghanistan: A Cultural and Political History](#). Review appeared in *The Middle East Journal* 64, no. 4 (2010): 650-651.

APSA CP Newsletter, Symposium: Concepts that Hinder Understanding and What to Do About Them: Structuring Political Conflict: Ethnicity, [APSA-CP](#) Vol. 20, No.2, p.13, August 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer for: *Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Science, PNAS, AEJ: Micro-Economics, APSR, AJPS, Journal of Politics, World Politics, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Security, Public Opinion Quarterly, Security Studies, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, DIME-the World Bank, JPAL*

American Political Science Association

- Perspectives on Politics Editorial Selection Committee Chair 2022
- APSA MENA Best Paper Award Committee Member 2022
- Journal Advisory Committee Experimental Research 2019-present
- Chair APSA's Gabriel A. Almond Award Committee 2018
- Luebbert Book Award Selection Committee 2015
- Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Experimental Methods Section 2015
- Comparative Democratization Best Fieldwork Award Committee 2010

Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

AALIMS MIT 2021 Organizing Committee

AALIMS Board Member 2018-present

AALIMS Faculty Fellow 2016-2018

Experiments in Governance and Politics Research Group (EGAP)

- Field Experiments on Community Policing “Metaketa” Committee Member 2014-present
- EGAP Organizing Committee 2011-2012

International Growth Center (IGC) Research Affiliate May 2016-present

Associate Editor for *Journal of Experimental Political Science* January 2016-September 2017

Expert Academic on DFID/IRC Advisory Group on Community Driven Development, 2014-2015

Member on World Bank Advisory Committee on Governance in Conflict Contexts, 2014

LANGUAGES

Greek (native), working knowledge of Dari and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Russian (read and listening comprehension), German (read and listening comprehension), French (read and listening comprehension), Arabic (basic listening comprehension).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MIT, Department of Political Science

17.511 Critical Perspectives on Data and Identity, Spring 2020 (with Evan Lieberman)

Examines how group identities are recorded as "data" in various domains, and the effects of data collection on the formation of identities, inequality, redistribution and conflict.

17.SS2020 Religion and Politics in the Developing World, Spring 2020

This course offers a contemporary understanding of how religion has resurfaced as a viable political power and how religion and politics have become intertwined.

17.568 Comparative Politics and Int. Relations of the Middle East, Spring 2015, Spring 2017 (with Rich Nielsen)

Survey course on the contemporary politics of the Middle East.

17.869 Scope and Methods, Fall 2008, Fall 2012-2014, Fall 2020-2023

Course designed to provide an introduction to a variety of empirical research methods used by political scientists.

17.956 Counterinsurgency, Spring 2014 (with Roger Petersen)

Survey course on political economy, comparative politics and international relations literature on insurgency and counterinsurgency.

17.582 Civil Wars, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2012-2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2023

Survey course on the social science literature on civil war. Studies the origins of civil war, discusses variables affecting duration, and examines termination of conflict.

17.583 Conflict through the Graphic Novel, Spring 2013

This course addresses an array of conflict dynamics through seminal works in political science and uses graphic novels to present the empirics, covering some of the most important cases of war and violence.

17.586 Warlords, Terrorists and Militias, Spring 2010-2011

General overview of the recent political science literature on violent non-state actors. The class covers works on the production side of non-state violence as well as the response that violence elicits.

17.504 Ethnic Politics, Fall 2010 (with Roger Petersen)

General overview of the major theories and empirical work on ethnicity and politics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

USAID Mission to the West Bank and Gaza (contracted via NORC)

Consultant

2015-2018

Co-authored an impact evaluation design and pre-analysis plan for a municipal governance and development initiative in the West Bank

World Bank

Kabul, Afghanistan

Consultant

2007-2012

Co-Principal Investigator in the Randomized Impact Evaluation of the National Solidarity Program, the biggest development program in Afghanistan.

Freedom House

New York, NY

Consultant

2011-2014

Wrote the country report for Afghanistan and evaluated and scored the country in terms of civil liberties and political rights.

PROGRAMS/SUMMER SCHOOLS

2016 Summer Workshop at Hebrew University, Israel

2014 Instructor at the Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi

2012 Summer Institute at the Dayan Center at the University of Tel Aviv, Israel

2010 Academic Exchange to Israel with the Yitzhak Rabin Center, Israel

2010 Instructor at the Olympia Summer Academy

2008 Instructor at Dar Al Hekma all-women's college in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia