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Research Interests

Democratization, authoritarianism, Middle East politics, succession, nationbuilding

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, 2004-present
Department of Government
University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Professor (courtesy appointment), 2004-present
Center for Middle Eastern Studies
University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Professor (courtesy appointment), 2004-present
Department of Middle Eastern Studies
University of Texas at Austin

Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2004-2005
Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law
Stanford University

Education

Princeton University, Department of Politics, Ph.D. 2004
Dissertation: *Durable Authoritarianism in an Age of Democracy*

Princeton University, Department of Politics, M.A. 2000
Fields: comparative politics, international relations, Middle East politics

Emory University, B.A., highest honors, 1997
Major: International studies, *Minor:* Arabic

Publications

Book

Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization (Cambridge University Press, 2007), 264 pp.

Refereed Articles

"The Heir Apparency of Gamal Mubarak," *Arab Studies Journal*, Fall 2007/Spring 2008, pp. 36–56.

"Bound to Rule: Party Institutions and Regime Trajectories in Malaysia and the Philippines," *Journal of East Asian Studies*, January 2008, pp. 89–118.

"Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies," *World Politics*, July 2007, pp. 595–628. [Winner of the "Best Article Award," Comparative Democratization Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), 2008.]

"Can America Nation-Build?" *World Politics*, January 2007, pp. 314–340.

"...And Yet They Persist: Explaining Survival and Transition in Neopatrimonial Regimes," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, November 2002, pp. 35–63.

"Low Tide After the Third Wave: Exploring Politics under Authoritarianism," *Comparative Politics*, July 2002, pp. 477–498.

Other Articles and Book Chapters

"Harbinger of Democracy: Competitive Elections Before the End of Authoritarianism," in Staffan Lindberg (ed.), *Democratization by Elections* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009).

"Imagining the Next Occupation," *Middle East Report* 249, Winter 2008, pp. 9–12.

"A New Generation of Autocracy in Egypt," *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Fall/Winter 2007, pp. 73–85.

"Small Projects Contribute to Nation-Building," in Michael Logan (ed.), *Nation Building (Opposing Viewpoints)* (Thomson Gale, 2007), pp. 197–202.

"Political Crisis and Restabilization: Iraq, Libya, Syria, and Tunisia," in Marsha Pripstein-Posusney and Michele Penner Angrist (eds.), *Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Regimes and Resistance* (Lynne Rienner Press, 2005), pp. 43–62.

"The Decline of Pluralism in Mubarak's Egypt," *Journal of Democracy*, October 2002, pp.6-14. Reprinted in Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Daniel Brumberg (eds.), *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003), pp. 48–57.

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

"Are Middle Eastern Monarchies Poised for Democratization?" paper presented at the conference, "Monarchies in Transition," Stanford University, May 5-6, 2008.

"Failed Transitions from Monarchy: Egypt," paper presented at the conference, "Monarchies in Transition," Stanford University, May 5-6, 2008.

"Unready Beneficiaries: The Discourse of How Filipinos and Iraqis Squandered the Boon of Nation-Building," paper presented at the comparative politics workshop, University of Chicago, February 27, 2008.

"The Influence of External Actors on Domestic Governance and Authority," panel participant, U.S.-Islamic World Forum, Doha, Qatar, February 16-18, 2008.

"Do We Need Hybrid Regimes?" paper presented at the comparative politics workshop, Yale University, January 29, 2008.

"The Effects of Electoral Competition on Middle East Autocracies," paper presented at the conference "Democratization by Elections?" University of Florida, Gainesville, November 30-December 2, 2007.

"Does Competitive Autocracy Engender Democracy?" paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association," Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.

"Dynastic Succession in Modern Autocracies," paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006, the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 19-22, 2006, and the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007.

"Transitions from Liberalized Autocracy?: The Case of Egypt," paper presented at the United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, July 29-30, 2005.

"Imperial Designs, Empirical Dilemmas: Why Nation Building Fails," paper presented at the Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law of Stanford University, January 19, 2005.

"Ruling Parties and Durable Authoritarianism," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.

"How do we assess the popularity of rulers and opposition?" paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2-5, 2004.

Awards and Fellowships

Best Article Award, APSA Comparative Democratization Section, 2008: for "Hereditary Succession in Modern Autocracies," *World Politics* July 2007.

Summer Research Award (two summer ninths), University of Texas at Austin, June-August 2008.

Office of the Vice President's Award for Research, University of Texas at Austin, $6000 support for project "The Political Economy of Dynastic Succession," 2007-2008.

Dean's Fellow (research leave), University of Texas at Austin, fall 2007.

Summer Research Award (two summer ninths), University of Texas at Austin, June-August 2006.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law, Stanford University, 2004-2005.

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University, 2002-2003, 2003-2004.

Princeton University Center for International Studies, grant to support fieldwork in Malaysia and the Philippines, summer 2003.

Language fellow in Tehran, Iran, American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIIrS), summer 2002.

Dissertation Fellowship, American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), 2002.

Visiting Fellow, North Carolina State University Department of Political Science and Public Administration, fall 2001

Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2000-2001.

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Egypt, 1997-1998.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) Fellow, 1997-1998 (grant waived).

Training

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
summer program in quantitative methods, University of Michigan, June-July 2003.

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM)
First Annual Training Institute, Arizona State University, January 2002.

Courses Taught

GOV 312L The United States and Regime Change (lower-division undergraduate course)
GOV 365N The Politics of Regime Change (upper-division undergraduate course)
GOV 365N Authoritarianism in the Middle East (upper-division undergraduate course)
GOV 365N Egyptian Politics and Society (upper-division undergraduate course)
GOV 390L Democratization in Comparative Perspective (graduate seminar)

Student Service

Faculty Adviser
David Kobs, M.A. in Middle East studies
Terrorist Support of the State: The al Qaeda Network and Failed States, 2006.

Manuel Viedma, M.A. in Middle East studies
The Martyred Party: The Rise and Fall of the Islamic Republican Party, 2007.

Tanvir Vahora, B.A. in Government honors program
Resource Wealth and Democracy in the Middle East, 2007.

Committee Service

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08
Graduate Financial Aid and Awards Committee, Department of Government, 2006-07
Graduate Student Visiting Day Participant, Spring 2007
Graduate Admission Committee, 2007-08
Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Organizer, 2008

Professional Service

Ongoing peer reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *World Politics*.

Languages

Arabic
Persian (intermediate)
French (reading)