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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2014-present)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2007-2014)
Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College (2006-2007)

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

PhD in Political Science, 2006
Primary Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics, Political Theory, Methodology
Specialized Methods Training: Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University (2006); Annenberg School of Communication Program on Historical Methodology, University of Pennsylvania; ICPSR, University of Michigan (1999)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Raoul Wallenberg Fellow, 1997
Degree in Israeli Politics and Society

Dartmouth College

BA in Government and Middle East Studies, 1996
High honors for senior thesis in Government, "State Strength and Societal Challenges"

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Democracy and the Politics of Electoral System Choice: Engineering Electoral Dominance
(Cambridge University Press, 2013).
Received the Best Book Award from the European Politics and Society Section of the APSA, 2014.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“What Can We Learn from History?: Competing Approaches to Historical Methodology and the Weberian Alternative of Reflexive Understanding” *Polity*, 54(4) (October 2022).

“Is the American Public Really Turning Away from Democracy? Backsliding and the Conceptual Challenges of Understanding Public Attitudes. *Perspectives on Politics*, July 2022 1-12.

“Multi-Method Research and Democratization Studies: Intellectual Bridges Among Islands of Specialization” *Democratization*, Vol 26:1 (2018) 97-139.

“American Political Development in the Mirror of Europe” in *Comparative Area Studies: Methodological Rationales and Cross-Regional Applications*, Ariel Ahram, Patrick Köllner, and Rudra Sil eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“The Politics of History and the History of Economic Development”, *Journal of Politics*, Vol 77 No. 1 (Jan 2015).

“The Study of Democratization and the Arab Spring” with Giovanni Capoccia, *Middle East Law and Governance Journal*, Vol 6.1 (2014) 1-31.

"The Existential Threat: Varieties of Socialism and the Origins of Electoral Systems in Early Democracies", *Studies in Comparative International Development* (June 2013) 48.2: 141-171.

“When Multi-Method Research Subverts Methodological Pluralism: Or Why We Still Need Single Method Research” with Rudra Sil, *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2012) 10.4: 935-953.

“Revolutionary Blindspots: The Politics of Electoral System Choice in the Egyptian Transition”, *Middle East Law and Governance Journal*. Sept 2011, No. 3 Vol.2.

“Reading History Forward: The Origins of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies”, *Comparative Political Studies* Special Issue on The Historical Turn in Democratization Studies. (August/September 2010) 43: 1059-1088.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

“The Utility of a Comparative Area Studies Framework for Historical Analysis” *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, Fall 2020, Vol. 18. No 1.

“Rethinking Backsliding: Insights from the Historical Turn in Democratization Studies” *Annals of Comparative Democratization*, Fall 2014.

“Is Multi-Method Research Really Better?” with Rudra Sil, *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, Fall 2009.

Works In Progress

Conflict and Cooperation: Institutional Sequencing, Regime Contention, and Legislative Politics in First Wave Democracies (Book Manuscript, In Progress)

“Institutional Sequencing and Regime Stability: Understanding the Reverse Sequence in German Political Development, 1867-1933” with Stephanie Chan (Article Manuscript, Under Review)

“Comparative History and Comparative Area Studies” in *Comparative Area Studies Volume 2* (Invited Article Manuscript, Under Review)

“Political Parties and Democratic Governance” in *Placing Parties American Political Development* (Invited Article Manuscript, Under Review)

“Lessons of Weimar” in *Why Weimar* (Invited Article Manuscript, In Progress)

“Democratic Backsliding for Whom: The Effects of Framing on Support for an Inclusive Democracy” with Stephanie Chan. (Article Manuscript, In Progress)

“Disaggregating Democracy: Contradictions and Ambiguities of Political Regimes” (Article Manuscript, In progress)

Democracy vs. Partisanship (Article Manuscript, In Progress)

“Presidential Campaigns, the Popular Vote, and the Electoral College: Understanding the Discrepancies.” With Gregory Wall (Article Manuscript, In Progress)

“Out of this World?: The U.S. in a Comparative Area Studies Framework” with Fatih Cetin (Article manuscript, In progress)

PUBLIC POLICY CONTRIBUTIONS

National Conference on Citizenship: *Academic Partner for the Democracy Fellows Program*, Worked with Fellow to devise a system of evaluation of election administration functions for the city of Philadelphia, 2020-2021.

Egypt Elections Project: *Director*. Collected geographic and demographic electoral data and conducted analysis to aid citizens and organizations in navigating the new electoral process. Developed a website (egyptelections.org) that uses to provide visual representations of the Egyptian electoral landscape, 2011-2016.

“Restoring the Voting Rights Act Will Not Do Enough to Ensure Fair Elections” Policy Brief for the Scholars Strategy Network, January 2014.

“When Election Rules Undermine Democracy”, Policy brief for the Scholars Strategy Network, April 2013.

Collaborated with Al Jazeera English to develop an interactive electoral map of Egypt in preparation for the first parliamentary elections, October 2011.

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Op-Eds and Podcasts:

Op-Ed: “America’s Voting Systems are more than Machines”, *The Conversation* November 2022

Op-Ed: “The Danger of Safe Districts.” *The Progressive Magazine* June 2022

Podcast: “Why We should Rethink Voting Rights.” *America’s Democrats* October 2021

Op-Ed: Why We Should Rethink Voting Rights From the Ground Up, *Washington Monthly* Feb 2021

Podcast: “How to Ensure Safe and Fair Elections”, *No Jargon* May 2020

Podcast: “Dangers to Democracy in the United States”, *No Jargon* January 2017

Op-Ed: “In Defense of the Electoral College”, *The American Prospect*, Dec 23, 2016.

Op-Ed: "Chief Justice Roberts was Right: How to Fix the Voting Rights Act," *Talking Points Memo*, February 21, 2014.

Public Engagement:

NPR Election Night Coverage, Election Deniers Running for State and National Office, November 2022

NPR All Things Considered: After 2020, a candidate conceding an election is no longer a sure thing, April 2022

NPR *All Things Considered*: Mass. Scholars Reflect on How Jan. 6 insurrection effected democracy, racial justice, Jan 2022.

American Political Science Association Featured Panel: The Regime Question: The United States in Global Perspective, Jan 2021

UMass Panel: Capitol Siege: Making Sense of What Happened, Jan 2021

WGBH Forum: The Electoral College, Is Reform Needed? December 2020

U.S. State Department, Talk on the 2020 U.S. Elections, November 2020

Federal Hall/Brennan Center Series “Debate Defends Democracy”: Democracy and the Electoral College, October 2020

Encounters: Women's Suffrage, Critical Dialogue hosted by the Hartford History Center and the Hartford Public Library, September 2020

American Spring Documentary: Solving the Chaos Conundrum of the Electoral College, September 2020

Democracy 20/20: Can the U.S. Hold Free and Fair Elections This Fall?, July 2020

American Experience: "The Vote" PBS discussion commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, June 2020

Constitution Center 9Town Hall: "Why Does the Electoral College Exist", April 2020

"Debating the Electoral College" Debate with Akhil Amar, of Yale Law School, Apr19, 2017

"Freedom of Religion and the Consequences of Politicizing Islam" (Part of Defending Democracy, Engaging Ideas Series), Mar 30, 2017

Panel on the Electoral College: Presentation for the League of Women Voters, Springfield MA, February 7 2016.

Interviews with WGBY: Topics include Democratization, the Egyptian Transition, and U.S. Elections (Interviews spanned 2011-13).

Media Commentary:

New York Times; Boston Globe; The Atlantic; New Yorker; Harper's Magazine; Commonwealth Magazine; The National Interest; Detroit Free Press; CBS In Focus, Phl-17; Pacifica News Network; Share America; Vermont Public Television; Vox.

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

"Comparative Area Studies and Comparative Historical Analysis", GIGA, Hamburg University, April 2022

"Conflict and Cooperation: Institutional Sequencing, Legislative Politics, and Regime Stability" University of California, Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium, October 2021

"Institutional Sequencing and Regime Stability in Interwar Europe" University of California, Berkeley, Historical Social Science Workshop, October 2021.

"The Politics of Budgets and Austerity in Interwar Europe", University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Historical Political Economy Workshop, October 2021

"What Can We Learn From History?: Lessons From Weimar" Princeton University Qualitative Research Colloquium, February 2021.

"Conflict and Cooperation: Legislative Politics and Democratic Stability" Oxford University Politics Colloquium, January 2021

“A Very “Unpopular” Argument: the democratic case for the Electoral College” Harvard University Law School, October 2019

“Out of Order: Legislative Coalitions and Regime Stability in the United Kingdom, France and Germany 1867-1939” Lund University, October 2019

“Conflict and Cooperation in the German Reichstag” Aarhus University, October 2019

“Promise and Pitfalls of Multi-Method Research” Purdue University Symposium on Advanced Methodology, October 2018

“Comparative Parties and the Birth of Democracy” Center for European Studies, Harvard University. April 2017.

“Multi-Method Research and Democracy Studies” University of Heidelberg, March 2017.

“Out of Order: Parliamentarization and Suffrage Expansion in European Political Development” University of Bremen, June 2016.

“Why no Workers’ Party in the United States?”, University of Pennsylvania, November 2015.

“Between the Veil and the Vote” Discussant at the POMEPS Junior Scholar Book Development Workshop. Yale University October 2014.

“Representation and British Political Development”, Discussant. Conference on The Westminster System in Crisis, Harvard University, May 2013.

“The Politics of History and the History of Democracy.” Presented at the Ethics of Contention Conference at the State University of New York, Albany, June 2012.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair-Elect

Council for European Studies, Section on The Historical Study of States and Regimes, 2021-23

Executive Committee Member

Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association, 2022-2024

Executive Committee Member

Council for European Studies, 2020-2024

Editorial Board Member

Studies in American Political Development, 2019-present

Program Co-Chair

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2019

Executive Committee Member

Comparative Politics Section of American Political Science Association, 2018-2020.

European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association, 2018-present.

Selection Committee

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2018

Treasurer, Executive Committee Member

Council for European Studies Section on the Historical Study of States and Regimes, 2017-present

Co-Convener

Graduate Student Workshop on Comparative Historical Methods, Council for European Studies, 2016-18

Division Program Chair

Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015

Committee Member

Best Book Award, APSA Organized Section on European Politics and Society, 2015

Executive Committee

New England Political Science Association, 2014-2016

Selection Committee

Melon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Council for European Studies, 2014.

Committee Chair

Mary Follett Prize Committee, APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2013.

Committee Member

Best Article Award, APSA Organized Section on European Politics and Society, 2013.

Division Program Chair

Comparative Politics Section, New England Political Science Association, 2012-2013.

Division Program Chair

Council for European Studies Organized Section on the Historical Study of States and Regimes, 2012-13.

Executive Committee

APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2011-13.

Organizer

Symposium on “The Origins and Evolution of Electoral Systems”, Council for European Studies, 2011.

Committee Member

Greenstone Book Award, APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2011.

Committee Member

Giovanni Sartori Book Award, APSA Organized Section of Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research, 2008.

Reviewer

American Political Science Review (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 17, 2019); Perspectives on Politics (2015, 2018); World Politics (2016, 2019); American Journal of Political Science(2010, 2012, 2013); Comparative Political Studies 2011, 2012, 2013, 2017); Journal of Politics (2014, 2019); British Journal of Political Science (2010) Political Research Quarterly (2011, 2012, 2014); Legislative Studies (2018); University of Toronto Press (2012); Cornell University Press (2017).

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE*Invited Member, University Committee*

Annual Faculty Review Revision Committee, 2020-2021

Advisory Board Member

ADVANCE Grant, 2018-Present

Advisory Board Member

Institute For Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Study, 2018-present

Executive Board Member

Project on Critical Security Studies, 2019-present

Elected Member

SBS College Personnel Committee, 2014-2016

Elected Member

Department Personnel Committee, 2014-15

Member, Ad-Hoc Committee

Initiative Hiring Committee, 2013-2014

Co-Organizer

Speaker Series "Elections in Uncertain Times", 2011-12.

Co-Convener

Ambiguities of Democracy Workshop, 2008-10.

Member, Standing Committee

Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2015-16

Member, Standing Committee

Graduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department, 2008-09.

Member, Ad-hoc Committee

Hiring Initiative Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2007-08.

Member, Exam Committees

Comparative Politics Field Exam (Gizem Zencirci, Deniz Cakir, Kevin Pallister, Nicklaus Laverty, Alper Yagci, Tyler Schuenemann, Ben Leiter, Harita Patel, Ardeshir Pezeshk, Mohsen Jalali); Interdisciplinary Field Exam (Lauren Handley).

Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Dissertation Committees: Fatih Cetin (Chair); Tyler Schuenemann (Chair), Mohsen Jalaili; Nicklaus Laverty, Khalid Dashash; Prospectus Committees, Luz Maria Sanchez Duque (Chair); Honors Thesis Committee: Casey Reinhart, Nathaniel Kahler, Elizabeth Keenan, Barrie Cameron, Stephanie Chan (Chair)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Spotlight Scholar Award, *UMass-Amherst*, 2016

SBS Research Grant, (\$7000) *UMass-Amherst*, 2015

Best Book Award, *European Politics and Society Section of the APSA*, 2014

Healy Research Grant (\$15,000), *UMass-Amherst*, 2011

Lilly Fellowship, *UMass-Amherst*, 2009-2010

Residential First-Year Award, *UMass-Amherst*, 2009

College of Social and Behavioral Science Travel Grant, *UMass-Amherst*, 2008

APSA Travel Grant, *American Political Science Association*, 2005

Christopher H. Brown Center Research Grant, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2005

Chimicles Fellowship, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2004-2005 (Declined)

SAS Dissertation Fellowship, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2003-2004

Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship for Leadership in Democracies, *Hebrew University*, 1996

Rockefeller Prize in Comparative Politics, *Dartmouth College*, 1996

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Political Science 111: Comparative Politics
Political Science 395D: Democracy and Democratization
Political Science 395E: Political Economy of Development
Political Science 491H: Comparative Democratization
Political Science 495: West European Politics

Graduate

Political Science 710: Field Seminar in Comparative Politics
Political Science 795D: Comparative Democratization
Political Science 797B: Qualitative Methods
Political Science 791: Political Inquiry
Political Science 790B: American Political Development

LANGUAGES: English: Native Proficiency; Arabic: Native Proficiency; French: Working Proficiency;
German: Working Proficiency