

## Ala Alrababah

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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Bocconi University</b> Assistant Professor	September 2023 - present
	<b>Immigration Policy Lab, ETH Zürich</b> Postdoctoral Fellow	2021 - 2023
AFFILIATIONS	Fellow, Dondena Center for Research on Social Dynamics and Public Policy Research Fellow, BAFFI Center on Economics, Finance and Regulation Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jamil Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Faculty Affiliate, Immigration Policy Lab (IPL) Fellow, National Center of Competence in Research	2024 - present 2024 - present 2021 - present 2023 - present 2023 - present 2021 - 2023
EDUCATION	<b>Stanford University</b> M.A., Ph.D. in Political Science Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Quantitative Methods Committee: Lisa Blaydes (co-chair), Jeremy Weinstein (co-chair), James Fearon, Kenneth Schultz	2021
	<b>Dartmouth College</b> B.A., Government Magna Cum Laude and High Honors in Government	2014
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	10. Reducing attrition in phone-based panel surveys: best practices and semi-automation for survey workflows (with Marine Casalis , Daniel Masterson , Dominik Hangartner , Stefan Wehrli and Jeremy Weinstein). <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> . First View.  9. The Free Movement of People and the Success of Far-Right Parties: Evidence from Switzerland's Border Liberalization (with Andreas Beerli, Dominik Hangartner, and Dalston Ward). <i>American Political Science Review</i> . 2025.  8. Evidence-Based Transitional Justice: Incorporating Public Opinion into the Field, with New Data from Iraq and Ukraine (with Mara Revkin and Rachely Myrick). <i>Yale Law Journal</i> . 2024.  7. The Dynamics of Refugee Return: Syrian Refugees and Their Migration Intentions (with Marine Casalis, Daniel Masterson, Dominik Hangartner, and Jeremy Weinstein). <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> . 2023.  6. Learning from Null Effects: A Bottom-Up Approach (with Scott Williamson, Andrea Dillon, Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, Michael Hotard, David Laitin, Duncan Lawrence, and Jeremy Weinstein). <i>Political Analysis</i> . 2022.  5. Reporting All Results Efficiently: A RARE Proposal to Open Up The File Drawer (with	

David Laitin, Edward Miguel, Aleksandar Bogdanoski, Sean Grant, Katherine Hoerberling, Cecilia Hyunjung Mo, Don A Moore, Simine Vazire, Jeremy Weinstein, and Scott Williamson). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*. 2021.

4. Can Celebrities Reduce Prejudice? Estimating the Effect of Mohamed Salah on Islamophobic Attitudes and Behaviors (with Will Marble, Salma Mousa, and Alexandra Siegel). *American Political Science Review*. 2021.

3. Authoritarian Media and Diversionary Threats: Lessons from Thirty Years of Syrian State Discourse (with Lisa Blaydes). *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2021.

2. Attitudes Toward Migrants in a Highly-Impacted Economy: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan (with Andrea Dillon, Scott Williamson, Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, and Jeremy Weinstein). *Comparative Political Studies*. 2021.

1. Do Donor Motives Matter? Investigating Perceptions of Foreign Aid in the Conflict in Donbas (with Rachel Myrick and Isaac Webb). *International Studies Quarterly*. 2020.

#### OTHER WRITING

“Understanding Refugee Return: Key Findings, Gaps, and Future Research.” *World Bank/UNHCR - Joint Data Centre*. November 2024.

“Knowledge about COVID-19 among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon.” *Innovations for Poverty Action*. September 2021.

“Syria and some host governments want refugees to go home. What do refugees think?” *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. December 2020.

“Returning Home? Conditions in Syria, Not Lebanon, Drive the Return Intentions of Syrian Refugees.” *Innovations for Poverty Action Policy Brief*. September 2020.

“The Ministry of Made-Up Pages: Yemen-Based Actors Impersonate Government Agencies to Spread Anti-Houthi Content.” *Stanford Internet Observatory*. August 2020.

“Quantitative Text Analysis of Arabic News Media” *MENA Politics Newsletter*. Volume 2, Issue 2. Fall 2019.

“Jordan shut out out 60,000 Syrian refugees — and then saw a backlash. This is why.” *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. July 2018.

“Maintaining Sovereignty and Preserving the Regime: How Saudi Arabia Views Strategic Stability” in Lawrence Rubin and Adam N. Stulberg, eds., *The End of Strategic Stability*. Georgetown University Press. 2018.

“Jordan’s Danger Zone: The Perils of Building a Safe Haven in Syria.” *Foreign Affairs*. 2015.

“Taking on Operation Dawn: The Creeping Advance of the Islamic State in Western Libya.” *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“Splitting the Islamists: The Islamic State’s Creeping Advance in Libya.” *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“Rising Out of Chaos: The Islamic State in Libya.” *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“Fighting Fire With Fire: Jordan’s Risky Strategy Against the Islamic State.” *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2014.

“An Elusive Courtship: The Struggle for Iraq’s Sunni Arab Tribes.” *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2014.

“Saudi Rattles Its Saber.” (with Jeffery Lewis) *Nuclear Threat Initiative*. 2014.

“Backdrop to an Intervention: Sources of Egyptian-Libyan Border Tension.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2014.

“Jordan’s Transition to Democracy” *7iber.com*. 2011

## GRANTS & AWARDS

<b>Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (IPA and J-PAL)</b> (\$291,109)	2025
<b>Bocconi Junior Researchers’ Grant 2025</b> (€10,000)	2025-26
<b>Social and Political Sciences Interdisciplinary Grant 2024</b> (€25,000)	2024
<b>Stanford PACS PhD Fellowship</b> (≈\$35,000)	2020-21
<b>Freeman Spogli Institute Large Research Grant</b> (\$8,760)	2020
<b>Stanford PACS Small Grants</b> (\$2,250)	2019
<b>Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity</b> (\$2,250)	2019
<b>Goldsmith Research Grant</b> (\$3,800) The Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation	2019
<b>IPA’s Peace and Recovery Program (P&amp;R)</b> (\$149,578) Funding to conduct a study on the dynamics of refugee return (Co-PI)	2019
<b>Kenneth E. Boulding Award, Runner up</b> Runner-up for the 2018 Kenneth Boulding Award from the ISA Peace Studies Section	2018
<b>Graduate Student Grant</b> (\$4,000) Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University	2018; 2020
<b>Small Grant for Survey Experiments</b> (\$1,000) Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University (Co-PI)	2018
<b>Graduate Student Grant</b> (\$2,890) The Europe Center, Stanford University (Co-PI)	2017
<b>Collaborative Research Fellowship</b> (\$3,500) Immigration Policy Lab	2017; 2018

<b>Spectrum Grant</b> (\$20,000) Stanford Center for Clinical and Translational Education and Research (Co-PI)	2016
<b>George P. Schultz Grant</b> (\$15,300) The Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (Co-PI)	2016
<b>Comparative Politics Thesis Prize</b> (\$500) Dartmouth College	2014
<b>John Rosenwald Jr. Fund</b> (\$4,000) Dartmouth College	2013
<b>Shelby Davis Fellowship</b> (\$4,500) James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies	2012

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair, Migration Studies Section, European Political Science Society (EPSS) (2026)

PhD Executive Committee, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University (2025-)

Associate Editor, Migration Studies Journal, (2025-)

Co-Organizer, Bocconi-Columbia Conference on Political, Economic, and Social Inequalities (2025-)

PhD Admissions, Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University (2023-)

Committee Member, MSc in Politics and Policy Analysis Program, Bocconi University (2023-)

Coordinator, Zurich Political Economy Seminar Series (2021-2023)

Coordinator, Abbasi Student Network (2017-2018)

Reviewer for Nature Human Behavior; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Political Analysis; Political Science Research and Methods; Comparative Political Studies; British Journal of Political Science; International Organization; Journal of Conflict Resolution; European Journal of Political Economy; Comparative Politics; European Union Politics; Field Methods; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Political Research Quarterly; Social Science & Medicine; European Journal of Political Research; The International Journal of Press/Politics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Ethnicities; International Migration Review; Journal of Refugee Studies; Refugee Survey Quarterly; Terrorism and Political Violence; Political Behavior.

#### LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Arabic (native), English (fluent)  
R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics

CONFERENCES &  
INVITED TALKS

	University of Zurich Hertie School University of Oxford London School of Economics (LSE) University of California, Berkeley University of California, Los Angeles University of California, Santa Barbara
2025	Heidelberg Academy Conference Amsterdam Conflict Research Network Bocconi-Unimi Joint Seminar Series 2025 Migration Meeting in Klosters Discrimination, Social Inclusion and Development Workshop (University of Milan-Bicocca) NYU-Florence University of Oxford, Magdalen College European Political Science Association (EPSA)
	CIVICA Political Behavior Conference, European University Institute NYU Abu Dhabi Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
2024	Berlin Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED), WZB European Political Science Association (EPSA) American Political Science Association (APSA) Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) General Meeting in Paris
	NYU Florence Sports & Identity conference FCDO Seminar: Methods Innovations for Research with Highly Mobile Populations Meeting of the Young Political Economists in Europe Researchers Network
2023	Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) London Conference Oxford Middle East Politics Seminar Hertie School's International Security Research Colloquium (ISRC) Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

2022	<p>UCL SPP Migration Cluster - IPL Workshop, London</p> <p>LSE IDEAS The Responsible Deal Project Conference, London</p> <p>University College London Departmental Research Seminar, London</p> <p>European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting, Prague</p> <p>Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Pre-Conference</p> <p>Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Stanford University</p> <p>LSE/ECFR Conference on supporting the future of Syria and the region, Brussels</p> <p>WZB Social Science Center Colloquium, Berlin</p>
2021	<p>American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting</p> <p>European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Meeting</p> <p>International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting</p> <p>Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University</p> <p>Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD) Workshop Series</p> <p>Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University</p> <p>Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Stanford University</p> <p>Bocconi University, Introduction to Political Science for PhD students</p>
2020	<p>American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting</p> <p>Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)</p> <p>California Workshop in Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS) III</p>