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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, USA

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, 2017-2018

### EDUCATION

**University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK

D.Phil. Political Science, Corpus Christi College, June 2018 (Expected)  
Dissertation Title: “Redistributive Authoritarianism: Land Reform and Regime Durability in the Middle East”  
Supervisors: Prof. David Rueda and Dr. Adeel Malik

M.Phil. Modern Middle Eastern Studies, St. Antony’s College, 2013  
Dissertation Title: “Demanding Supply: the Institutional Development of Jordanian Domestic Water Politics” (Awarded Distinction)  
Supervisor: Dr. Philip Robins

**Boston University**, Boston, MA, USA

B.A. History, Religion, Minor in Muslim Societies, 2009  
College of Arts and Sciences Honors Programme. Awarded *summa cum laude* with Distinction

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Article Manuscripts Under Review**

Hartnett, A. and A. Gard-Murray. “European Union Funding and Sub-National Euroscepticism: The Polish Puzzle.”

Hartnett, A. “Land reform and regime survival in the Middle East and North Africa.”

#### **Encyclopedia Entries**

2011 Hartnett, A.S.. Entries for Energy Policy in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, and Qatar. *Encyclopedia of Energy*. Golson Media: Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

#### **Book Reviews**

2014 Hartnett, A. Review of *Globalization & Social Movements: Islamism, Feminism and Social Justice*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. by Valentine Moghadam. *St. Antony's International Review* 10, No. 1 (May 2014): 135-37.

#### **Working Papers**

“In the shadows? Informal enterprise and the state in Jordan” with Kristin Fabbe and Steve Monroe

“The colonial origins of state repression in MENA” with Elizabeth Nugent and Nicholas Lotito.

“Becoming Jordanian: development and citizenship in rural Jordan” with Carol Palmer.

“Propaganda and authoritarian legitimation in Nasser’s Egypt” with Noa Schonmann.

### **Policy Papers**

2016 Wilson, G and Hartnett, A. UK Stabilisation Guidance for the Stabilisation Unit. United Kingdom Department for International Development.

2014 Hartnett, A. Protest, Unrest and State-Society Relations. International Peace Institute.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Comparative politics and political economy, democratization, authoritarian institutions, Middle East politics, identity politics, economic development, state formation, welfare and redistribution, quantitative methods

### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2017 Harvard Kennedy School Middle East Initiative Pre-doctoral Fellowship  
American Center for Oriental Research CAORC Grant, Amman, Jordan (17,600 USD)  
Best Post-Graduate Teacher Award, Oxford University Student Union

2016 Centre for British Research in the Levant Fellowship, Amman, Jordan (7000 GBP)

2015 Writing-Up Grant for Dissertation Development, Department of Politics, Oxford (1500 GBP)

2014 Mellon-Chester Scholarship for Field Research, Department of Politics, Oxford (800 GBP)

2013-2015 Junior Deanship, Keble College, Oxford (24,000 GBP)

2013-2015 A.E. Haigh Merit Studentship, Corpus Christi College and Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford (24,000 GBP)

2013 Stone Family Foundation Professional Development Grant (2,500 GBP)

2012 Carr-Stahl Fieldwork Grant, St. Antony’s College, Oxford (500 GBP)

2011 Jordan Fulbright ETA Fellowship, Jordan (declined to attend University of Oxford)

2009 US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Advanced Arabic, Jordan (8,000 USD)

2009 Richard E. Katz Prize in Religion, Boston University (1000 USD)

2005-2009 University Merit Scholarship, Boston University (half-tuition scholarship)

### **INVITED TALKS**

2018 Colonialism and Mediterranean Europe series, co-sponsored by the Harvard University Centers for European Studies and Middle East Studies, April.

2017 *The Iraqi Kurdish Referendum: What Happened and What’s Next?* Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA. 17 October.

*Future 500 – Politics: Predicting the Political Future*, Corpus Christi College, Oxford. 5 May.

*Colonial Legacies, Landed Elites and Regime Survival in MENA*, Research Workshop on Land, Institutions and Conflict, London School of Economics and Political Science. 28 April.

*Infrastructural Power and Domestic Resource Conflict in the Levant*, Columbia University Middle East Research Center. 7 January.

- 2016 *The Political Economy of Border Lands: Jordan, Syria, Palestine and Israel's Resource Curse*, Columbia University Middle East Research Center. 7 November.
- 2016 *Land Redistribution and Political Stability in the Middle East*, Nottingham Trent University. 8 April.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 *Colonial Legacies, Landed Elites and Regime Survival in MENA*, Harvard MENA Politics Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA. 25 September; Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 20 November.

*Sub-State Identity, Historical Land Tenure and Political Representation in MENA*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2 September.

*Ties that Bind? State Power, Clientelism and Local Poverty Outcomes in Jordan*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 8 April.

*The Polish Puzzle: European Union Funding and Sub-National Euroscepticism*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 6 April.

*Legitimate but not lasting: ruling coalitions and redistribution in Jordan and Iraq*, Nuffield New Politics of Authoritarianism Conference. 15 March.

- 2016 *Legitimate but not lasting: ruling coalitions and redistribution in Jordan and Iraq*, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November.

*Land redistribution and autocratic regime durability in MENA*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 1-4 September.

*Growing power: agricultural endowments and the roots of authoritarian persistence in MENA*, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. 7-10 April.

- 2014 *Elite balancing and stakeholder dynamics in Jordanian agrarian reform*, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 22-25 November.

*Informality and Jordanian hydropolitics under King Abdullah II*, International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Meeting, Duke University, Durham, NC. 19 June.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Best Postgraduate Teacher Award from the Oxford University Student Union (2017)

#### **Selected Undergraduate Courses (at Oxford)**

- Undergraduate dissertation supervisor: Comparative Politics (2017-2018)
- Quantitative Methods for Politics and Sociology (2014-2015)
- Politics in Europe (2015, 2017)
- Middle East Politics (2013-2017)
- International Relations of the Middle East (2013-2015)

#### **Post-Graduate Courses**

- Political Economy of Rural Development in MENA (British Institute in Amman, 2016)

## **SELECTED POLICY AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Adam Smith International**

2016 Consultant and Associate Researcher. Co-authored a white paper adopted as the foundation for Her Majesty's Government's policy on state building and international intervention in fragile and conflict affected states.

### **Centre for British Research in the Levant, Amman, Jordan**

2016 Co-Principle Investigator, Land Reform in Ghor As-Safi project. The project documents the impact of land redistribution on the labor market and agricultural productivity of Ghor As-Safi.

### **WaterSHED Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

2015 Quantitative and GIS data analyst. Led a country-wide study of World Bank and UNICEF sanitation policy interventions and their impact on local health and sanitation development. Developed a database of WaterSHED activity and developed a quantitative model that predicted the likelihood of sanitation technology uptake at the local level.

### **Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK**

2014-2016 Research Assistant to Noa Schonmann, quantitative analysis of authoritarian state-building and propaganda in Egypt.

### **International Peace Institute, New York, NY, USA**

Spring 2014 Research Consultant. Produced a white paper on state-society relations and the global protest phenomenon in the 21st century.

### **Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC and London, UK**

2010-2013 International Dispute Resolution Specialist and paralegal managing international crisis response litigations (Lebanon) and managing MENA political asylum cases.

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

Statistical Analysis: R, Python, Stata

Software: Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS and QGIS); Gephi Network Analysis; Linux, LaTeX, Microsoft, and Macintosh Operating Systems

Languages: Modern Standard, Egyptian and Levantine Arabic (fluent speaking, reading, writing)

French (advanced speaking, reading, writing)

Polish (conversational speaking, intermediate reading and basic writing)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS**

2014-2015 Co-convener of Oxford DPIR graduate student weekly workshops

2014 Co-organizer of the Oxford Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum Political Economy Workshop, 6 December 2014

2013-2015 Junior Dean, Keble College, University of Oxford

Member, Middle East Studies Association since 2013

Member, American Institute for Maghreb Studies since 2015

Member, Council for British Research in the Levant since 2014

Member, American Political Science Association since 2014

Member, Midwest Political Science Association since 2014