

# Colette Salemi

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**Research interests** Applied environmental and development microeconomics

**Employment** **University of Victoria** Victoria, B.C., Canada  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics 2022 – present

**Education** **University of Minnesota** St. Paul, MN  
PhD in Applied Economics 2022  
Dissertation title: *Three essays on forced displacement*

**University of Chicago** Chicago, IL  
MA in Public Policy 2016  
MA in Middle Eastern Studies 2015

**Williams College** Williamstown, MA  
BA in Political Science 2010

**Publications**  
Dampha, Nfamara, **Colette Salemi**, Stephen Polasky, Amare Gebre Egzi-abher, and Wendy Rappeport (2025). Refugees and Host Communities' Vulnerability to Climate and Disaster Risks in Rwanda. *Frontiers in Climate* 7.

Bousquet, Julie, Anna Gasten, Mark Marvin Kadigo, Jean-François Maystadt, & **Colette Salemi** (2025). Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia. *Journal of Development Economics*, 175.

Bell, Chris, Ekaterina Rhodes, Zoe Long, & **Colette Salemi** (2025). Do economic trade-offs matter in climate policy support? Survey evidence from the United Kingdom and Australia. *Energy Policy*, 197.

Johnson, Justin A., Uris Lantz Baldoz, Erwin Corong, Thomas Hertel, Stephen Polasky, Raffaello Cervigni, Toby Roxburgh, Giovanni Ruta, **Colette Salemi**, & Sumil Thakrar (2023). Investing in nature can improve equity and economic returns. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 120(27).

Assaad, Ragui, Caroline Krafft, & **Colette Salemi** (2022). Socioeconomic Status and the Changing School- to-Work Transitions in Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 76(4).

Johnson, Justin A. & **Colette Salemi** (2022). Agents on a Landscape: Simulating spatial and temporal interactions in economic and ecological systems. *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*, 524.

Dampha, Nfamara, **Colette Salemi**, Wendy Rappeport, Stephen Polasky, & Amare Gebre Egziabher (2022). Climate Resilience Development in Rwanda: Evaluating Refugees and Host Populations' Vulnerability to Climate-Induced Risks. *Forced Migration Review* (69).

**Salemi, Colette** (2021). Refugee Camps and Deforestation in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Development Economics* 152.

Bloem, Jeffrey R., & **Salemi, Colette** (2021). COVID-19 and Conflict. *World Development* 140.

Pellicer, Miquel, Ragui Assaad, Caroline Krafft, & **Colette Salemi** (2020). Grievances or skills? The effect of education on youth attitudes and political participation in Egypt and Tunisia. *International Political Science Review*, 43(2)

#### Working papers

Anti, Sebastian, **Colette Salemi**, Jonathan Rigberg, Johannes Hoogeveen, and Karishma Silva (2025). A new expanded dataset to study refugee camps in sub-Saharan Africa. *Revise and resubmit at World Bank Economic Review*

Fall, Cheikh, Amy Damon, & **Colette Salemi** (2025). Farmers' Responses to Desert Locust Swarms. *Under review*

**Colette Salemi** (2025). Rohingya Refugee Camps and Land Cover Change in Bangladesh. *Under review*

Anti, Sebastian & **Colette Salemi** (2022). Hungry Hosts? Refugee Camps and Host Community Child Nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa.

Demandre, Obleo, C. Austin Davis, and **Colette Salemi** (2025). Greenspace and Rohingya Refugee Mental Health in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Rizk, Reham, & **Colette Salemi** (2020). Children of War: Conflict and Child Welfare in Iraq. ERF Working Paper Series, no. 1439.

#### Permanent working papers

Anti, Sebastian, **Colette Salemi**, & Kaitlyn Wilson (2020). Introducing the African Refugee Dataset 1999-2016.

Dampha, Nfamara, **Colette Salemi**, & Stephen Polasky (2022). Rohingya refugee camps and forest loss in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh: an inquiry using remote sensing and econometric approaches. World Bank Working Paper #9948.

**Salemi, Colette**, Jay Bowman, & Jennifer Compton (2018). Services for Syrian Refugee Children and Youth in Jordan: Forced Displacement, Foreign Aid, and Vulnerability. Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series, no. 1188.

## Book chapters

Assaad, Ragui, Abdelaziz AlSharawy, & **Colette Salemi** (2021). Is the Egyptian Economy Creating Good Jobs? Job Creation and Economic Vulnerability from 1998 to 2018. In: The Egyptian Labor Market: A Focus on Gender and Economic Vulnerability. Oxford University Press.

Krafft, Caroline, Maia Sieverding, **Colette Salemi**, & Caitlyn Keo (2018). Syrian Refugees in Jordan: Demographics, Livelihoods, Education, and Health. In The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience. Oxford University Press.

Assaad, Ragui & **Colette Salemi** (2018). The Structure and Evolution of Employment from 2010 to 2016 in Jordan. In: The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience. Oxford University Press.

Rizk, Reham, & **Colette Salemi** (2018). "Own Account Workers in Jordan: Profile and Work Characteristics." In: The Jordanian Labor Market: Between Fragility and Resilience. Oxford University Press.

## Popular press

Julie Bousquet, Anna Gasten, Mark Marvin Kadigo, Jean-Francois Maystadt, & **Colette Salemi** (2025). How do labour market fears shape attitudes towards refugees? VoxDev (June 16th).

**Colette Salemi** & Ragui Assaad. (2021). Partnering with organizations in an international context: lessons from NGO workers in East Africa. *Open Global Rights* (February 12th)

**Colette Salemi**. (2020) Does covid-19 raise the risk of violent conflict? Not everywhere. *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (October 15th).

## Research grants

### Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Insight Development Grant July 2023  
Title: *Firewood and deforestation: A study of the clean cookstove sector and the effect of clean cookstoves on forests*  
Role: Principal investigator  
Co-PI's: Sebastian Anti and Abubakr Ayesh  
Amount: \$70,472 CAD

### The International Growth Centre

Small Projects Facility Funding April 2025  
Title: *The Impact of Improved Cookstoves on Forest Cover in Rwanda*  
Role: Principal investigator  
Co-PI's: Sebastian Anti and Abubakr Ayesh  
Amount: £16,119.51 GBP

## Courses taught

**University of Victoria** 2022–present  
ECON 381/ES 312: Environmental Economics  
ECON 499: Honours Seminar

**University of Minnesota** 2017–2022  
PA 5501: Theories and Policies of Development

APEC 1101: Principles of Microeconomics  
PA 5021: Microeconomics for Policy Analysis  
PA 5503: Economics of Development

### Invited talks

**2025:** University of Sydney Social Conflict and Political Economy Workshop

**2024:** Ostrom Workshop Colloquium, University of Indiana

**2023:** IFPRI Applied Microeconomics and Development Seminar, Wilfred Laurier University, Syracuse University

**2022:** Bowdoin College; Georgia Institute of Technology; University of Alaska Anchorage; University of British Columbia Faculty of Food and Land Systems

### Conference & workshop presentations

“Rohingya refugee camps and land cover change in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh”, Presented at: Australasian Development Economics Workshop, **June 5th, 2025**

”Does perceived labor market competition increase prejudice between refugees and their local hosts? Evidence from Uganda and Ethiopia” Presented at: Joint Data Center for Forced Displacement Third Research Conference on Forced Displacement, **September 20th, 2024**

“Rohingya refugee camps and land cover change in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh”, Presented at: Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, **June 2nd, 2023**; Canadian Agricultural Economics Society Annual Meeting, **July 19th, 2023**

“COVID-19 & Conflict: An Update” Presented at: UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research Conference, **September 6th, 2021**

“Refugee Camps and Deforestation in sub-Saharan Africa” Presented at: Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES), **December 9th, 2020**. Click here to watch this talk.

“COVID-19 and Conflict” Presented at: Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Workshop, **November 11th, 2020**

“Refugee Camps and Deforestation in sub-Saharan Africa”, Poster presented at: Joint Data Center for Forced Displacement (JDC) Research Conference on Forced Displacement, **January 16th, 2020**

“Do Refugees Cause Deforestation? A Quasi-Experimental Spatial Analysis of sub-Saharan Africa 2000-2012”, Presented at Columbia University’s Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop on Sustainable Development, **April 13th, 2019**

### Skills

### Programming

I primarily code in R, Google Earth Engine, and Stata.

#### **Languages**

French (intermediate spoken and written), Modern Standard Arabic (intermediate spoken and written), Egyptian Arabic (intermediate spoken and written)

#### **Peer reviewer for**

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review; American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics; Canadian Journal of Economics; Climatic Change; Conflict, Security, and Development; Disasters; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Environmental Conservation; European Review of Agricultural Economics; Food Policy; Government and Opposition; International Organization; International Political Science Review; Journal of African Economies; Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Journal of Peace Research; Middle East Development Journal; PLOS ONE; Political Behavior; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees; Review of Black Political Economy; Scientific Reports; Translational Issues in Psychological Sciences; World Bank Economic Review; World Development

#### **Other referee services**

**Grant application reviews:** Leverhume Trust (2024); European Research Council (2025)  
**Grant committee service:** National Science Foundation OISE Panel (Summer 2024)  
**Conference abstract reviews:** American Agricultural Economics Association 2024 Annual Meeting

#### **Departmental service**

Seminar committee	July 2022–present
Unit standards committee	May–Sept. 2023
Working paper committee	July 2023–present

#### **Awards**

<b>American Agricultural Economics Association</b> AJAE Outstanding Reviewer Award	2024
<b>Department of Applied Economics</b> , University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Award	2022
<b>Department of Applied Economics</b> , University of Minnesota Jason M. Beddow Award for Outstanding Second Year Paper	2020
<b>Department of Applied Economics</b> , University of Minnesota Outstanding Teaching Assistant, 1000 Level Courses	2020