

# Rasheed Ibrahim

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## Education

### University of Notre Dame

PH.D. POLITICAL SCIENCE

IN  
2021 - present

- Dissertation: “**Chale Wote Politics: Voter Demands and Electoral Competition in Africa**”
- Committee: Jaimie Bleck (Advisor), Michael Coppedge, Scott Mainwaring, Luis Schiumerini
- Subfields: Comparative Politics & Methodology

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE

2023

### Sabanci University

M.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE (with thesis)

Istanbul, TR

2021

- Thesis: “**Assessing Turkish foreign policy towards Africa: Somalia as a case study**”
- Committee: Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Advisor), Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Aylin Ece Çiçek

M.A., EUROPEAN STUDIES (with thesis)

2019

- Thesis: “**The EU as a security actor in Africa: the case of Mali**”
- Committee: Senem Aydın-Düzgit, (Advisor), Meltem Müftüler-Baç, Selin Türkeş-Kılıç

### Hacettepe University

B.S. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Ankara, TR

2017

## Research

### UNDER REVIEW

- The Chief's Resource Curse: Land Quality and Corruption among Traditional Leaders (with Vladimir Chlouba)
- Knockin' on MP's Door: Who Contacts Their MP and Who Benefits? (with Paul Friesen)

### IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

- Does Bringing Government Closer Build Trust? Evidence from Kenya's Devolution
- Youth Engagement in Politics and Civil Society in Northern Ghana (with Jaimie Bleck, Paul Friesen and Kevin Fridy)
- Ideology and Civil War Termination (with Samer Sharani & Yasemin Tosun)
- Youth Attitudes towards Foreign Actors in Africa (with Jaimie Bleck and Brice Arsene Bado)
- The Heterogeneous Dimensions of Social Capital: A Measurement Study in Ghana (with Shana Scogin)

## Teaching Experience

- S2024 **Intro to Comparative Politics**, Teaching Assistant
- F2022, 2024 **Intro to International Relations**, Teaching Assistant
- S2024 **Black Political Thought (with Uni of Pretoria)**, Teaching Assistant
- F2023 **Globalisation in Africa and the US (with U of Pretoria)**, Teaching Assistant
- S2023 **European Politics**, Teaching Assistant

Notre Dame

S2023 **R Programming**, Instructor of Record

*Jesuit  
University,  
Ivory Coast*

2019 **Academic writing for graduate students**, Teaching Assistant  
Fall 2014 **Academic Communications**, Teaching Assistant  
Fall 2014 **European Union politics, policies, and governance**, Teaching Assistant  
Fall 2014 **Undergraduate project course**, Teaching Assistant

*Sabancı Uni*

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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2025	<b>Graduate Research Grant</b> , Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame	\$ 7,000
2024	<b>Frazier Thompson Graduate Research Award</b> , Notre Dame	\$ 6,000
2023	<b>The Connected World, Research Theme Grant</b> , ISLA, Notre Dame	\$ 5,000
2022	<b>Pamoja Initiative, Summer Research Grant</b> , Notre Dame	\$ 2,000
2021	<b>Graduate Student Research Award, ISLA Grant</b> , Notre Dame	\$ 1,920
2021-2026	<b>University Fellowship</b> , Notre Dame	
2021-2026	<b>PhD Fellowship</b> , Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame	
2018-2021	<b>Full Scholarship</b> , Sabanci University	

## Presentations

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### CONFERENCES

**ASA 2024** - “Accountability in Competitive Elections: Citizen-Elite Dynamics in Incumbency Disadvantage”  
**SPSA 2024** - “The Heterogeneous Dimensions of Social Capital: A Measurement Study in Ghana” (with Shana Scogin)  
**ASA 2023** - “The Impact of Institutional Quality on Citizen Compliance: Evidence from Africa”  
**IPSA 2023** - “Institutional Quality and Citizen Compliance: Evidence from Africa”  
**APSA 2022** - “Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa”  
**WPSA 2022** - “Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa”  
**MCES 2020** (Marmara Conference on European Studies)- “The EU as a Security Actor in Africa: the Case of Sahel Mali.”

### INVITED TALKS & LECTURES \* Lecture; † Workshop

April 2025 - “Clientelism in African Politics,” World Politics Course, Andrew Gould, Dept of Political Science, ND\*  
May 2025 - “Intro to R Programming,” Research Methods Course, Ellis Adjei Adams, Notre Dame\*  
Nov 2024 - “Accountability in Competitive Elections: Citizen-Elite Dynamics in Incumbency Disadvantage,” Africa Governance Innovations Lab, Notre Dame†  
March 2024 - “US-Africa Relations,” African Center for the Study of the United States (ACSUS), University of Pretoria\*  
Oct 2023 - “Europe-Africa Relations,” European Politics, Andrew Gould, Dept of Political Science, ND\*  
Nov 2022, “Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa,” Mid-Midwest African Politics Workshop†

## Skills

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**Languages:** English (fluent), Turkish (fluent), Arabic (intermediate), Hausa (native), Akan (native), French (low-intermediate), Pidgin (fluent)

**Computer:** R, STATA,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Github, Python (beginner)

## Mentoring & Service

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2019 - date **Country expert coder**, Varieties of Democracy

2021 - date **Mentor**, Mentor for High School Students

2022/23 AY **Field Rep**, Political Methodology

2023 **Panel Chair**, WPSA

2023 **Discussant**, Mid-Midwest African Politics Workshop

*ISTC Chicago*

*Notre Dame*

## Affiliations

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- Doctoral Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame
- Doctoral Affiliate, Initiative for Race and Resilience, Notre Dame
- Member - APSA, ASA, WPSA