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Current position

2019- *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, Social Sciences Division, New York University Abu Dhabi

Previous positions

2018-2019 *Postdoctoral Research Scholar*, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University

Education

2018 PhD in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
2010 MA in Middle East Studies, George Washington University
2008 BA in International Relations, Wheaton College

Publications

Books

2023 Kubinec, Robert. *Making Democracy Safe for Business: Corporate Politics During the Arab Uprisings*. Cambridge University Press.

- Blog on Cambridge Fifteen Eighty Four
- Podcast with Marc Lynch, Project on Middle East Political Science

Journal Articles

2024 Kubinec, Robert; Barcelo, Joan; Goldszmidt, Rafael; Grujic, Vanja; Model, Timothy; Schenk, Caress; Cheng, Cindy; Hale, Thomas; Spencer Hartnett; Allison, Messerschmidt, Luca; Petherick, Anna, and Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur. "Cross-National Measures of the Intensity of COVID-19 Public Health Policies." Conditionally Accepted at the *Journal of Politics*.

doi:10.31235/osf.io/rn9xk

- 2023 Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Bravo, Isaac; Waldbauer, Marco; Bhavikatti, Rohan; Schenck, Caress; Grujic, Vanja; Model, Tim, and Kubinec, Robert. "A General Primer for Harmonizing Data." *Scientific Data*. doi:10.1038/s41597-024-02956-3j.
- 2023 Kubinec, Robert and Milner, Helen. "Taxes in the Time of Revolution: An Experimental Test of the Rentier State during Algeria's Hirak." Forthcoming at *World Politics*.
- 2023 Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Why Corporate Political Connections Can Impede Investment." *Comparative Political Studies* doi:10.1177/00104140231204227.
- 2022 Kilavuz, Tahir; Grewal, Sharan and Kubinec, Robert. "Ghosts of the Black Decade: How Legacies of Violence Shaped Algeria's Hirak Protests." *Journal of Peace Research* doi:10.1177/00223433221137613.
- 2022 Kubinec, Robert. "Ordered Beta Regression: A Parsimonious, Well-Fitting Model for Continuous Data with Lower and Upper Bounds." *Political Analysis* doi:10.1017/pan.2022.20.
- 2022 Barcelo, Joan; Kubinec, Robert; Cheng, Cindy; Hoye Rahn, Tiril; and Messerschmidt, Luca. "Windows of Repression: Using COVID-19 Policies against Political Dissidents?" *Journal of Peace Research* doi:10.1177/00223433211062389.
- 2021 Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Politically-Connected Companies Are Less Likely to Shutdown Due to COVID-19 Restrictions." *Social Science Quarterly*. doi:10.1111/ssqu.13040.
- 2020 Kubinec, Robert and Owen, John. "When Groups Fall Apart: Identifying Transnational Polarization with Twitter from the Arab Uprisings." *Political Analysis* doi:10.1017/pan.2020.46.
- 2020 Cheng, Cindy; Barcelo, Joan; Hartnett, Allison; Kubinec, Robert and Messerschmidt, Luca. "COVID-19 Government Response Event Dataset (CoronaNet v.1.0)." *Nature Human Behavior*. doi:10.1038/s41562-020-0909-7.
- 2020 Kropko, Jonathan and Kubinec, Robert. "Why the Two-way Fixed Effects Model is Difficult to Interpret, and What to Do About It." *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0231349

Working Papers

- 2023 Kubinec, Robert; Carvalho, Luiz Max; Barcelo, Joan; Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Cottrell, Matthew Sean and Duba, Derek. "Fear, Partisanship and the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/jp4wk

- R&R at the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A

2023

Kubinec, Robert. "Getting Off the Gold Standard: A Holistic Approach to Causal Inference with Entropic Causal Graphs." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/a492b

- *Reject and resubmit* at Political Science Research and Methods

2023

Kubinec, Robert; Morse, Anna and Pandya, Sonal. "Offshore Capital and Onshore Discrimination: The Biased Effects of India's Anti-corruption Campaigns on Muslim Businesses." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/aqtxs

- *Under review*

2023

Francis, David and Kubinec, Robert. "Beyond Political Connections : A Measurement Model Approach to Estimating Firm-level Political Influence in 41 Economies." *World Bank Working Paper*. No. WPS10119. <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/099855207052233298/idu0158ecaac01be104fd80a04a03c9cf1992a74>

- *Under review*

2022

Dolan, Lindsay; Kubinec, Robert; Nielson, Daniel, and Zhang, Jack. "A Field Experiment on Business Opposition to the U.S.-China Trade War." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/435u9

- *Under review*

2020

Kubinec, Robert. "Generalized Ideal Point Models for Time-Varying and Missing-Data Inference." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31219/osf.io/8j2bt

2019

Kubinec, Robert and Grewal, Sharan. "When National Unity Governments are neither National, United, nor Governments: The Case of Tunisia." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/6z74r

2018

Kubinec, Robert. "Patrons or Clients? Measuring and Experimentally Evaluating Political Connections of Firms in Morocco and Jordan." *Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series*. No. 1280. <https://erf.org.eg/publications/patrons-or-clients-measuring-and-experimentally-ev>

Grants and fellowships

External

2020

European Unions Horizon 2020 for "CoronaNet Government Response Event Datasets" (€835k)

2019

Koch Foundation Grant for "Online Survey Research on the U.S. - China Trade War" (\$10k)

2017-2018

Economic Research Forum, "A Survey of Firm-Level Political Participation" (\$6k)

2017

Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant (\$5k)

2016

Project on Middle East Political Science Travel, Research & Engagement Grant (\$3k)

Internal

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| 2020 | COVID-19 Facilitator Research Fund (\$30k) |
| 2017 | Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Grant |
| 2015 - 2016 | Quandt International Research Fund travel grant, University of Virginia |
| 2015 | Summer Research Grant, Graduate School for Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia |
| 2014-2015 | Developing Students for Leadership in Data-intensive Research and Innovation fellowship, Data Science Institute, University of Virginia |
| 2014 | Summer Foreign Language Fellowship, University of Virginia |
| 2008-2010 | Elliott School High Achievement Fellowship, George Washington University |
| 2009 | Banville Tuition Fellowship, George Washington University |

Reports and Op-eds

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| 2023 | Kubinec, Robert, and Amr, Yakout, "Kais Saied: How the fear bias affects the opinions of Tunisians", <i>Inkyfada Data Stories</i> |
| 2023 | Kubinec, Robert, "Arabs Want Democracy–But Not With Corruption", <i>Cambridge University Press 518 Blog</i> |
| 2022 | Kubinec, Robert and Mighri, Hamza, "Tunisia Faces the Specter of Government Failure", <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i> |
| 2022 | Kubinec, Robert, "COVID-19 Responses in the Middle East and North Africa in Global Perspective", <i>Project on Middle East Political Science</i> |
| 2022 | Dolan, Lindsay; Kubinec, Robert; Nielson, Daniel; and Zhang, Jack. "Trump's Trade War with China Failed. Why Didn't US Companies Push Back More?", <i>Washington Post</i> |
| 2021 | Kubinec, Robert, (Spring 2021), "Pandemic Safe Research with Online Surveys", <i>American Political Science Association MENA Politics Newsletter</i> |
| 2020 | Kubinec, Robert, (April 2020), "The CoronaNet Database", <i>Project on Middle East Political Science Studies No. 39</i> |

- 2019 Grewal, Sharan; Kilavuz, Tahir M.; and Kubinec, Robert, (July 2019), “Algeria’s Uprising: A Survey of Protesters and the Military”, *The Brookings Institution*
- 2017 Kubinec, Robert, (Aug. 13, 2017), “How to Respond to Terrorism”, *The Daily Progress*
- 2016 Kubinec, Robert, (Dec. 19, 2016), “How Foreign Aid Could Hurt Tunisia’s Transition to Democracy”, *Washington Post*

Invited Talks

- 2024 Design and Data Analysis Lecture Series, University of Virginia
- 2023 Department of Political Science, Universite de Montreal
- 2023 Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg
- 2022 Connected Politics Lab, University College Dublin
- 2022 Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, Rutgers University
- 2022 Department of Political Science, Seoul National University
- 2021 European Union Periscope Project
- 2017 Tunisia Country Team, Millennial Challenge Corporation, Washington DC

Software

- 2022 Kubinec, Robert. `ordbetareg`: Ordered Beta Regression Models with Brms. CRAN link
- 2022 Kubinec, Robert. `idealstan`: An R Package for Bayesian Ideal Point Modeling. Github link
- 2022 Model, Timothy and Kubinec, Robert. `CoronaNetR`: Access CoronaNet COVID-19 Policy Data. CRAN link

Service to the Profession

Meetings

- 2023 Formateur for Pandemic Politics Conference at New York University Abu Dhabi
- 2024 Formateur for Polmeth MENA/Asia Conference at New York University Abu Dhabi

Journals & Reviewing

I have been a reviewer for *Political Analysis*, *The American Political Science Review*, *The American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Analysis*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *PLOS One*, *PLOS Global Public Health*, *The Japanese Journal of Political Science*,

SAGE Open, Global Environmental Politics, The Journal of Public Policy, Scientific Reports and Middle East Law and Governance.

Editing

2023 Field Specialist for Unjournal

Public Reviews

2023 Kubinec, Robert. "Evaluation 1 of 'Does the Squeaky Wheel Get More Grease? The Direct and Indirect Effects of Citizen Participation on Environmental Governance in China'". *Unjournal*. <https://unjournal.pubpub.org/pub/buntaineeval1revised>.

Professional Experience & Consulting

2017-2018 Chief Data Scientist, Unbias

2011-2013 Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

2010-2011 Data Mining Consultant, IBM Advanced Analytics & Optimization