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## Current position

2019- *Assistant Professor*, New York University Abu Dhabi

## Previous positions

2018-2019 *Postdoctoral Research Scholar*, 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

### Peer-Reviewed

2020 Kropko, Jonathan and Kubinec, Robert. "Why the Two-way Fixed Effects Model is Difficult to Interpret, and What to Do About It." Forthcoming at *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0231349

### Working Papers

- Presented at APSA 2016

2018 Kubinec, Robert. "Generalized Ideal Point Models for Time-Varying and Missing-Data Inference." doi:10.31219/osf.io/8j2bt

- Presented at Polmeth 2017 and Polmeth 2019

2017 Kubinec, Robert. "Politically-Connected Firms and the Military-Clientelist Complex in North Africa." doi:10.31235/osf.io/mrfcu

- Presented at APSA 2017

2018 Kubinec, Robert and Owen, John. “When Groups Fall Apart: Measuring Transnational Polarization with Twitter from the Arab Uprisings.” doi:10.31235/osf.io/wykmj

- Presented at APSA 2017

2018 Kubinec, Robert and Grewal, Sharan. “When National Unity Governments are neither National, United, nor Governments: The Case of Tunisia’s Parliament.” doi:10.31235/osf.io/6z74r

- Presented at APSA 2018

2018 Kubinec, Robert. “Patrons or Clients? Measuring and Experimentally Evaluating Political Connections of Firms in Morocco and Jordan.” Working Paper available at the Economic Research Forum.

- Workshop on the Political Economy of State Business Relations and of Growth in the Middle East and North Africa at the Universite Paris-Dauphine 2018

## Software

2017-2019 Kubinec, Robert. *idealstan*: An R Package for Bayesian Ideal Point Modeling. CRAN link  
2017 Kubinec, Robert. *algoeval*: An R Package for Evaluation of Machine-Learning Algorithm Performance.

## Newspaper articles

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*

## Grants and fellowships

### External

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

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

## Invited Talks

2017	Tunisia Country Team, Millennial Challenge Corporation, Washington DC
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## Field Research

2016	Interviews about the political role of businesspeople in Egypt and Tunisia.
2015	Semi-structured interviews with Tunisian scholars, pundits and journalists
2015	Focus groups on sharia law courts in Palestine with PI Prof. Deena Hurwitz
2010	Structured interviews with Jordanian policymakers

## Professional Experience & Consulting

2017-2018	Acting Data Scientist, Unbias
2011-2013	Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
2010-2011	Data Mining Consultant, IBM Advanced Analytics & Optimization