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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

### Journal Articles

2021 Barcelo, Joan; Kubinec, Robert; Cheng, Cindy; Hoyer Rahn, Tiril; and Messerschmidt, Luca. "Windows of Repression: Using COVID-19 Policies against Political Dissidents?" Forthcoming *Journal of Peace Research*.

2021 Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Politically-Connected Companies Are Less Likely to Shutdown Due to COVID-19 Restrictions." Forthcoming *Social Science Quarterly*.

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

For a list of my current working papers, please see my Google Scholar page.

### Reports and Op-eds

2021 Kubinec, Robert, (Spring 2021), "Pandemic Safe Research with Online Surveys", *American Political Science Association MENA Politics Newsletter*

2020 Kubinec, Robert, (April 2020), "The CoronaNet Database", *Project on Middle East Political Science Studies No. 39*

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*

### Software

2017-2019 Kubinec, Robert. *idealstan*: An R Package for Bayesian Ideal Point Modeling. CRAN link

2017 Kubinec, Robert. *algoal*: An R Package for Evaluation of Machine-Learning Algorithm Performance.

### 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*, *PLOS One*, *SAGE Open*, and *Middle East Law and Governance*.

### 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

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

## Invited Talks

2017	Tunisia Country Team, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington DC
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## 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