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Current position

2019- *Assistant Professor*, 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

Peer-Reviewed

2020 Kubinec, Robert and Owen, John. "When Groups Fall Apart: Identifying Transnational Polarization with Twitter from the Arab Uprisings." Forthcoming *Political Analysis*.

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

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 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