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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor University Mohammed VI Polytechnique (Rabat, Morocco) Faculty of Governance, Economics, & Social Sciences	Sept. 2020-present
Research Fellow, Twitter MNA Lab, World Bank	July 2021- June 2022
World Bank/UNHCR Young Fellow in Forced Displacement	July 2020- June 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Toronto, Political Science	2021
M.A. University of Toronto, Political Science	2014
B.Sc. University of Montreal, Political Science	2012

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

1. Abdul Reda, Amir, Nicholas A.R. Fraser, Ahmed Khattab. 2022. "When Social Mobility is not an Option: The Socio-Economic Roots of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the Middle East and North Africa". *Forthcoming at Political Studies Review*
2. Abdul Reda, Amir, Semuhi Sinanoglu, and Mohamed Abdalla. 2021. "Mobilizing the Masses: Measuring Social Movements' Resource Mobilization on Twitter". *Sociological Methods & Research*.
3. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2019. "Determinants of Arab Public Opinion on the Caliphate: Islamist Elites, Personal Behavior & Dynamics of Social Groups". *Middle Eastern Studies*. 55(5):813-36.
4. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2018. "Political Culture in the Islamic World: The Socioeconomic Roots of the Islamic Leviathan". *Comparative Sociology*. 17(5): 612-40.
5. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2016. "Framing Political Islam: Syria's Muslim Brotherhood and the Syrian Uprising of 2011." *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 33(4):1-22.

Under Review

1. Abdul Reda, Amir. “Colonial Specters of Modernization Theories: The Effect of Colonization on the Secularization of the Middle East & North Africa”. *Revise & Resubmit with International Political Science Review*.
2. Abdul Reda, Amir, Semuhi Sinanoglu, and Amine Aboussalah. “Curbing Xenophobia? Mobility Changes & Sentiment Toward Refugees on Twitter during the COVID 19 Pandemic”. *Revise & Resubmit with Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

Working Papers

1. Abdul Reda, Amir. “Finding Lorelei? A Trigonometric Approach to Protest Cycles”
2. Abdul Reda, Amir. “The Material Curse to Political Acumen: Socioeconomic Development, Political Awareness & Islamist Partisans in Imperfect Democracies”.
3. Abdul Reda, Amir. “Misinformation on Facebook & Priority Reorientation during the COVID19 Pandemic”.

Research Projects [Selected]

1. Abdul Reda, Amir. “Whipping the Cycle: MENA Diaspora Communities & Protest Cycles”
2. Abdul Reda, Amir, and Mostapha Diss. “Batting the Beehive or Nipping the Bud? Deadly Repression & Cycle Intensity in n societies”
3. With Moritz Schmoll and Thomas Richter. “The Political Risks of Subsidy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa”.
4. With Semuhi Sinanoglu and Andreea Musulan. “Electoral Forecasting in Turkey: Testing the Efficiency of Twitter Data”

SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

Horizon Europe (~3,000,000 Euros)	2022-2025
Co-PI/consortium member on a research project focused on the decision-making processes of (aspiring) migrants.	
MENASP Research Projects (50,000GBP)	2022-2023
Co PI in research project “The Political Risks of Subsidy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa” funded by MENASP at the University of Bath and financed by UKRI.	
APSA MENA Mentorship Program	2022
With Mark Tessler (University of Michigan)	
FAS Doctoral Completion Award (5,000\$)	2020
University of Toronto	
Harvard Pre-Doctoral Visiting Fellow	Sept-Dec 2019

Under the supervision of Stephen Ansolabehere and Melani Cammett at the department of Government & Center for American Political Studies (CAPS). Unfulfilled because of visa complications.

C.B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship (3,000\$) 2018
University of Toronto Department of Political Science

Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Doctoral Award (6,000\$) 2018-19
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier (CGS) –Doctoral Award (105,000\$) 2017-20
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (15,000\$) 2016-17
Government of Ontario and Faculty of Arts and Science (University of Toronto)

Graduate Admission Award (10,000\$) 2015-17
Faculty of Arts and Science (University of Toronto)

Junior Fellowship (6,900\$) 2013-14 & 15-17
Massey College (University of Toronto)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

Paper Presentation, “Whipping (or Ignoring) the Cycle? Diaspora Mobilizations on Twitter & Protest Cycles at Home”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, Sept 17th 2022

Paper Presentation, “The Political Risk of Subsidy Reforms in the MENA Region”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, Sept 15th 2022.

Paper Presentation, “Modeling Cycles”, PolMeth Europe 2022, June 11th, 2022.

Paper Presentation, “Securitization of Development in the Middle East and North Africa”, Midwest Political Science Association General Meeting, April 09th, 2022.

Paper Presentation, “New Approaches in Measurement”, Midwest Political Science Association General Meeting, April 09th, 2022.

Invited Speaker, “Festival of Innovation & Social Technology (Morocco)”, Moroccan Center for Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship, March 27th, 2022.

Paper Presentation, “Curbing Xenophobia? Mobility Changes & Sentiment Toward Refugees on Twitter during the COVID 19 Pandemic”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, October 1st 2021.

Invited Speaker, “[Technologies and Big Data in Shaping African Public Services: Towards Efficient Digital Solutions for Africa Social Good](#)”, The Policy Center for the New South (PCNS), in partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS), April 13th, 2021. [Available online](#).

Invited Speaker, “[Social Media Applications: Between the Reinforcement of Social Movements & the Challenges of Data Privacy](#)”, Les Mardis du PCNS, April 13th, 2021. [Available online](#).

Invited Speaker, “Natural Language Processing for Business Intelligence Investigation”, Duff & Phelps Business Intelligence Investigation Friday Invited Speaker Series, June 19th, 2020.

Paper Presentation, “One Index to Rule Them All! Quantifying Social Movement Theories”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, 30th August 2019.

Paper Presentation, “The Socioeconomic and Ideological Roots of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the Middle East and North Africa”, Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 5th June 2019.

Paper Presentation, “A New Roadmap to Culture: Mapping Political Culture with Network Algorithms & Graph Theory”, Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 4th June 2019.

Panel Chair, “Topics in Muslim Societies,” Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 4th June 2019

Paper Presentation, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” APSA MENA Workshop, Jan. 28th to Feb. 1st, 2019.

Paper Presentation, “The Socioeconomic and Ideological Roots of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the Middle East and North Africa”, Comparative Politics Workshop (Univ. of Toronto), 16th Nov. 2018.

Paper Presentation, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” Behavioral Research Group (Univ. of Toronto), 25th Oct. 2018.

Paper Presentation, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” APSA MENA Workshop, 24th-28th Sept. 2018.

Paper Presentation, “Arab Public Opinion on the Caliphate”, Behavioral Research Group (Univ. of Toronto), 15th Feb. 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Mohamed VI Polytechnique, Morocco

Assistant Professor, University Mohamed VI Polytechnique

All courses were taught in English, French and Arabic.

Undergraduate Courses

- Analysis in Data Science (2020-)
- Acteurs Politiques & Mouvements Sociaux ((2020-2021)
- Public Opinion, Elections, and Voting (2022-)

Graduate Courses

- Quantitative Analysis of Political Behavior (2020-2021)

- Applied Electoral Techniques and Analysis (2021-)
- Data Collection & Methods (2022-)

University of Toronto, Canada 2015-20
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science & Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

- *Teaching tutorials, marking, student advising, office hours, invigilation of test/exams.*
- GLA1012: Statistics for Global Affairs (Graduate Course)
- POL222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning
- POL232: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II
- POL242: Methods
- POLC38: International Law
- POLB92: Comparative Politics: Revolution
- POL218: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL201: Politics of Development: Issues & Controversies
- POL114: Politics in a Global world
- POL303: Politics of Islam

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

American Political Science Review (APSR), International Affairs (IA), Journal of Information Technology & Politics (JITP)

Data Advising/Consulting

Legislative Election Consultant (Maghreb & North Africa Region), *Parti Socialiste* (France) Economics, International Relations, and Social Media Valorization Teams. *Policy Center for the New South*. Rabat, Morocco (2021)

Teaching Curriculum Remodeling

Member. Remodeling of the course offering at the undergraduate & graduate level. UM6P-Faculty of Governance, Economics & Social Sciences (FGSES).

Search Committees

Member, Search committee, University Mohamed VI Polytechnique, Political Science (Political Philosophy), Fall 2020

Supervision & Committee Members

Master Thesis:

- Committee Member:
 - 2020: Ayoub El-Hasnaoui, Ayoub El Bassite

Undergraduate Thesis: Supervisor:

- Supervisor:

- 2021: Ikram Midmane

Symposium Co-Organizer

“The AI Revolution in Academic Research,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

“Toxic Threat: Radioactive Waste on Indigenous Lands,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

“Pluralism and Islam: Muslim Citizenship in Western Liberal Democracies,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & SKILLS

Languages: English (Fluent), Arabic & French (Native), Spanish & Italian (Reading Proficiency), Russian (Beginner)

Statistical Packages/Programming: R, Python, Latex.

Fieldwork, Lebanon & Cote d’Ivoire

REFERENCES

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