Scott Williamson

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Oxford

Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations	2024 to Present
Tutorial Fellow, Magdalen College	2024 to Present

Bocconi University

Research Fellow, Dondena Centre	2024 to Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences	2021 to 2024

New York University Abu Dhabi

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Social Science Division	2020 to 2021
Based in Department of Politics at New York University	

George Washington University

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Middle East Studies	2019 to 2020

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Ph.D., Political Science	2014 to 2020

American University in Cairo, Egypt

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship	2012 to 2013

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

B.A., Political Science and Arabic (Double Major)	2008 to 2012
Summa Cum Laude and Honors in Political Science	

BOOKS

2. The King Can Do No Wrong: Blame Games and Power-Sharing in Authoritarian Regimes. *Under Contract at Cambridge University Press.*

   Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA MENA Politics Section.

1. Policy and Opposition in the Middle East's Authoritarian Legislatures. (With Marwa Shalaby). *Under Advance Contract with Cambridge University Press, Elements in Middle East Politics.*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

17. "Respect the Process: The Public Cost of Unilateral Action in Comparative Perspective." (With Jonathan Chu). Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics.*

16. "Executive Compliance with Parliamentary Powers under Authoritarianism: Evidence from Jordan." (With Marwa Shalaby). Forthcoming at *Governance.*

15. "Do Proxies Provide Plausible Deniability? Evidence from Experiments on Three Surveys." 2024. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

14. "Learning from Null Effects: A Bottom-Up Approach." (With Ala' Alrababa'h, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, Michael Hotard, David Laitin, Jeremy Weinstein). 2023. *Political Analysis.*

13. "Preaching Politics: How Politicization Undermines Religious Authority in the Middle East." (With A.Kadir Yildirim, Sharan Grewal, Mirjam Kuenkler). 2023. *British Journal of Political Science.*

12. "Where's the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World." (With Renu Singh). 2022. *International Studies Quarterly.*

11. "Refugees to the Rescue: Motivating Pro-Refugee Public Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic." (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Lauren Prather). 2022. *Journal of Experimental Political Science.*

10. "Did Egypt's Post-Uprising Crime Wave Increase Support for Authoritarian Rule?" (With Lisa Blaydes, Alexandra Blackman, Caroline Abadeer). 2022. *Journal of Peace Research.*

9. "Signal Received? Authoritarian Elections and the Salience of Autocrats." (With Paul Schuler, Raphael Cunha.) 2022. *Electoral Studies.*

8. "Reporting All Results Efficiently: A RARE proposal to open up the file drawer." (With David Laitin, Edward Miguel, Ala' Alrababa'h, Aleksandar Bogdanoski, Sean Grant, Katherine Hoeberling, Cecilia Mo, Don Moore, Simine Vazire, Jeremy Weinstein). 2021. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).*

7. "Elections, Legitimacy, and Compliance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Arab World." 2021. *Democratization.*

6. "Family Matters: How Immigrant Histories Can Promote Inclusion." (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, Lauren Prather, Seth Werfel). 2021. *American Political Science Review.*

5. "Attitudes toward Migrants in a Highly-Impacted Economy: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan." (With Ala' Alrababa'h, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, Jeremy Weinstein). 2021. *Comparative Political Studies.*

4. "Contesting Narratives of Repression: Experimental Evidence from Sisi's Egypt." (With Mashail Malik). 2020. *Journal of Peace Research.*

3. "Legislatures and Policy Making in Authoritarian Regimes." (With Beatriz Magaloni). 2020. *Comparative Political Studies.*

2. "Countering Misperceptions to Reduce Prejudice: An Experiment on Attitudes toward Muslim Americans." 2020. *Journal of Experimental Political Science.*

1. "Voting in Transition: Participation and Alienation in Egypt's 2012 Presidential Election." 2018. *Middle East Law and Governance.* (With Alexandra Blackman, Caroline Abadeer).

WORKING PAPERS

5. "When Hearts Meet Minds: Complementary Effects of Perspective-Getting and Information on Refugee Inclusion." (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Lauren Prather). *Revise & Resubmit.*

4. "Anti-Americanism and Foreign Aid Preferences Among Political Elites: Evidence from Tunisia." (With Alexandra Blackman, Aytuğ Şaşmaz, and Renu Singh). *Under Review.*

3. "It's Good to be King: Ruler Type and Perceptions of Democracy in Authoritarian Regimes." *Under Review.*

2. "Who Gets the Guns? How Democratic Values and Security Threats Affect American Attitudes toward Military Aid." *Under Review*

1. "Innocence of Youth: Understanding Host Community Attitudes toward Refugee Children." (With Kerim Can Kavakli). *Under Review*

BOOK CHAPTERS	2. "Regime Type, State Capacity, and the Politics of COVID-19 Vaccinations in Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia." (With Renu Singh). University of Michigan Press. *Revise & Resubmit.*
	1. "Discourses on Muslims and Welfare across the Atlantic." in *Race, Ethnicity and Welfare States: An American Dilemma?*, Sonya Michel, Klaus Pedersen, and Pauli Kettunen (eds). Edward Elgar. 2015. (With Abdulkader Sinno, Eren Tatari, Antje Schwennicke, and Hicham Bou Nassif).
OTHER SELECTED WRITING	14. "Autocratic Blame Games." *The Loop, European Consortium for Political Research.* May 9, 2023.
	13. "Americans see Afghan and Ukranian refugees very differently. Why?" *Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post.* April 29, 2022. (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Lauren Prather, and Melina Platas).
	12. "Popular Politics in Egypt: From the 2011 Revolution to al-Sisi's Authoritarian Revival." *Project on Middle East Democracy.* August 17, 2021.
	11. "When Americans recall their roots, they open up to immigration." *The Conversation.* March 16, 2021. (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Lauren Prather, and Melina Platas).
	10. "Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt". *Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* April 22, 2020. (With Renu Singh).
	9. "Separating Islam from Politics but Not the State: Implications for Religious Authority in Jordan." *Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy.* March 14, 2019.
	8. "Jordan shut out 60,000 Syrian refugees – and then saw a backlash. Here's why." *Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post.* July 20, 2018. (With Ala' Alrababa'h).
	7. "Transitional Justice Falters in Tunisia." *Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* September 22, 2015.
	6. "Divining Divisions in Egypt's Deep State." *Political Violence @ a Glance.* January 27, 2015.
	5. "Egypt, Counterterrorism, and the Politics of Alienation." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* August 20, 2014. (With Michele Dunne).
	4. "Sisi's Dilemma." *Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* July 24, 2014; Republished in *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*.
	3. "Egypt's Unprecedented Instability by the Numbers." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* March 25, 2014. (With Michele Dunne).
	2. "The Egypt Effect: Sharpened Tensions, Reshuffled Alliances." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, February 13, 2014. (With Anouar Boukhars, Nathan J. Brown, Michele Dunne, Raphael Lefevre, Marwan Muasher, Frederic Wehrey, and Katherine Wilkens).
	1. "Protest, Uprising, and Regime Change in the Arab Spring." *Muftah.* January 28, 2014. (With Caroline Abadeer).

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS	ERC Starting Grant DEVAL, funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) under the UK government's Horizon Europe funding guarantee [EP/Y036832/1] (2024-2029) - €1,493,875
	PRIN-PNRR Grant, The Perpetual Refugee Crisis in Italy and beyond: Humanitarian Emergencies, Prejudice, and Social Capital among Host Communities (as Co-I), with (PIs) Nicolo' Cavalli, Camilla Borgna and (Co-Is) Renu Singh, Effrosyni Charitopoulou (2023) - €262,077.
	Age-IT PNRR Grant, Cultural and Political Dimensions of Ageing Societies, Participant in multi-institution project (2023) - Personal funding of €31,500
	Junior Researcher Grant, Bocconi University (2023) - €10,000
	Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Center for Human Rights and International Justice (2019) - $5,000
	Junior Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (2019)
	TRE Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science (2019) - $3,000
	Europe Center Graduate Student Grant, Stanford University (2018) - $1,500
	Modern British History and Culture Graduate Research Opportunity Award, Stanford University Sciences and Humanities (2017) - $4,500
	FSI Graduate Student Small Research Grant, Stanford University (2017) - $1,500
	Computational Social Science Fellowship, IRiSS, Stanford University (2017) - $2,000
	Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies Graduate Student Grant, Stanford University (2017) - $2,500
	Religion in International Affairs Grant, Henry Luce Foundation (as Jordan Country Director and Co-PI), with (PI) A.Kadir Yildirim and (Co-PIs) Sharan Grewal, CJ Freer, Mirjam Kuenkler, Tarek Masoud, and Yusuf Sarfati (2017-2018) - $400,000
	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, (2016-2019)
	Goldsmith Summer Research Grant, Stanford Center for International Conflict and Negotiation (2016, 2017) - $5,475
	Sakurako & William Fisher Family Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University (2016)
	CISAC Security Research Seed Grant, Stanford University, with Mashail Malik (2015) $1,500
	Center for African Studies Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Stanford University (2015) - $5,000
	Global Studies Urban Beyond Measure Grant, Stanford University, with Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer (2015) - $6,000
	William Jennings Bryan Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis, Indiana University Political Science Department (2013)
	Fulbright Research Scholarship, Jordan, IIE Fulbright Program (2012-2013, regretfully declined)
	Cox Research Scholarship, Indiana University Hutton Honors College (2008-2012)
	Phi Beta Kappa, Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences (2011)
	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Indiana University (2010)
TALKS & WORKSHOPS	**2024:** POMEPS Virtual Workshop (Discussant); McMaster University Spark Talk; All Souls College Oxford Conference on Change, Adaptation, and Contention in Formal Institutions in Authoritarian Regimes
	2023: ERC LOSS Workshop on the Material Origins of Political Change (Discussant); Newcastle University; University of York; University of Manchester; ISA; PNRR "Age-It" State of the Art Seminar; University College London; Central European University; CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions Conference; Bocconi SPS Global Challenges Conference; University of Sussex; University of Oxford; EPSA; APSA; Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshop (Discussant)
	2022: ETH Zurich Political Economy Seminar; University of York: ISA; Yale University Program on Refugees, Forced Discontent, and Humanitarian Responses; University of Wisconsin-Madison

Comparative Politics Colloquium; College of William & Mary Introduction to Comparative Politics Course; City University of Hong Kong One Health Seminar; Bocconi Students for Diplomacy and International Cooperation; EISA; APSA; Immigration Policy Lab at ETH Zurich; SIPGI Conference at University of Gothenburg; BLEST Seminar Contesting Repression: Women and Protest in Iran; Harvard Business School BGIE Unit Seminar; Dondena Politics & Institutions Clinic

2021: POMEPS Virtual Workshop; Stanford University Master's in International Policy Program; NYUAD Postdoc Workshop; ISA; MPSA; Georgetown University Economic Poliyc Immersion Course; APSA; Yale University Immigration, Integration, and Multiculturalism in the West Course; ETH Zurich Political Economy Seminar; City University of Hong Kong; MESA; POMEPS Book Workshop; Dondena Politics & Institutions Clinic

2020: SPSA; IMES Workshop; POMEPS Virtual Workshop; Elliott School Visiting Scholars Workshop; Stanford University Master's in International Policy Program; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; MENA Politics Workshop; APSA; NYU Comparative Politics Workshop; NYUAD Event "The Politics of Wars and Conflicts: Armenia and Azerbaijan"; NYUAD Postdoc Workshop; Bocconi Event "Counting Political Parties in the MENA" (Moderator); *Canceled due to COVID-19:* ISA; MPSA

2019: AALIMS; SPSA Mini Conference on Authoritarian Regimes; Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; CDDRL Conference on Human Rights and Repression (Discussant); MPSA; WPSA Mini Conference on Authoritarian Regimes; Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; IPSCON; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; US Department of State; APSA; BITSS Unlocking the File Drawer Workshop

2018: Stanford Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies; UNICEF Jordan Office; Rice University Baker Institute for Public Policy; Georgetown University Economic Policy Immersion Course; APSA; WESSI Beirut; MESA; Stanford Arab Studies Table

2017: APSA; Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; POMEPS Annual Conference; SCICN; MPSA

2016: Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group; APSA; UCLA Compass Graduate Student Conference; MPSA; Stanford New Directions in Political Economy Conference

2015: Stanford Center for African Studies; Stanford Global Studies; ISA

TEACHING	The Politics of Conflict and Violence (PhD students), Bocconi	Spring 2023
	Islam, Politics, and the Middle East, Bocconi	Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
	Introduction to Political Science (PhD students), Bocconi	Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
	Political Science and Comparative Politics, Bocconi	Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
	Undergraduate and Master's Thesis Adviser, Bocconi	Fall 2021 - Spring 2024
	Capstone Thesis Adviser, Institute for Middle East Studies, GWU	2019 to 2020
	Teaching Assistant, Middle Eastern Politics (Political Science 149T), Stanford	Fall 2018
	Teaching Assistant, Data Science for Politics (Political Science 150A), Stanford	Fall 2016
	Teaching Assistant, The Science of Politics (Political Science 1), Stanford	Winter 2016

SERVICE	Research Committee Member, SPS Department, Bocconi	Fall 2022 - Fall 2023
	PhD Admissions Committee Member, SPS Department, Bocconi	Spring 2023
	Arab Studies Table Graduate Student Coordinator, Stanford	2016 to 2017
	Political Science Cohort Representative, Stanford	2016 to 2017

JOURNAL REVIEWER	*American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *International Organization*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Political Science Research & Methods*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Comparative Politics*; *Terrorism & Political Violence*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; *Journal of Comparative Economics*; *International Studies Review*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Politics & Religion*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *Democratization.*	

RESEARCH & EDITING EXPERIENCE	Research Intern, Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan	2017 to 2018
	Research Assistant, Stanford University, Professor Avidit Acharya	Summer 2015
	Junior Fellow, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment	2013 to 2014
	Co-Editor, Egypt and North Africa Pages, Muftah	2013 to 2014
	Research Assistant, Indiana University, Professor Abdulkader Sinno	2008 to 2012
	Research Intern, Middle East Program, CSIS	Summer 2011

LANGUAGE & METHODS TRAINING	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	Summer 2017
	Qasid Language Institute: Amman, Jordan	Summer 2017
	CASA Fellowship: Cairo, Egypt	2012-2013
	CIEE Arabic Language Program: Amman, Jordan	Spring 2011
	UVA-Yarmouk University Summer Arabic Program: Irbid, Jordan	Summer 2010

FIELDWORK	Jordan: Summer 2016; January 2017; Summer 2017; Academic Year 2017-2018
	Tunisia: Summer 2015; Summer 2019