

# Scott Williamson

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Bocconi University</b> , Milan, Italy	
	Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences	2021 to Present
	<b>New York University Abu Dhabi</b> , New York City	
	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Social Science Division Based in Department of Politics at New York University	2020 to 2021
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>George Washington University</b> , Washington, D.C.	
	Visiting Scholar, Institute for Middle East Studies	2019 to 2020
EDUCATION	<b>Stanford University</b> , Stanford, CA	
	Ph.D., Political Science	2014 to 2020
	<b>American University in Cairo</b> , Egypt	
	Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship	2012 to 2013
	<b>Indiana University</b> , Bloomington, IN	
	B.A., Political Science and Arabic (Double Major) Summa Cum Laude and Honors in Political Science	2008 to 2012
BOOK PROJECT	The King Can Do No Wrong: Blame Games and Royal Rule in the Modern World.	
	<i>Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA MENA Politics Section.</i>	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	“Learning from Null Results: A Bottom-Up Approach.” (With Ala’ Alrababa’h, Andrea Dillon, Dominik Hangartner, Jens Hainmueller, Michael Hotard, David Laitin, and Jeremy Weinstein). Conditionally Accepted at <i>Political Analysis</i> .	
	“Did Egypt’s Post-Uprising Crime Wave Increase Support for Authoritarian Rule?” (With Lisa Blaydes, Alexandra Blackman, and Caroline Abadeer). Forthcoming at <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> .	
	“Elections, Legitimacy, and Compliance in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Arab World.” Forthcoming at <i>Democratization</i> .	
	“Refugees to the Rescue: Motivating Pro-Refugee Public Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” (With Claire L. Adida, Adeline Lo, and Lauren Prather). Forthcoming at <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> .	
	“Family Matters: How Immigrant Histories Can Promote Inclusion.” (With Claire L. Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, Lauren Prather, and Seth Werfel). 2021. <i>American Political Science Review</i> .	
	“Contesting Narratives of Repression: Experimental Evidence from Sisi’s Egypt.” (With Mashail Malik). 2020. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> .	
	“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, and Jeremy Weinstein). 2020. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> .	
	“Legislatures and Policy Making in Authoritarian Regimes.” (With Beatriz Magaloni). 2020. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> .	
	“Countering Misperceptions to Reduce Prejudice: An Experiment on Attitudes toward Muslim Americans.” 2020. <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> .	
	“Voting in Transition: Participation and Alienation in Egypt’s 2012 Presidential Election.” 2018. <i>Middle East Law and Governance</i> . (With Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer).	

WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Preaching Politics: How Politicization Undermines Religious Authority in the Middle East.” (With A.Kadir Yildirim, Sharan Grewal, and Mirjam Kuenkler). <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit</i></p> <p>“Where’s the Money From? Attitudes toward Donor Countries and Foreign Aid in the Arab World.” (With Renu Singh). <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit</i></p> <p>“Signal Received? Authoritarian Elections and the Saliency of Autocrats.” (With Paul Schuler and Raphael Cunha.) <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit.</i></p> <p>“Respect the Process: The Public Cost of Unilateral Action in Comparative Perspective.” (With Jonathan Chu). <i>Under Review.</i></p> <p>“Building a Scapegoat or Building Popularity? Autocrats, Blame Avoidance, and COVID-19 in the Arab World.” (With Renu Singh). <i>Under Review.</i></p> <p>“Ask and You Shall Receive: Executive Compliance with Parliamentary Queries in Jordan’s Authoritarian Regime.” (With Marwa Shalaby).</p> <p>“It’s Good to be King: Ruler Type and Perceptions of Democracy in Authoritarian Regimes.”</p> <p>“Good Czars and Bad Boyars: Power-Sharing and Attributions of Blame in Authoritarian Regimes.”</p> <p>“Do Proxies Provide Plausible Deniability? Evidence from Experiments on Three Surveys.”</p> <p>“Counting the Black Flags: An Experimental Assessment of Islamic State Support in the Arab World.” (With Sharan Grewal and A.Kadir Yildirim).</p>
DATA	<p>“Mapping Cairo: An Exploration of Egypt’s Socio-Political Geography” (With Alexandra Blackman and Caroline Abadeer).</p>
OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Popular Politics in Egypt: From the 2011 Revolution to al-Sisi’s Authoritarian Revival.” <i>Project on Middle East Democracy</i>. August 17, 2021.</p> <p>“When Americans recall their roots, they open up to immigration.” <i>The Conversation</i>. March 16, 2021. (With Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Lauren Prather, and Melina Platas).</p> <p>“Coronavirus and Prospects for Instability in Egypt”. <i>Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. April 22, 2020. (With Renu Singh).</p> <p>“Separating Islam from Politics but Not the State: Implications for Religious Authority in Jordan.” <i>Rice University’s Baker Institute for Public Policy</i>. March 14, 2019.</p> <p>“Jordan shut out 60,000 Syrian refugees – and then saw a backlash. Here’s why.” <i>Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post</i>. July 20, 2018. (With Ala’ Alrababa’h).</p> <p>“Transitional Justice Falters in Tunisia.” <i>Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. September 22, 2015.</p> <p>“Discourses on Muslims and Welfare across the Atlantic.” in <i>Race, Ethnicity and Welfare States: An American Dilemma?</i>, Sonya Michel, Klaus Pedersen, and Pauli Kettunen (eds). Edward Elgar. 2015. (With Abdulkader Sinno, Eren Tatari, Antje Schwennicke, and Hicham Bou Nassif).</p> <p>“Divining Divisions in Egypt’s Deep State.” <i>Political Violence @ a Glance</i>. January 27, 2015.</p> <p>“Egypt, Counterterrorism, and the Politics of Alienation.” <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. August 20, 2014. (With Michele Dunne).</p> <p>“Sisi’s Dilemma.” <i>Sada, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. July 24, 2014; Republished in <i>Cairo Review of Global Affairs</i>.</p>

“Egypt’s Unprecedented Instability by the Numbers.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. March 25, 2014. (With Michele Dunne).

“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).

“Protest, Uprising, and Regime Change in the Arab Spring.” *Muftah*. January 28, 2014. (With Caroline Abadeer).

#### HONORS & AWARDS

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, regrettably 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

**2021:** POMEPS Virtual Workshop; Stanford University Master’s in International Policy Program; NYUAD Postdoc Workshop; ISA; MPSA

**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

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	
TEACHING & SERVICE	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
	Arab Studies Table Graduate Student Coordinator, Stanford	2016 to 2017
	Political Science Cohort Representative, Stanford	2016 to 2017
	Reviewer for: <i>American Political Science Review</i> ; <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>The Journal of Politics</i> ; <i>International Organization</i> ; <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>Comparative Politics</i> ; <i>Terrorism &amp; Political Violence</i> ; <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> ; <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> ; <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> .	