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Research interests

Political Economy • Authoritarianism • Middle East and North Africa • Crony Capitalism
• Distributive Politics • Civil-Military Relations • Research Methods

Academic positions

- 2019-present Lecturer in Political Economy, Department of Political Economy, King's College London
- 2016-2019 Lecturer in Political Economy of the Middle East, Department of Political Economy and Department of Middle Eastern Studies, King's College London
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Research Officer, Middle East Centre, Kuwait Programme, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2013-2015 Research Assistant, Fell Fund Project on Educational Inequalities, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford

Education

- 2016 DPHIL in Politics, University of Oxford
- 2008-2010 MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies (*with distinction*), University of Oxford
- 2007-2008 Visiting Student, University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies
- 2004-2007 B.A. (Franco-German) in Political Science, Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Institut d'Etudes Politiques Rennes

Publications

BOOKS

- 2020 “Social Dictatorships: The Political Economy of the Welfare State in the Middle East and North Africa”, Oxford, Oxford University Press (expected publication: autumn 2019)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- forthcoming “War Makes the Regime: Regional Rebellions and Political Militarization Worldwide” (with S. Hertog and D. Slater), *British Journal of Political Science*
- 2018 “How to Keep Officers in the Barracks? Causes, Agents, and Types of Military Coups” (with H. Albrecht), *International Studies Quarterly*, 62, 2
- 2018 “Linking the Macro to the Micro: A Multidimensional Approach to Educational Inequalities in Four European Countries” (with E. Bukodi), *European Societies*, 20, 1
- 2017 “Constraints, Competition, and Competitiveness: Explaining the Non-linear Effect of Democratization on Political Budget Cycles” (with H. Lyngge-Mangueira), *European Political Science Review*, 9, 4
- 2017 “Electoral Confidence and Political Budget Cycles in Non-OECD Countries” (with H. Lyngge-Mangueira), *Studies of Comparative International Development*, 52, 1
- 2012 “The Party of Authenticity and Modernity (PAM): trajectory of a political *deus ex machina*”, *Journal of North African Studies*, 17, 1

BOOK CHAPTERS

- under contract “Welfare States in the Middle East”, in Cammett, M. and Jones, P. (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, Oxford, Oxford University Press (expected publication: autumn 2019)
- 2019 “The politics of trade protection in North Africa” (with A. Malik), in Diwan, I., Atiyas, I. and Malik, A. (eds.) *Crony Capitalism in the Middle East*, Oxford, Oxford University Press
- 2017 “Social Policies in the Middle East and North Africa”, in Durlauf, S. and Blume, L. (eds.) *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, Palgrave, Basingstoke
- 2012 “Der Kontinuität verschrieben? Islamisten und der Arabische Frühling in Marokko” (with D. Engelcke) in Faath, S. (ed.) *Islamisten nach dem Arabischen Frühling*, Edition Wuqûf, Hamburg

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 “The Politics of Trade Protection: Evidence from an EU-Mandated Tariff Liberalization in Morocco” (with C. Ruckteschler and A. Malik), *ERF Working Paper* 1352

- 2018 “Squaring the circle: ‘Cheap social policies’ in the Middle East”, *POMEPS Studies*, 31, The Project on Middle East Political Science
- 2017 “The Political Economy of Energy Subsidies in Egypt and Tunisia: The Untold Story”, *OIES Paper*, SP 38, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
- 2017 “The Political Economy of Energy Subsidies in Egypt and Tunisia: The Untold Story”, *Oxford Energy Forum*, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
- 2016 “The Politics of Partial Liberalization: Cronyism and Non-Tariff Protection in Mubarak’s Egypt” (with A. Malik), *CSAE Working Paper* WPS/2016-27
- 2011 “Parlamentswahlen in Marokko: Ende oder Anfang eines “marokkanischen Frühling”?”, *GIGA Focus Nahost*, GIGA German Institute of Global And Area Studies

MANUSCRIPTS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS

“When do oil dictators share the wealth? Evidence from the Gulf monarchies” (with S. Hertog)

Teaching

- 2016-present The Political Economy of the Middle East: Theory and Practice (with M. Sukarieh), MA core course, King’s College London
- 2016-present The Political Economy of the Middle East, BA elective, King’s College London
- 2016-present The Political Economy of Authoritarianism in the Middle East, MA elective, King’s College London
- 2016-17 Globalisation and Business in the Middle East, MA elective, King’s College London
- 2016-17 The European Union and the Middle East, MA elective, King’s College London
- 2014-15 Principles and Practices of Comparative Research (with E. Ferragina), MA course, University of Oxford

Fellowships & grants

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016-2017 Saudi Aramco Fellow, The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
- 2015 Postdoctoral fellowship, Department of Social Policy, University of Oxford (declined)
- 2011 Visiting Research Fellow, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018 “All Roads Lead to Mahdia: The Political Economy of Regional Inequality in Tunisia” (principal investigator), funded by the British Academy, UK (9,446 GBP)

- 2018 “Unruly Protest Dynamics and the 1977 Bread Intifada in Egypt” (co-investigator with N. Ketchley, J. Gunning, and M. Farquhar), funded by King’s College London, UK (5,000 GBP)
- 2017 “The Political Economy of Trade Protection in North Africa” (co-investigator with A. Malik), funded by the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt (6,000 USD)
- 2015 “Non-tariff Barriers and Political Connections in Four Arab Countries” (co-investigator with A. Malik), funded by the Economic Research Forum (ERF), Egypt (10,000 USD)

STUDY GRANTS

- 2014 Star Award, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford
- 2013 Writing-Up Studentship, Department of Politics, University of Oxford
- 2012 Travel Grant, German National Academic Foundation
- 2012 Norman Chester Fund Travel Grant, Department of Politics, University of Oxford
- 2012 Carr and Stahl Travel Grant, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford
- 2011–2013 Doctoral Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
- 2010 The Warden’s Scholarship, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford
- 2009 Language Study Grant, Department of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford
- 2007 Language Study Grant, German National Academic Foundation
- 2005–2010 Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship, German National Academic Foundation
- 2003–2005 E-Fellows Scholarship, Deutsche Telekom AG and Mc Kinsey

Professional activities

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

- 2016 Varieties of Rentierism II, Middle East Centre, LSE, London
- 2016 Political Economy of Labour Markets and Migration in the Gulf, Kuwait
- 2016 Resources, Governance, and Development: The Middle East in Comparative Perspective, Nuffield College, Oxford
- 2015 Varieties of Rentierism I, Middle East Centre, LSE, London
- 2014 The Tunisian Revolution: Origins, Course and Aftermath, St Antony’s College, Oxford

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

- 2018-present Advisor to the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Tunisia
- 2017-present Contribution to executive education programme for FCO Middle East/North Africa staff
- 2016-present Member of the DFID-FCO North Africa Advisory Group
- 2016-present Member of the FCO Egypt Forum
- 2016-present Participation in briefings of UK ambassadors-designate

Languages & specialised training

German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Arabic (advanced)

TEACHING TRAINING

- 2016-2019 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice
Member of the Higher Education Academy

ARABIC PROGRAMMES

- 2012 International Language Institute (ILI) in Cairo
2009 Institut Français du Proche Orient (IFPO) in Damascus
2008 International Language Institute (ILI) in Cairo

METHODOLOGY PROGRAMMES

- 2012 Political Game Theory
ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
2011 Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
2011 Introduction to Duration Models
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Conference presentations

- 2017 “Do Different Autocracies Spend Differently?” (with T. Richter and V. Lucas), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco
2017 “The Politics of Partial Liberalization: Cronyism and Non-Tariff Protection in Mubarak’s Egypt” (with A. Malik), CSAE Conference, Oxford
2016 “Why is there no Equatorial Guinea in the Gulf? Subversion, Rents, and Human Development in the Middle East” (with S. Hertog), Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston
2016 ‘The Politics of Partial Liberalization: Cronyism and Non-Tariff Protection in Mubarak’s Egypt’ (with A. Malik), Growth Seminar, Harvard Belfer Center, Cambridge MA.
2016 “The Politics of Partial Liberalization: Cronyism and Non-Tariff Protection in Mubarak’s Egypt” (with A. Malik), CEPR-EBRD Economics of Transition Symposium, London
2015 “Build Schools, Not Barracks! Testing the Effectiveness of Coup-proofing in the Middle East” (with H. Albrecht), Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver
2015 “Non-tariff Barriers and Cronyism in Four Arab Countries” (with A. Malik), Workshop on the Political Economy of the Private Sector in the Middle East, Oxford
2015 “Behind the Barrier: Politically Connected Actors and Trade Protection in Pre-Revolutionary Egypt and Tunisia” (with A. Malik), International Trade Seminar, Department of Economics, Oxford
2014 “Varieties of Islamism? Unpacking the Islamist Vote in Tunisia and Egypt” (with D. Engelcke), Comparative Politics Seminar, Oxford
2014 “The Origins of Authoritarian Welfare States: Evidence from the Middle East and North Africa”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C.
2014 “Constraints, Competition, and Competitiveness: Explaining the Non-linear Effect of Democratization on Political Budget Cycles” (with H. Lynge-Mangueira), Annual General

- Conference of the European Political Science Association, Edinburgh
- 2014 “Party Identification in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia: Nida Tunis and Ennahda Compared” (with D. Engelcke), Conference on the Tunisian Revolution, St Antony’s College, Oxford
- 2014 “Rents, Politics and Development: Evidence from Ben Ali’s Tunisia” (with A. Malik), Conference on the Tunisian Revolution, St Antony’s College, Oxford
- 2014 “Dictators under Stress: The Dilemma of Authoritarian Responses to Mass Crises” (with T. Richter and V. Lucas), The European Public Choice Society Meeting, Cambridge
- 2012 “Do Different Autocracies Perform Differently? An Empirical Investigation of Social Spending and Economic Growth” (with T. Richter and V. Lucas), DVPW-Kongress, Tübingen
- 2012 “Dictators under Stress: An Empirical Analysis of Crisis Responses in Authoritarian Regimes” (with T. Richter and V. Lucas), IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Madrid
- 2012 “Authoritarian Welfare Provision: Explaining Welfare Efforts in Labour-Rich MENA Countries”, IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Madrid
- 2011 “Authoritarian Welfare States of the Middle East in Inter-regional Comparison”, DAVO-Congress, Berlin
- 2011 “Social Dictatorship: Explaining Welfare Efforts in Authoritarian Regimes States”, ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik
- 2010 “The Party of Authenticity and Modernity (PAM): an old or new phenomenon?”, Modern Morocco Research Workshop, 12 March, St Antony’s College, Oxford