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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

London School of Economics and Political Science August 2024 - present
Visiting Fellow, Department of Government

University of Southern California July 2020 - present
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Middle East Studies

Yale University September 2018 - June 2020
Pre- and Post-Doctoral Associate and Lecturer, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, MacMillan Center, Department of Political Science

Harvard Kennedy School of Government 2017-2018
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Middle East studies, democratization and authoritarianism, comparative and historical political economy, inequality and redistribution, state building, quantitative methods, field and qualitative methods.

EDUCATION

University of Oxford
DPhil in Politics 2013 - 2019
MPhil in Modern Middle East Studies (Dissertation awarded Distinction) 2011 - 2013

Boston University 2005-2009
BA in History and Islamic Studies, Minor in Muslim Civilizations
Awarded *summa cum laude* with Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa

Additional Training
ICPSR Summer Program (Machine Learning, MLE, Causal Inference) 2019
Applied Geographic Information Systems, Virginia Commonwealth University 2010
Critical Language Scholarship (Advanced Arabic), Amman Jordan 2009
Arabic Language Institute (Advanced Arabic), American University in Cairo 2008
Middlebury Summer Language School (Arabic) 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript (in progress)

- **Hartnett, A.S.** *Regressive Redistribution: The Politics of Inequality in Post-Colonial Autocracies*. (Expected Submission Summer 2025)

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- **Hartnett, A.S.** and M. Saleh. "Precolonial Elites and Colonial Redistribution of Political Power." *Forthcoming, American Political Science Review*. Available here.
 - Previous Draft awarded Best Paper on Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion (APSA Inequality Section 2021) and Best Paper Honorable Mention (APSA MENA Section 2022).

- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2021). “The Arab Spring.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/OB0/9780199756223-0337>
- Cammett, M., **A.S. Hartnett**, and G. Koehler-Derrick (2021). “Colonial Legacies and Welfare Provision in the Middle East and North Africa.” *Oxford University Press Handbook on Politics of Muslim Societies*, Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones (eds.). pp. 739–768. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190931056.013.11>.
- Cheng, C., J. Barceló, **A.S. Hartnett**, R. Kubinec, and L. Messerschmidt (2020). COVID-19 Government Response Event Dataset (CoronaNet v.1.0). *Nature: Human Behaviour*, 4(7), 756-68. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-0909-7>.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2018). “The Effect of Refugee Integration on Migrant Labor in Jordan.” *Review of Middle East Studies*, 52(2), 263-282.

Working Papers

- **Hartnett, A.S.** and M. Saleh. “The Glorious Revolution that Wasn’t: Rural Elite Conflict and Demand for Democratization.” (Under Review)
- **Hartnett, A.S.** “After the Commons: Economic Opportunity and Colonial Legacies of Land Privatization.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and A.E. Mohamed. “Religious Opposition and Autocratic Investments in Religious Education”
- Fabbe, K., **A.S. Hartnett**, S. Monroe. “In the Shadows? Informal Enterprise and the State in Jordan.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and A. Gard-Murray. “Does Aid Buy Trust? Evidence from Poland.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and T. Babalola. “In the Eye of the Beholder: Proximity to Power and the Relativity of Regime Type.”

Works in Progress

- **Hartnett, A.S.** “Selectorate Dynamics in Autocracies: Colonial and Post-colonial Minister Appointments in the Middle East and North Africa.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** “Surviving Decolonization: Elite Expropriation and Autocratic Leader Tenure in Post-Colonial Contexts.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and C. Parreira. “Students Into Iraqis: The Politics of Education in Ba’athist Iraq.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.**, G. Koehler-Derrick, and M. Cammett. “Private Education and the Public Sector: Evidence from Jordan.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and Y. Magiya. “After Empires: Legacies of Foreign Rule and Long-Run Fiscal Capacity in Arab States.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and M. Rogers. “Authoritarian Malapportionment.”
- **Hartnett, A.S.**, N. Lotito, E. Nugent. “The Colonial Origins of State Repression in MENA.”

Other (Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Articles, Opinion Pieces, Policy Papers, and Essays)

- **Hartnett, A.S.**, E. al-Natour, and L. al-Ajouni (2020) “Drastic Measures: Coercive Enforcement and Economic Effects of Pandemic Suppression in Jordan.” POMEPS Special Issue: The COVID-19 Pandemic in the Middle East and North Africa.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and L. al-Ajlouni (2019). “Making the Economy Political in Jordan’s Tax Revolts.” *Middle East Report Online*.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2018). “Can Jordan’s New Prime Minister Reform the Government?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2018). “Historical Legacies of State Building in MENA Social Policy,” POMEPS Studies 31: Social Policy in the Middle East, October.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** and G. Wilson (2016). “Guidance on Infrastructure in Post-Conflict Fragile States.” Report commissioned by the United Kingdom DFID Stabilisation Unit.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2014). “Protest, Unrest, and State-Society Relations.” International Peace Institute.

- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2014). “Review of *Globalization and Social Movements: Islamism, Feminism and Social Justice*, 2nd ed. by Valentine Moghadam”. *St. Antony’s International Review* 10, No. 1 (May): 135-37.
- **Hartnett, A.S.** (2011). “Energy Policy in Egypt”, “Energy Policy in Jordan”, “Energy Policy in Libya”, and “Energy Policy in Qatar”. *Encyclopedia of Energy*. Golson Media: Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

SELECTED QUANTITATIVE DATASETS

1. MENAHDA Project with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Melani Cammett.
2. CoronaNet Government Response Database
3. MENA Land Reform Database ($N= 1200$ country-year observations)
4. Jordanian Parliamentarian Biographical Dataset.
5. Middle East and North Africa Colonial and Post-Colonial Minister Biographical Database (Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Syria).

FIELDWORK AND MENA REGION EXPERIENCE

Jordan	2009 (3 months), 2012 (1 month), 2014 (1 month) 2016 (12 months), 2017 (3 months), 2018 (2 months)
Egypt	2008 (6.5 months)
Morocco	2014-2015 (2.5 months)
UK and USA archival research	2015-2017 (6 months)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

USC Center for International Studies Research Support Grant (10000 USD, Funded)	AY2023
APSA MENA Section Best Paper Honorable Mention	2023
APSA Inequality Section Best Paper on Entrepreneurship and Inclusion - Faculty	2022
Thomas Jefferson Fund (20000 USD, Submitted - Unfunded)	2021
USC Center for International Studies Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant (3000 USD, Funded)	AY2020, AY2023
USC Center for International Studies Graduate Research Assistant Grant	AY2020, AY2021
ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Amman, Jordan (17600 USD)	2018
Best Post-Graduate Teacher Award, Oxford University Student Union	2017
Centre for British Research in the Levant Fellowship, Amman, Jordan (7000 GBP)	2016
Writing-Up Grant, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford (1500 GBP)	2015
Mellon-Chester Scholarship for Field Research, Department of Politics, Oxford (800 GBP)	2014
Junior Deanship, Keble College, Oxford (24000 GBP)	2013-2015
A.E. Haigh Merit Studentship, Corpus Christi College and DPIP, Oxford (24000 GBP)	2013-2015
Stone Family Foundation Professional Development Grant (2500 GBP)	2013
Carr-Stahl Fieldwork Grant, St. Antony’s College, Oxford (500 GBP)	2012
Jordan Fulbright ETA Fellowship, Jordan (Declined)	2011
US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Advanced Arabic, Jordan (8000 USD)	2009
Richard E. Katz Prize in Religion, Boston University (1000 USD)	2009
University Merit Scholarship, Boston University (half-tuition scholarship)	2005-2009

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

2020-2024

Department of Political Science and International Relations

- POSC 499 Colonialism and Decolonization in the Middle East and North Africa (Undergrad Seminar, Fall 2022)
- IR 499 State Building and Institutions in the Middle East and North Africa (Undergrad Seminar, Spring 2021)
- POIR 641 Comparative Politics II (Grad Seminar, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- POSC 120 Comparative Politics (Undergrad, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- PhD Dissertation Committees: 4, PhD Qualifying Exam Committees: 5 students

Yale University

2018-2020

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

- Political Economy of the Middle East (Undergrad Seminar, Spring 2020)
- The Political Economy of Authoritarianism (Undergrad/Grad Seminar, Spring 2019)
- MA Thesis Co-Supervisor (2019-2020, 1 student)
- Undergraduate Senior Thesis Supervision (2019, 2 students; 2020, 2 students)

University of Oxford

2013 - 2018

Departmental Instructor (Tutorial-based)

- Best Postgraduate Teacher Award from the Oxford University Student Union (2017)
- Dissertation supervisor for undergraduate politics thesis (2017-2018)
- Middle East Politics (2013-2017)
- Quantitative Methods for Politics and Sociology (2014-2015)

INVITED TALKS

* indicates a postponement or cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AY 2024-2025: LSE-UCL Land Politics Seminar (February 2025)

AY 2023-2024: Authoritarian Political Systems Group (Fall 2023) ◊ Claremont Graduate University (Fall 2023) ◊ UC San Diego (Spring 2024) ◊ UC Riverside (Spring 2024) ◊ Virtual Workshop in Historical Political Economy ◊ Tulane University (Spring 2024)

AY 2021-2022: USC CIS Comparative Politics Workshop (Fall 2021) ◊ Claremont Graduate University (Spring 2022)

AY 2020-2021: USC CIS Comparative Politics Workshop (Fall 2020)

AY 2019-2020: Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop (Spring 2020) ◊ Wesleyan University Department of Political Science ◊ Harvard MENA Poverty Workshop*

AY 2018-2019: Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar (Spring 2019).

AY 2017-2018: American Center for Oriental Research (Amman, Jordan), Fellow Lecture Series ◊ Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Fellow Lecture Series ◊ Columbia University Middle East Global Center (Amman), Jordan ◊ Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Panel on the Kurdish Independence Referendum.

AY 2016-2017: London School of Economics, Land, Institutions, and Conflict Workshop ◊ Columbia University Middle East Global Center (Amman, Jordan) ◊ Nottingham Trent University, Department of Politics.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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American Economic Association, Annual Meeting	2022
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016 - 2024
Association for Analytic Learning about Muslim Societies, Annual Meeting	2018, 2020*, 2021, 2023, 2024
CEPR Economic History Symposium	2021
Harvard University Workshop in the Political Economy of MENA	2022
International Society for New Institutional Economics (now SOIE), Annual Meeting	2014
Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting	2014, 2016 - 2021*(rescheduled to 2022), 2024
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016, 2017, 2019, 2020*, 2022
New England Middle East Politics Working Group	2018
Nuffield College New Politics of Authoritarianism Conference	2017
Parliaments Under Fire Conference	2019
POMEPS Annual Conference	2018
POMEPS Junior Scholar Working Paper Workshop	2021
POMEPS Junior Scholar Book Workshop	2019
POMEPS Workshop on Social Policy in MENA	2018
Southern California Political Institutions and Political Economy Workshop	2022, 2023
XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris, France	2022

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Programming	R, Stata, Python, L ^A T _E X
Software & Tools	Geographic Information Software (ArcGIS and QGIS)
Languages	English Native
	Arabic: Modern Standard, Jordanian Professional Fluency
	Egyptian Intermediate
	French Advanced
	Polish B2, Heritage Speaker

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Service to the Discipline

- Board Member-At-Large, APSA MENA Steering Committee (2022-2024)
- APSA MENA Program co-chair (2024 Annual Meeting)
- Best Dissertation Prize Committee, APSA Inequality Section
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*

University of Southern California

- USC CIS Comparative Politics Workshop (co-convener AY 2022-23, convener 2023-24)
- Founder, Women's Writing Group (USC Department of Political Science and International Relations)
- Founder, USC CIS Political Economy Working Group
- Departmental A&E Committee, Junior Faculty Representative (AY 2023-2024)
- Departmental Undergraduate Studies Committee, (June-August 2023)
- Search Committee Member, Black and Indigenous Politics (Fall 2021)

Reviewer

- *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*