

# The Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies

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# 2024

## AALIMS-Harvard Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World

April 19-20, 2024

Tsai Auditorium  
CGIS South Building  
Harvard University  
1737 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138



## DAY 1 // April 19, 2024

### STUDENT WORKSHOP

#### 8:30-10:45 STATE AND CIVIL SOCIETY

- ◆ Chair: **Tarek Masoud** (Harvard University)
- ◆ **Tiffany Simon** (Princeton University)  
“Circuses [and Bread]: Political Satisfaction and the Provision of Public Goods Related to Happiness and Well-Being in the Gulf”
- ◆ **Elizabeth K. Parker-Magyar** (MIT)  
“Workplace Networks and Civil Society in Autocracies: Evidence from Jordan”
- ◆ **Daniel A. N. Goldstein** (University of Oslo) and **Yusuf Magiya** (NYU Abu Dhabi)  
“Bargaining over State Building in the Shadow of War”

#### 10:45-11:15 BREAK

#### 11:15-12:45 NORMS AND TRADITIONS

- ◆ Chair: **Thomas Pepinsky** (Cornell University)
- ◆ **Mohammad Isaqzadeh** (Harvard University)  
“Religious Traditions and Coping with War and Displacement: Evidence from a Field Experiment with Afghan Refugees”
- ◆ **Ashrakat Elshehawy** (Stanford University)  
“Missionaries on the Nile: Exposure to Protestant Missionaries and Women’s Developmental Outcomes and Social Norms in Egypt”

#### 12:45-1:45 LUNCH

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#### 1:45-3:15 IDENTITIES

- ◆ Chair: **Timur Kuran** (Duke University)
- ◆ **Oliver Lang** (University of Wisconsin, Madison), **Alexandra Blackman** (Cornell University), **Steven Brooke** (University of Wisconsin, Madison), and **Gabriel Koehler-Derrick** (NYU Abu Dhabi)  
“Tribal Voting in New Democracies: Evidence from 6 Million Tunisian Voter Records”
- ◆ **Aslı Cansunar** (University of Washington), and **Berfin Baydar** (Duke University)  
“Homogenizing the High Street: The Demographic Engineering of the Economic Elite Through Taxation”
- ◆ **Thomas Pepinsky** (Cornell University), **Joel C. Kuipers** (George Washington University), and **Nicholas Kuipers** (National University of Singapore)  
“Ethnicity, Politics, and the Rise of Religious Identity: Evidence from Indonesian Names”

#### 3:15-3:45 BREAK

#### 3:45-5:15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Chair: **Asim Khwaja** (Harvard University)
- ◆ **Kareem Haggag** (UCLA) and **Adam Osman** (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign)  
“Expanding Access to Finance Through Micro-Equity”
- ◆ **Adeel Malik** (University of Oxford) and **Rinchan Ali Mirza** (University of Kent)  
“Canals and the Political Economy of Development”

## DAY 2 // April 20, 2022

#### 9:00-11:15 FAMILY

- ◆ Chair: **Jean-Paul Carvalho** (University of Oxford)
- ◆ **Elizabeth Nugent** (Princeton University), **Alexandra Domike Blackman** (Cornell University), **Nicholas J. Lotito** (Princeton University), and **Daniel L. Tavana** (Pennsylvania State University)  
“All in the Family? Political Socialization and the Legacies of State Violence”
- ◆ **Tuğba Bozçağa** (King’s College London), **Rabia Kutlu** (Stanford University), and **Aytuğ Şaşmaz** (Bryn Mawr College)  
“When Incumbent Mayors Affect Representativeness: The (Re)emergence of Kinship Ties in Local Councils”
- ◆ **Farhan Majid** (University of Pennsylvania) and **Rakesh Banerjee** (University of Exeter)  
“Parental Response to Fetal Shocks and Macroeconomic Volatility”

#### 11:15-11:45 BREAK

#### 11:45-1:15 DATA

- ◆ Chair: **Lisa Blaydes** (Stanford University)
- ◆ **Melani Cammett** (Harvard University), **Gabriel Koehler-Derrick** (NYU Abu Dhabi) and **Allison Hartnett** (USC)  
“MENAHDHA dataset”
- ◆ **Fotini Christia** (MIT) and **Aidan J. Miliff** (Florida State University, Tallahassee)  
“Who Flees? A Big-Data Approach to the Determinants of Forced Migration”

#### 1:15-1:45 LUNCH

#### 1:45-3:15 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF RELIGION

- ◆ Chair: **Melani Cammett** (Harvard University)
- ◆ **Nathanael Sumaktoyo** (National University of Singapore)  
“The Broader Political Significance of Houses of Worship: Theory and Evidence from Indonesian Mosques”
- ◆ **David Patel** (Harvard University)  
“The Market for Ayatollahs: Competition and Religious Authority Between Najaf and Qom”