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EDUCATION **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, *Expected:* June 2018

Washington University in St. Louis

B.S., Political Science and Economics, minor in Arabic, 2011

Cum Laude, Honors in Political Science

Honors Thesis: Hezbollah's Struggle at the Ballot Box: The Consequences of Electoral Laws in Multi-Confessional Lebanon

RESEARCH INTERESTS Authoritarian elections and electoral institutions, electoral fraud, democratic development and regime change, gender and politics, Middle East and North Africa

DISSERTATION **To Rig the Rules or to Break the Rules: The Politics of Electoral Manipulation in Autocracies**

Committee: Barbara Geddes (chair), Kathleen Bawn, Lisa Blaydes, and Michael Thies

Job Market Paper: *The Politics of Electoral Manipulation in Authoritarian Regimes: Election Rigging and Vote Buying in Algeria*

What are the determinants of election quality in authoritarian regimes? Scholars have increasingly claimed that autocrats establish elections as a means to strengthen the regime. Holding elections also entails the risk of losing and thus, dictators have incentives to manipulate elections to make sure they win. I theorize that authoritarian leaders refrain from using fraud under domestic conditions that facilitate the flow of information to citizens and in turn, encourage collective action. Additionally, incumbents have less incentive to degrade electoral quality when they are aiming to strengthen their legitimacy. Using data from an original survey (N=1,000) across 39 provinces in Algeria to measure two types of fraudulent strategies — election rigging and vote buying, I show that autocrats are less likely to resort to fraud when there exist extensive local associations that encourage citizen communication. Addressing endogeneity concerns, I employ an exogenous instrument for local associations – namely education during the French colonial era – to disentangle the endogeneity of citizen network to fraud. I also report that the need for legitimacy, operationalized as civil war deaths, decreases vote buying. My research explores ways of measuring fraud through incorporating a randomized-response technique and a list experiment in a survey. I also provide new evidence of the extent of electoral fraud in Algeria and its subnational variation.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW “Are Authoritarian Elections Good for Citizens? Electoral Institutions and Mass Repression in Dictatorships” (with Chao-yo Cheng) (under review)

“Power Sector Reform in India: Comparison across States” (with Chao-yo Cheng, Julia Yu-Jung Lee, Galen Murray, Joseph van Horn, and Johannes Urpelainen) (under review)

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

“The Politics of Electoral Manipulation in Authoritarian Regimes: Cross-National Evidence” (dissertation paper)

“Electoral Experiences in Algeria and Kuwait” (dissertation paper)

“Gender Quotas and Co-optation of Women in Autocracies” (dissertation paper)

“Islamist Opposition and Civil War Violence in Algeria” (in progress, with Caroline Abadeer)

“David vs. Goliath: Why Do Authoritarian Leaders Sanction Major Powers?” (in progress, with Menevis Cilizoglu)

“Domestic Politics and Housing Prices in South Korea” (in progress, with Eric Cho)

OTHER
WRITINGS

“The Muslim Brotherhood in Kuwait: Social Activism to Political Prominence. Memo prepared for the Workshop on Islamists and Local Politics Conference, Program on Governance and Local Development and Project on Middle East Political Science, Brastad, Sweden, June 13-15, 2017.

“Kuwaitis voted Saturday. Opposition gains send a strong signal about the economy.” *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. November 29, 2016 (with Marwa Shalaby)

AWARDS,
GRANTS, &
FELLOWSHIPS

External

- Research Grant, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), 2017
- Travel Research Engagement Grant, The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), 2016
- Field Research Grant, The Center for the Middle East at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, 2016
- Conference & Travel Research Grant, The Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 2016
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute Grant, National Science Foundation, 2016
- Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2016, 2017

Internal

- Teaching Assistant Consultant Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA International Institute, 2017
- Research Travel Grant, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016
- University Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015
- Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2013, 2014
- Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2012
- Todd Lewis Friedman Prize, Washington University in St. Louis Department of Political Science, 2011
- Undergraduate Research Award, Washington University in St. Louis Office of Undergraduate Research, 2010

ACADEMIC AND
PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYMENT

- Track II Conference Report Writer, 2017
- Country Coordinator on Kuwait, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), 2016-present
- Math Maven, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016-2017, Statistics and formal methods consultant for graduate students

- Research Assistant to Lauren Peritz (UC Davis), 2015
- Research Assistant to Julia Kim (Incheon National University), 2015

- PRESENTATIONS
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference, Washington DC, October 2017 (scheduled)
 - Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) & The Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD) Workshop on Local Islamist Politics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 2017
 - Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Annual Conference, The George Washington University, May 2017
 - Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI) Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2017
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2016, 2017
 - Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015, 2016
 - Annual Graduate Comparative Politics Conference at UCLA, 2015

- TEACHING
- Lecturer
- PS157: Government and Politics in the Middle East, Summer 2016, Summer 2017

- Teaching Assistant
- Great Powers in the Middle East, Steven Spiegel, 2016, 2017
 - Arab-Israeli Relations, Steven Spiegel, 2016
 - Introduction to Data Analysis, Erin Hartman, 2016
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics, Michael Thies, 2015
 - Political Economy of Development, Michael Ross, 2015
 - Politics and Strategy (game theory), Kathleen Bawn, 2014

- SERVICE
- Search Committee, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016-2017
 - Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, UCLA, 2016-2017
 - Guest Lecturer on the Arab Spring, Introduction to Comparative Politics, 2015, 2016
 - Keynote Speaker, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) at UCLA, October 2016
 - Mentor for Incoming Graduate Students, UCLA, 2015-present
 - Coordinator, Annual Graduate Comparative Politics Conference at UCLA, 2014, 2015

- FIELD EXPERIENCE
- Algeria: Summer 2017
 - Kuwait: Fall 2016
 - Lebanon: Summer 2010

- ADDITIONAL TRAINING
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) at Duke University, 2016
 - Summer Arabic School, Middlebury College, 2013
 - Study abroad, American University in Cairo, 2009

- SKILLS
- Languages
- Korean (native), English (fluent), Arabic (advanced), Persian (beginner)

- Software
- R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, Latex

REFERENCES

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