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## Current position

2019- *Assistant Professor*, New York University Abu Dhabi

## Previous positions

2018-2019 *Postdoctoral Research Scholar*, Princeton University

## Education

2018 PhD in Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia  
2010 MA in Middle East Studies, George Washington University  
2008 BA in International Relations, Wheaton College

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed

2020 Cheng, Cindy, Barcelo, Joan, Hartnett, Allison, Kubinec, Robert and Messerschmidt, Luca. "COVID-19 Government Response Event Dataset (CoronaNet v.1.0)." *Nature Human Behavior*. doi:10.1038/s41562-020-0909-7  
2020 Kropko, Jonathan and Kubinec, Robert. "Why the Two-way Fixed Effects Model is Difficult to Interpret, and What to Do About It." *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0231349

### Working Papers

- Presented at APSA 2016

2018 Kubinec, Robert. "Generalized Ideal Point Models for Time-Varying and Missing-Data Inference." doi:10.31219/osf.io/8j2bt

- Presented at Polmeth 2017 and Polmeth 2019

- 2017 Kubinec, Robert. "Politically-Connected Firms and the Military-Clientelist Complex in North Africa." doi:10.31235/osf.io/mrfcu
- Presented at APSA 2017
- 2018 Kubinec, Robert and Owen, John. "When Groups Fall Apart: Measuring Transnational Polarization with Twitter from the Arab Uprisings." doi:10.31235/osf.io/wykmj
- Presented at APSA 2017
- 2018 Kubinec, Robert and Grewal, Sharan. "When National Unity Governments are neither National, United, nor Governments: The Case of Tunisia's Parliament." doi:10.31235/osf.io/6z74r
- Presented at APSA 2018
- 2018 Kubinec, Robert. "Patrons or Clients? Measuring and Experimentally Evaluating Political Connections of Firms in Morocco and Jordan." Working Paper available at the Economic Research Forum.
- Workshop on the Political Economy of State Business Relations and of Growth in the Middle East and North Africa at the Universite Paris-Dauphine 2018

### Software

- 2017-2019 Kubinec, Robert. *idealstan*: An R Package for Bayesian Ideal Point Modeling. CRAN link
- 2017 Kubinec, Robert. *algoeval*: An R Package for Evaluation of Machine-Learning Algorithm Performance.

### Newspaper articles

- 2017 Kubinec, Robert, (Aug. 13, 2017), "How to Respond to Terrorism", *The Daily Progress*
- 2016 Kubinec, Robert, (Dec. 19, 2016), "How Foreign Aid Could Hurt Tunisia's Transition to Democracy", *Washington Post*

## Grants and fellowships

### External

- 2019 Koch Foundation Grant for "Online Survey Research on the U.S. - China Trade War" (\$10k)
- 2017-2018 Economic Research Forum, "A Survey of Firm-Level Political Participation" (\$6k)
- 2017 Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant (\$5k)
- 2016 Project on Middle East Political Science Travel, Research & Engagement Grant (\$3k)

## Internal

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2017        | Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Grant                                                                                                  |
| 2015 - 2016 | Quandt International Research Fund travel grant, University of Virginia                                                                 |
| 2015        | Summer Research Grant, Graduate School for Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia                                                    |
| 2014-2015   | Developing Students for Leadership in Data-intensive Research and Innovation fellowship, Data Science Institute, University of Virginia |
| 2014        | Summer Foreign Language Fellowship, University of Virginia                                                                              |
| 2008-2010   | Elliott School High Achievement Fellowship, George Washington University                                                                |
| 2009        | Banville Tuition Fellowship, George Washington University                                                                               |

## Invited Talks

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| 2017 | Tunisia Country Team, Millennial Challenge Corporation, Washington DC |
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## Field Research

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| 2016 | Interviews about the political role of businesspeople in Egypt and Tunisia. |
| 2015 | Semi-structured interviews with Tunisian scholars, pundits and journalists  |
| 2015 | Focus groups on sharia law courts in Palestine with PI Prof. Deena Hurwitz  |
| 2010 | Structured interviews with Jordanian policymakers                           |

## Professional Experience & Consulting

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| 2017-2018 | Acting Data Scientist, Unbias                                 |
| 2011-2013 | Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State             |
| 2010-2011 | Data Mining Consultant, IBM Advanced Analytics & Optimization |