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Current position

2019-   *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, Social Sciences Division, New York University Abu Dhabi

Previous positions

2018-2019   *Postdoctoral Research Scholar*, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, 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

Books

2023   Kubinec, Robert. *Making Democracy Safe for Business: Corporate Politics During the Arab Uprisings*. Cambridge University Press.

- Blog on Cambridge Fifteen Eighty Four

- Podcast with Marc Lynch, Project on Middle East Political Science

Journal Articles

2024   Kubinec, Robert; Carvalho, Luiz Max; Barcelo, Joan; Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Cottrell, Matthew Sean and Duba, Derek. "A Bayesian Latent Variable Model for the Optimal Identification of Disease Incidence Rates Given Information Constraints." *Journal of*

the Royal Statistical Society Series A. Forthcoming.

2024   Kubinec, Robert; Barcelo, Joan; Goldszmidt, Rafael; Grujic, Vanja; Model, Timothy; Schenk, Caress; Cheng, Cindy; Hale, Thomas; Spencer Hartnett; Allison, Messerschmidt, Luca; Petherick, Anna, and Thorvaldsdottir, Svanhildur. "Cross-National Measures of the Intensity of COVID-19 Public Health Policies." Conditionally Accepted at the *Journal of Politics.* doi:10.31235/osf.io/rn9xk.

2024   Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Bravo, Isaac; Waldbauer, Marco; Bhavikatti, Rohan; Schenck, Caress; Grujic, Vanja; Model, Tim, and Kubinec, Robert. "Harmonizing Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Scientific Data.* doi:10.1038/s41597-023-02881-x.

2023   Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Bravo, Isaac; Waldbauer, Marco; Bhavikatti, Rohan; Schenck, Caress; Grujic, Vanja; Model, Tim, and Kubinec, Robert. "A General Primer for Harmonizing Data." *Scientific Data.* doi:10.1038/s41597-024-02956-3j.

2023   Kubinec, Robert and Milner, Helen. "Taxes in the Time of Revolution: An Experimental Test of the Rentier State during Algeria's Hirak." Forthcoming at *World Politics.*

2023   Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Why Corporate Political Connections Can Impede Investment." *Comparative Political Studies* doi:10.1177/00104140231204227.

2022   Kilavuz, Tahir; Grewal, Sharan and Kubinec, Robert. "Ghosts of the Black Decade: How Legacies of Violence Shaped Algeria's Hirak Protests." *Journal of Peace Research* doi:10.1177/00223433221137613.

2022   Kubinec, Robert."Ordered Beta Regression: A Parsimonious, Well-Fitting Model for Continuous Data with Lower and Upper Bounds." *Political Analysis* doi:10.1017/pan.2022.20.

2022   Barcelo, Joan; Kubinec, Robert; Cheng, Cindy; Hoye Rahn, Tiril; and Messerschmidt, Luca. "Windows of Repression: Using COVID-19 Policies against Political Dissidents?" *Journal of Peace Research* doi:10.1177/00223433211062389.

2021   Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Politically-Connected Companies Are Less Likely to Shutdown Due to COVID-19 Restrictions." *Social Science Quarterly.* doi:10.1111/ssqu.13040.

2020   Kubinec, Robert and Owen, John. "When Groups Fall Apart: Identifying Transnational Polarization with Twitter from the Arab Uprisings." *Political Analysis* doi:10.1017/pan.2020.46.

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

2023   Kubinec, Robert. "Getting Off the Gold Standard: A Holistic Approach to Causal Inference with Entropic Causal Graphs." *SocArchiv Preprint.* doi:10.31235/osf.io/a492b

- *Under review*

2023   Kubinec, Robert; Morse, Anna and Pandya, Sonal. "Offshore Capital and Onshore Discrimination: The Biased Effects of India's Anti-corruption Campaigns on Muslim Businesses." *SocArchiv Preprint.* doi:10.31235/osf.io/aqtxs

- *Under review*

2023   Francis, David and Kubinec, Robert. "Beyond Political Connections: A Measurement Model Approach to Estimating Firm-level Political Influence in 41 Economies." *World Bank Working Paper.* No. WPS10119. `https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/099855207052233298/idu0158ecaac01be104fd80a04a03c9cf1992a74`

- *Under review*

2022   Dolan, Lindsay; Kubinec, Robert; Nielson, Daniel, and Zhang, Jack. "A Field Experiment on Business Opposition to the U.S.-China Trade War." *SocArchiv Preprint.* doi:10.31235/osf.io/435u9

- *Under review*

2020   Kubinec, Robert. "Generalized Ideal Point Models for Time-Varying and Missing-Data Inference." *SocArchiv Preprint.* doi:10.31219/osf.io/8j2bt

2019   Kubinec, Robert and Grewal, Sharan. "When National Unity Governments are neither National, United, nor Governments: The Case of Tunisia." *SocArchiv Preprint.* doi:10.31235/osf.io/6z74r

2018   Kubinec, Robert. "Patrons or Clients? Measuring and Experimentally Evaluating Political Connections of Firms in Morocco and Jordan." *Economic Research Forum Working Paper Series.* No. 1280. `https://erf.org.eg/publications/patrons-or-clients-measuring-and-experimentally-ev`

Grants and fellowships

External

2020	European Unions Horizon 2020 for "CoronaNet Government Response Event Datasets" (€835k)
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

2020	COVID-19 Facilitator Research Fund ($30k)
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

Reports and Op-eds

2023	Kubinec, Robert, and Amr, Yakout, "Kais Saied: How the fear bias affects the opinions of Tunisians", *Inkyfada Data Stories*
2023	Kubinec, Robert, "Arabs Want Democracy–But Not With Corruption", *Cambridge University Press 518 Blog*
2022	Kubinec, Robert and Mighri, Hamza, "Tunisia Faces the Specter of Government Failure", *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*
2022	Kubinec, Robert, "COVID-19 Responses in the Middle East and North Africa in Global Perspective", *Project on Middle East Political Science*
2022	Dolan, Lindsay; Kubinec, Robert; Nielson, Daniel; and Zhang, Jack. "Trump's Trade War with China Failed. Why Didn't US Companies Push Back More?", *Washington Post*
2021	Kubinec, Robert, (Spring 2021), "Pandemic Safe Research with Online Surveys", *American Political Science Association MENA Politics Newsletter*

2020   Kubinec, Robert, (April 2020), "The CoronaNet Database", *Project on Middle East Political Science Studies No. 39*

2019   Grewal, Sharan; Kilavuz, Tahir M.; and Kubinec, Robert, (July 2019), "Algeria's Uprising: A Survey of Protesters and the Military", *The Brookings Institution*

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*

Invited Talks

2024   Design and Data Analysis Lecture Series, University of Virginia
2023   Department of Political Science, Universite de Montreal
2023   Governance and Local Development Institute, University of Gothenburg
2022   Connected Politics Lab, University College Dublin
2022   Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, Rutgers University
2022   Department of Political Science, Seoul National University
2021   European Union Periscope Project
2017   Tunisia Country Team, Millennial Challenge Corporation, Washington DC

Software

2022   Kubinec, Robert. `ordbetareg`: Ordered Beta Regression Models with Brms. CRAN link

2022   Kubinec, Robert. `idealstan`: An R Package for Bayesian Ideal Point Modeling. Github link

2022   Model, Timothy and Kubinec, Robert. `CoronaNetR`: Access CoronaNet COVID-19 Policy Data. CRAN link

Service to the Profession

Meetings

2023   Formateur for Pandemic Politics Conferece at New York University Abu Dhabi
2024   Formateur for Polmeth MENA/Asia Conference at New York University Abu Dhabi

Journals & Reviewing

I have been a reviewer for *Political Analysis*, *The American Political Science Review*, *The American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Political Analysis*, *Journal*

of Peace Research, *PLOS One*, *PLOS Global Public Health*, *The Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *SAGE Open*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *The Journal of Public Policy*. *Scientific Reports* and *Middle East Law and Governance*.

Editing

2023   Field Specialist for Unjournal

Public Reviews

2023   Kubinec, Robert. "Evaluation 1 of 'Does the Squeaky Wheel Get More Grease? The Direct and Indirect Effects of Citizen Participation on Environmental Governance in China'". *Unjournal.* `https://unjournal.pubpub.org/pub/buntaineeval1revised`.

Professional Experience & Consulting

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