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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

2022 *(In Press)*. Kubinec, Robert. *Making Democracy Safe for Business: Corporate Politics During the Arab Uprisings*. Cambridge University Press.

### Journal Articles

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

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

- 2022 Kubinec, Robert; Lee, Haillie and Tomashevskiy, Andrey. "Why Corporate Political Connections Can Impede Investment." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/uks25
- *Under Review*
- 2022 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." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/rn9xk
- *Under review*
- 2022 Kubinec, Robert; Carvalho, Luiz Max; Barcelo, Joan; Cheng, Cindy; Messerschmidt, Luca; Cottrell, Matthew Sean and Duba, Derek. "Fear, Partisanship and the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/jp4wk
- *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*

2022

Kubinec, Robert. "Politically-Connected Firms and the Military-Clientelist Complex in North Africa." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/mrfcu

- *Under review*

2022

Kubinec, Robert and Milner, Helen. "Taxes in the Time of Revolution: An Experimental Test of the Rentier State during Algeria's Hirak." *SocArchiv Preprint*. doi:10.31235/osf.io/hu3vq

- *Under review*

2022

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>

2022

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

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/publications/patrons-or-clients-measuring-and-experimentally-evaluating-political-connections-of-firms-in-morocco-and-jordan>

### **Reports and Op-eds**

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*

### 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. Github link

### 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* and *Middle East Law and Governance*.

### 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

- 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

## Invited Talks

2022 Rutgers University Summer Institute for Computational Social Science  
2022 Seoul National University  
2021 European Union Periscope Project  
2017 Tunisia Country Team, Millennial Challenge Corporation, Washington DC

## Professional Experience & Consulting

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