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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Assistant Professor</b><br>University Mohammed VI Polytechnique (Rabat, Morocco)<br>Faculty of Governance, Economics, & Social Sciences | Sept. 2020-present   |
| <b>Research Fellow, Twitter MNA Lab, World Bank</b><br>With World Bank-MENA Poverty & Jobs Global Practice                                 | July 2021- June 2022 |
| <b>World Bank/UNHCR Young Fellow in Forced Displacement</b><br>With World Bank-Europe & Central Asia Social Development Global Practice    | July 2020- June 2021 |

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Ph.D.</b> University of Toronto, Political Science  | 2021 |
| <b>M.A.</b> University of Toronto, Political Science   | 2014 |
| <b>B.Sc.</b> University of Montreal, Political Science | 2012 |

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer Reviewed Journal Publications*

1. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2026. "The Colonial Origins of Secularization: Historical Pathways of Economic Elites and Religiosity in the Middle East and North Africa". *Politics & Religion*.
2. Abdul Reda, Amir, and Xiao Lu. 2026. "Crisis Governance and Protest during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Europe: A Conditional Grievance Theory". *Journal of European Public Policy*.
3. Abdul Reda, Amir, and Abdulaziz al Khonin. 2025 "More pressing matters: Can priority reorientation beat online misinformation?". *Journal of Computational Social Sciences*.
4. Abdul Reda, Amir, Semuhi Sinanoglu, and Amine Aboussalah. 2023. "Out of sight, out of mind: The Impact of Lockdown Measures on Sentiment Towards Refugees". *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

5. Abdul Reda, Amir, Nicholas A.R. Fraser, Ahmed Khattab. 2022. "Does Social Mobility Matter? The Kafala System and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment". *Political Studies Review*
  - a. Recipient of the **Best Paper Award** for the **Migration & Citizenship Section** at **APSA 2025**
6. Abdul Reda, Amir, Semuhi Sinanoglu, and Mohamed Abdalla. 2021. "Mobilizing the Masses: Measuring Resource Mobilization on Twitter". *Sociological Methods & Research*.
7. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2019. "Determinants of Arab public opinion on the Caliphate: Islamist elites, religiosity and socioeconomic conditions". *Middle Eastern Studies*. 55(5):813-36.
8. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2018. "Political Culture in the Islamic World: The Socioeconomic Roots of the Islamic Leviathan". *Comparative Sociology*. 17(5): 612-40.
9. Abdul Reda, Amir. 2016. "Framing Political Islam: Syria's Muslim Brotherhood and the 2011 Uprising." *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* [now *American Journal of Islam and Society*] 33(4):1-22.

### ***Books & Edited Volumes***

1. With Assarssah, Youssef. 2025. "Protest Dynamics & Authoritarian Repression in the Arab World: What do we know a decade after the Arab Spring?". In El Kurd, Dana Ed. *Handbook on Arab Authoritarianism*. Bloomsbury Politics: USA.
2. With Omolola Olarinde. 2023. "Migration aspirations in Kenya, Morocco and Nigeria during the COVID-19 pandemic: A social media analysis". In Loulichki, Mohammed Ed. *Atlantic Currents 10th edition: A More Assertive Atlantic: Its Meaning for the World*. Policy Center for the New South: Rabat, Morocco.

### ***Working Papers***

1. With Mohammed el Guide, "Finding Lorelei? A Tensor-Spectral Approach to Protest Cycles".
2. With Steinert-Threlkeld, Zachary. "Batting the Beehive or Nipping the Bud? Deadly Repression & Protest Cycle Intensity in 52 African Societies".
3. With Fatima-Ezzahra ElKhaloufi, Thomas Richter, and Moritz Schmoll. "Rolling Back Subsidies, Rolling in the Unrest? Social Policy Reform and Civil Unrest in Iran".
4. With Abdulaziz Alkhonin. "Do Constituency Protests Move Legislators? Protest Timing, Fear, and Party Loyalty During the 2023 French Pension Reform".
5. With Tornari, Melissa and Omolola Olarinde. "Using Social Media Forums to Understand Migration Aspiration and Information-Seeking Behaviours: An NPL Investigation During COVID-19".

## SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

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| <b>Horizon Europe (~3,000,000 Euros)</b>                                                                                                                                                    | 2022-2025       |
| Co-PI/consortium member on a research project focused on the decision-making processes of (aspiring) migrants.                                                                              |                 |
| <b>MENASP Research Projects—Follow Up Funding (10,000GBP)</b>                                                                                                                               | 2024            |
| Co PI in research project “The Political Risks of Subsidy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa” funded by MENASP at the University of Bath and financed by UKRI.                      |                 |
| <b>MENASP Research Projects (50,000GBP)</b>                                                                                                                                                 | 2022-2023       |
| Co PI in research project “The Political Risks of Subsidy Reform in the Middle East and North Africa” funded by MENASP at the University of Bath and financed by UKRI.                      |                 |
| <b>APSA MENA Mentorship Program</b>                                                                                                                                                         | 2022            |
| With Mark Tessler (University of Michigan)                                                                                                                                                  |                 |
| <b>FAS Doctoral Completion Award (5,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                                              | 2020            |
| University of Toronto                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |
| <b>Harvard Pre-Doctoral Visiting Fellow</b>                                                                                                                                                 | Sept-Dec 2019   |
| Under the supervision of Stephen Ansolabehere and Melani Cammett at the department of Government & Center for American Political Studies (CAPS). Unfulfilled because of visa complications. |                 |
| <b>C.B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship (3,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                                    | 2018            |
| University of Toronto Department of Political Science                                                                                                                                       |                 |
| <b>Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Doctoral Award (6,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                      | 2018-19         |
| Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council                                                                                                                                             |                 |
| <b>SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier (CGS) –Doctoral Award (105,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                     | 2017-20         |
| Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council                                                                                                                                             |                 |
| <b>Ontario Graduate Scholarship (15,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                                              | 2016-17         |
| Government of Ontario and Faculty of Arts and Science (University of Toronto)                                                                                                               |                 |
| <b>Graduate Admission Award (10,000\$)</b>                                                                                                                                                  | 2015-17         |
| Faculty of Arts and Science (University of Toronto)                                                                                                                                         |                 |
| <b>Junior Fellowship (6,900\$)</b>                                                                                                                                                          | 2013-14 & 15-17 |
| Massey College (University of Toronto)                                                                                                                                                      |                 |

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

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**Paper Presentation**, “Money Talks, Protesters Walk? Containment Policy, Economic Support, and Protests during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Europe”, Guest Speaker, École de Santé Publique de l’Université de Montréal, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Paper Presentation**, “Batting the Beehive or Nipping the Bud? Deadly Repression & Protest Cycle Intensity in 54 African Societies”, American Political Science Association 2025, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Paper Presentation**, “Policymaking to the Tempo? Timing, Policy Implementation & Protest Cycle during the Covid-19 Pandemic”, American Sociological Association General Meeting, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Paper Presentation**, “Batting the Beehive or Nipping the Bud? Deadly Repression & Protest Cycle Intensity in 54 African Societies”, European political Science Association 2024, July 04<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Paper Presentation**, “Policymaking to the Tempo? Timing, Policy Implementation & Protest Cycle during the Covid-19 Pandemic”, Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting 2024, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Invited Speaker**, “Information & misinformation – social media”, Changing Regional Security Dynamics in the MENA Region, June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2024 (Rabat, Morocco).

**Invited Speaker**, “Challenges in Estimating the Impact of Climate Change on Migration: A Complex Causal Mechanism”, Global South Summit on Climate Displacement—IDRC & AIRESS, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023.

**Paper Presentation**, “The Political Risk of Subsidy Reforms in the MENA Region”, 5th Bi-Annual MENASP Network Conference 2023, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Invited Speaker**, “Measuring and Forecasting Political Risk around the World: Social Media Data & Computational Methods”, Symposium on Digital Governance and Global Risk Politics (Risk A-Lab), May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Invited Speaker**, “The Weaponization of Social Media”, The Atlantic Dialogues (Web TV), November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “Whipping (or Ignoring) the Cycle? Diaspora Mobilizations on Twitter & Protest Cycles at Home”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “The Political Risk of Subsidy Reforms in the MENA Region”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “Modeling Cycles”, PolMeth Europe 2022, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “Securitization of Development in the Middle East and North Africa”, Midwest Political Science Association General Meeting, April 09<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “New Approaches in Measurement”, Midwest Political Science Association General Meeting, April 09<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Invited Speaker**, “Festival of Innovation & Social Technology (Morocco)”, Moroccan Center for Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Paper Presentation**, “Curbing Xenophobia? Mobility Changes & Sentiment Toward Refugees on Twitter during the COVID 19 Pandemic”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

**Invited Speaker**, “[Technologies and Big Data in Shaping African Public Services: Towards Efficient Digital Solutions for Africa Social Good](#)”, The Policy Center for the New South (PCNS), in partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS), April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. [Available online](#).

**Invited Speaker**, “[Social Media Applications: Between the Reinforcement of Social Movements & the Challenges of Data Privacy](#)”, Les Mardis du PCNS, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. [Available online](#).

**Invited Speaker**, “Natural Language Processing for Business Intelligence Investigation”, Duff & Phelps Business Intelligence Investigation Friday Invited Speaker Series, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Paper Presentation**, “One Index to Rule Them All! Quantifying Social Movement Theories”, American Political Science Association General Meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Paper Presentation**, “The Socioeconomic and Ideological Roots of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the Middle East and North Africa”, Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Paper Presentation**, “A New Roadmap to Culture: Mapping Political Culture with Network Algorithms & Graph Theory”, Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Panel Chair**, “Topics in Muslim Societies,” Canadian Political Science Association General Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Paper Presentation**, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” APSA MENA Workshop, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Paper Presentation**, “The Socioeconomic and Ideological Roots of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the Middle East and North Africa”, Comparative Politics Workshop (Univ. of Toronto), 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018.

**Paper Presentation**, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” Behavioral Research Group (Univ. of Toronto), 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018.

**Paper Presentation**, “Triggers of Public Opinion in Weak and Illiberal Democracies: Elite, Mass Media, and Socioeconomic Development in the Arab World,” APSA MENA Workshop, 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2018.

**Paper Presentation**, “Arab Public Opinion on the Caliphate”, Behavioral Research Group (Univ. of Toronto), 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2018.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University Mohamed VI Polytechnique, Morocco**

**Assistant Professor, University Mohamed VI Polytechnique**

*All courses were taught in English, French and Arabic.*

*Undergraduate Courses*

- DAT201P: Analysis in Data Science (2020-)
- Acteurs Politiques & Mouvements Sociaux (2020-2021)
- POL302: Public Opinion, Elections, and Voting (2022-)

*Graduate Courses*

- Quantitative Analysis of Political Behavior (2020-2021)
- POL601: Applied Electoral Techniques and Analysis (2021-)
- Data Collection & Methods (2022)
- RES503: Quantitative Research Methods for Social Sciences 2 (2023-)

**University of Toronto, Canada**

2015-20

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science & Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy**

- *Teaching tutorials, marking, student advising, office hours, invigilation of test/exams.*
- GLA1012: Statistics for Global Affairs (Graduate Course)
- POL222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning
- POL232: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II
- POL242: Methods
- POLC38: International Law
- POLB92: Comparative Politics: Revolution
- POL218: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- POL201: Politics of Development: Issues & Controversies
- POL114: Politics in a Global world
- POL303: Politics of Islam

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Peer Reviewer**

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Social Forces, Political Research Quarterly, PS: Political Science & Politics, International Affairs, European Journal of Political Economy, Big Data & Society, Journal of Information Technology & Politics, Computational Communication Research, Politics Religion & Ideology, Heliyon.

**Best Paper Award Committee**

2025-2026: APSA MENA Section

2024-2025: Information Technology and Politics Section

### **Concentration/Minor Coordinator**

Data Analytics for Politics (UM6P FGSES, 2021-ongoing)

### **Data Advising/Consulting**

Legislative Election Consultant (Maghreb & North Africa Region), *Parti Socialiste* (France)

Economics, International Relations, and Social Media Valorization Teams. *Policy Center for the New South*. Rabat, Morocco (2021)

### **Teaching Curriculum Remodeling**

*Member*. Remodeling of the courses offered at the undergraduate & graduate level. UM6P-Faculty of Governance, Economics & Social Sciences (FGSES).

### **Search Committees**

*Member*, Search committee, University Mohamed VI Polytechnique, Political Science, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2025

### **Supervision & Committee Members**

*Doctoral Thesis:*

- Committee Member
  - Ahmad Khattab (Georgetown University, Estimated graduation date: 2024).
  - Abdulaziz alKhonin (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Estimated graduation date: 2028)

*Master Thesis:*

- Thesis Supervisor:
  - Aya el Mazzouni (2026), Khouloud Abouri (2025), Amine Abbadi (2023-24), Malak Belakhdar (2023-4), Maha Fahli (2022)
- Committee Member:
  - Adam Rabih (2023), Ikram Ezhraouan (2023), Ayoub El-Hasnaoui (2020)

*Undergraduate Thesis:* Supervisor:

- Supervisor:
  - Ziyad Chaouki (2025), Lina Benbarka
  - Ikram Midmane (2021)
- Committee member
  - Soukaina Aboulmira (2023), Meryem Marouane (2023)

### **The Society for Political Methodology ICPSR Expansions Initiative Mentor**

For the following students: Connor Herbert

### **Symposium Co-Organizer**

“The AI Revolution in Academic Research,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

“Toxic Threat: Radioactive Waste on Indigenous Lands,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

“Pluralism and Islam: Muslim Citizenship in Western Liberal Democracies,” Massey College & University of Toronto, Symposium, 2017

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING & SKILLS**

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**Languages:** English (Fluent), Arabic & French (Native), Spanish & Italian (Reading Proficiency), Russian (Beginner)

**Statistical Packages/Programming:** R, Python, Latex.

**Fieldwork,** Lebanon & Cote d’Ivoire