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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.* Forthcoming at 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* 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

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

- *R&R* at the Journal of Politics

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

- *R&R* at World Politics

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; 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   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   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*

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

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*, *The Journal of Public Policy* 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	Connected Politics Lab, University College Dublin
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