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## **Work Experience**

### Marxe School of Public and International Affairs, CUNY

Austin Marxe Endowed Chair of International Affairs *2019 – Present*  
Co-Founder, Program on African Social Research *2020 – Present*

### Vassar College

Professor, Political Science, Africana & International Studies *2018 – 2020*  
Assistant / Associate Professor *2007 – 2018*  
Interim Director, Program in International Studies *Spring 2017*  
Director, Program in Africana Studies *2013 – 2016*  
Chair, Committee on Inclusion and Excellence *2012 – 2016*

### Columbia University

Adjunct Associate Professor, Departments of Political Science and History *2012 – 2018*  
Research Associate, Center for International Conflict Resolution *2001 – 2003*  
Research Assistant, Institute of African Studies *2000 – 2001*

### University of Dar es Salaam

Fulbright Visiting Research Professor, Department of Political Science *2012 – 2013*

### UCLA

Instructor, Department of Political Science *2004 – 2006*  
Teaching Associate / Fellow, Political Science and Freshmen Summer Program *2002 – 2006*  
Research Assistant, Globalization Research Center Africa *2001 – 2002*

Consultant, Parliamentarians for Global Action *2001 – 2002*

Fellow, NetAid Foundation / United Nations Development Program *Summer 2001*

Intern, Constitutional Rights Project, Lagos, Nigeria *Summer 1999*

## **Education**

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, UCLA *2001 – 2007*  
Dissertation: “Stationary Bandits: Understanding Rebel Governance”  
Committee: Michael Ross, Richard Sklar, Dan Posner, Mahmood Mamdani

M.A., Department of Political Science, Columbia University *2000 – 2002*

B.A., African Studies and International Relations, Tufts University *1995 – 1999*

Advanced Swahili FLAS Fellow, Michigan State University	<i>Summer 2000</i>
Public Policy International Affairs Fellow, WWS, Princeton University	<i>Summer 1998</i>
Study Abroad, University of Dar es Salaam	<i>1997 – 1998</i>

## **Publications**

### **ACADEMIC**

#### Books:

*Africa Uprising: Popular Protest and Political Change.* 2015. African Arguments / Zed Press. With Adam Branch.

*Rebel Governance in Civil Wars.* 2015. Cambridge University Press. Co-edited with Ana Arjona and Nelson Kasfir.

*Rebel Rulers: Insurgent Governance and Civilian Life during War.* 2011. Cornell University Press.

*Peacemaking: From Practice to Theory.* 2011. Co-edited with Andrea Bartoli and Susan Allen Nan. Praeger Security International.

#### Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Explaining Variation in Rebel Political Institutions.” 2020. With Megan Stewart. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

“Resistance and Repression under the Rule of Rebels: Women, Clergy and Civilian Agency in LTTE Governed Sri Lanka.” 2019. With Nimmi Gowrinathan. *Journal of Comparative Politics.*

“Shifts in global power and UN peacekeeping performance: India’s rise and its impact on civilian protection in Africa.” 2018. *African Affairs.*

“Peacekeeping and the Arab World: India’s Rise and its Impact on UN Missions in Sudan.” 2016. In Makdisi, Kareem and Vijay Prashad. *Land of the Blue Helmets: The UN in the Arab World.* University of California Press.

“Performing the Nation-State: Rebel Groups and Symbolic Sovereignty.” 2015. *Rebel Governance,* co-edited by Ana Arjona, Nelson Kasfir and Zachariah Mampilly.

“Insurgent governance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” 2015. *Inducing Compliance with International Humanitarian Law: Lessons from the African Great Lakes Region,* edited by Heike Krieger. London: Cambridge University Press.

“Indian Peacekeeping and the Performance of the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.” 2014. *Peacekeeping in Africa: The Evolving Security Architecture*. Marco Wyss and Thierry Tardy, eds. New York: Routledge.

“The Nexus of Militarization and Corruption in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka.” 2011. In *Selling the Peace: Post-conflict Peacebuilding and Corruption*, co-edited by Dominik Zaum and Christine Cheng. New York: Routledge.

“A Marriage of Inconvenience: Tsunami Aid and the Unraveling of the LTTE’s and GoSL’s Complex Dependency.” 2009. *Civil Wars* 11(3): 302-320.

“Aid and Access in Sri Lanka.” 2009. *Humanitarian Exchange Magazine* 43. Co-authored with Nimmi Gowrinathan.

“Winning the War, but Losing the Peace: SPLA Local Governance and the Task Ahead.” 2005. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 43 (1). Co-authored with Adam Branch.

“Parcellized Sovereignty: Understanding the Politics of Conflict in Africa.” 2004. *Ufahamu* 30 (1).

Book Reviews, Symposia and Non-Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters:

“A Values Driven Foreign Policy for Africa.” *Dissent*. October 2020. With Jason Stearns.

“The Field is Everywhere.” 2020. In Szekely, Ora and Peter Krause. *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science*. New York: Columbia University Press.

“Introduction: A Transregional Approach to Africa and the Middle East.” 2020. With Hisham Aïdi and Marc Lynch. In Hisham Aïdi, Marc Lynch, Zachariah Mampilly. *POMEPS Studies 40 – Africa and the Middle East: Beyond the Divides*.

“And the Twain Shall Meet: Connecting Africa and the Middle East.” 2020. With Hisham Aïdi and Marc Lynch. In Hisham Aïdi, Marc Lynch, Zachariah Mampilly. *POMEPS Studies 40 – Africa and the Middle East: Beyond the Divides*.

“Africa’s Road to Democracy.” 2019. *Jacobin*. With Adam Branch.

“After Bashir: How Sudan Can Heal from Decades of Dictatorship.” 2019. *Foreign Affairs*.

“Review of *Thinking Freedom in Africa: Toward a Theory Of Emancipatory Politics* by Michael Neocosmos.” 2019. *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 57(2): 339-341.

“Roundtable on *Alliance Formation in Civil Wars* by Fotini Christia.” 2013. H-Diplo | ISSF Roundtable, Volume VI, No. 2.

“India’s African Sojourn.” 2013. In *A Handbook of Africa’s International Relations*, edited by Timothy Murithi. New York: Routledge.

“Review of *Governance Without a State: Policies and Politics in Areas of Limited Statehood* by Thomas Risse, ed.” 2012. *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 10, No. 4.

“A commentary on Séverine Autesserre's *The Trouble with the Congo*.” 2011. *African Security Review* 20(2): 101-107.

“Rebels with a Cause: A History of Rebel Governance, From the US Civil War to Libya.” 2011. *Foreign Affairs*.

“Review of *Civil Militia: Africa's Intractable Security Menace*.” 2007. *African Affairs*.

“When Will the Congo Find Peace?” 2004. *African Renaissance* 1 (2).

## **POLICY**

“The Role of Civilians and Civil Society in Preventing and Mitigating Mass Atrocities.” 2020. with Daniel Solomon, Anushani Alagarajah, Dharsha Jegatheeswaran, Nyathon Mai, and Congo Research Group. Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

“ISIS and Rebel Governance.” 2016. Brookings Institution. With Nelson Kasfir.

“Rebel Governance and the Syrian War.” 2013. POMEPS Briefings 22.

“Decision-making and Governance Performance in the Republic of South Sudan.” 2012. The World Bank.

“How can Former Rebels, Women, and Minorities be included in Democratic Processes?” 2009. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada.

## **REPORTAGE / OPEDS**

“A world of protest.” United Nations University. March 2021.

“Race, Caste and Kamala.” *Africa is a Country*. September 2020.

“Recent Protests in Sudan are much more than Bread Riots.” *The Washington Post*. December 2018. With Nisrin Elamin.

“Two Trips to Juba: Youth Activism and the Politics of Violence in South Sudan.” *Africa is a Country*. October 2018.

“Senegal's Rappers Continue to ‘Cry From the Heart’ for a More Just Society.” *The Conversation*. February 2018.

“South Sudan not facing ‘genocide’, but violence is constant.” *Al Jazeera*. February 2017.

"The Price of Peacekeeping: On India's Involvement in Sudan." *The Hindu*. July 2016.

"Decolonizing the United States: Lessons from Africa." *Ufahamu*. 2015.

"The People's Protest: Sudan from the Margins." *N+1*. January 2015.

"Burkina Faso's uprising part of an ongoing wave of African protests." *The Monkey Cage / Washington Post*. November 2014.

"Accursed by Man, Not God: The Fight for Tanzania's Gas Lands." *Warscapes*. October 2014.

"Witnessing the Birth of a Nation in Southern Sudan." *TheRoot.com*. January 2011.

"Behind Uganda's World Cup Terror Blasts." *TheRoot.com*. July 2010.

"Sudan's Elections and the Prospects for Peace." *TheRoot.com*. April 2010.

"What the U.S. can do for Congo." *TheRoot.com*. August 2009.

"M.I.A.'s Latest Hit: Save Sri Lanka." *TheRoot.com*. March 2009.

"Sudan on the Rebound?" *TheRoot.com*. December 2008.

"Organizing for Obama." *SAMAR Magazine* 28. February 2008.

"The Labeling of Genocide: Who Wins?" *Inthefray.com*. March 2007.

"The Pitfalls of Desi Consciousness." *Shabhash Version. 2.0*. April 2005

"Engaging Rebels in Tsunami Reconstruction Efforts." *Tamilnet.com*. January 2005.

"Uganda's Hidden War." *Africana.com*. April 2004.

"When Will the Congo Find Peace?" *Africana.com*. March 2004.

"Everybody Wants a Piece of Sudan." *Africana.com*. March 2004.

"Kith and Kinship: A Memorial for Philippe Wamba." *Inthefray.com*. September 2002.

"Gentrification and Resistance in Gullah Country." *Africana.com*. September 2002.

"Black Like Me: On Being Post- South Asian." *Inthefray.com*. November 2001.

"Beyond the Black Panthers: An Interview with Kathleen Cleaver." *Africana.com*. April 2001.

"The Afro/Gypsy Connection." *Africana.com*. May 2000.

“New Exhibit Highlights Kenyan Asians.” *Africana.com*. April 2000.

“Reviving the South Movement.” *Africana.com*. April 2000.

“East Africa Reborn.” *Africana.com*. March 2000.

“Foes or Allies: African American/ South Asian Relations.” *Africana.com*. March 2000.

“Indian Ocean Trade Association Helps Link Africa, Asia. *Africana.com*. March 2000.

“Ivory Coast: New Vision or Same Old Story.” *Africana.com*. March 2000.

“The Queen of Sheba’s Nigerian Roots.” *Africana.com*. February 2000.

“The African Diaspora of the Indian Subcontinent.” *Africana.com*. January 2000.

### **Academic Awards and Grants**

Institute for Advance Study, New Jersey. Member, School of Social Science 2021—2022

Carnegie Corporation, New York. Funding for Program on African Social Research (\$200,000) 2020 – 2022

Open Society Foundation, New York. Fellow. 2019 – 2020

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide. Leonard and Sophie Davis Genocide Prevention Fellow. 2018 – 2019

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Individual grant for project on taxation and rebel governance (\$23,000) 2017—2018

Assoc. for the Advancement of Liberal Arts Colleges w. Kim Dionne (\$17,000) 2016 – 2017

Vassar College, Research Grants for Travel to India, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Kenya D.R. Congo, South Sudan, Uganda. 2008 – 2017

International Development Research Center, Canada (\$40,000) 2013

Fulbright Research / Teaching Award, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2012 – 2013

Woodrow Wilson Center Fellowship, Washington D.C. *declined* 2012 – 2013

Dickey Center, Dartmouth College (\$15,000) w. Ana Arjona and Nelson Kasfir 2010

MacMillan Center, Yale University (\$15,000) w. Ana Arjona and Nelson Kasfir 2009

Rockefeller Foundation, Scholarly Residency at the Bellagio Center, Italy 2009

Mellon Foundation, Grant for travel to India, Egypt and Turkey	2008
UCLA International Institute, Associate Global Fellow	2006 – 2007
Department of Political Science, UCLA, Dissertation Fellow	2006 – 2007
UC Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Year Fellow	2005 – 2006
Department of Political Science, UCLA, Mentored Teaching Fellow	2005 – 2006
UCLA International Institute, Alice Belkin Scholarship	2005 – 2006
Globalization Research Center Africa, UCLA, Travel Grant Recipient	2003 – 2004
Swahili Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow, UCLA	2001 – 2002

### **Invited Presentations (selected)**

#### Taxation and Governance by Armed Groups:

UCSB (2021), CUNY Graduate Center (2021), University of Minnesota (2021), University of Oxford (2020), University of Cambridge (2020), American Political Science Association (2020), Denmark Institute for International Studies (2019), Georgetown University (2018), American University (2018), Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular (2018), University of Michigan (2018), University of Virginia (2017), International Studies Association (2017), Institute of Advanced Studies (2016), University of Toronto (2014).

#### Radical Rebel Diplomacy

University of California, Santa Barbara (2018).

#### Civilian Resistance to Rebel Rule: Oppositional Agency and the Tamil Tigers:

International Studies Association (2016), CUNY Graduate Center CP workshop (2016).

#### Africa Uprising: Popular Protest and Political Change:

Harvard University (2020), Columbia University (2020), University of Western Cape (2020), Emmanuel College (2020), Tufts University (2018), Heinrich Böll Foundation (2017), Colby College (2017), Notre Dame (2016), Leiden University (2016), Social Science Research Council (2016), African Grantmakers' Affinity Group (2016), University of Cambridge (2015), Claremont College (2015), Central European University (2015), International Studies Association (2015), African Studies Association (2014), College of Charleston (2014), Soka Gakkai University (2013), SUNY-Newburgh (2013), Roundtable at Yale University (2013).

#### Global Power Shifts and UN Peacekeeping Missions: How India's Rise Affects Peacekeeping Performance in Africa:

UCLA (2014), University of Toronto (2014), CUIPS / Columbia University (2013), Economic and Social Research Foundation, Tanzania (2013), ETH Zurich (2012), International Studies Association (2012).

Performing the Nation-State: Rebel Groups and Symbolic Sovereignty:

Workshop on Rebel Governance, Dartmouth College (2010), Conference on Rebel Governance, Yale (2009), American Political Science Association (2009).

Rebel Rulers: Insurgent Governance and Civilian Life during War:

West Point (2016), Leiden University (2016), Central European University (2015), Columbia University (2014), University of Utrecht (2013), Pomona College (2012), Arizona State University (2012), Columbia University (2011), Hansen Lecture Series / San Diego State University (2010), Northwestern (2010), Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale (2008).

Stationary Bandits: Understanding Rebel Governance:

International Studies Association (2008), Nuffield Grad Seminar, Oxford (2007), American Political Science Association (2007), African Studies Association (2007), Western Political Science Association (2006), Working Group in African Political Economy, UCLA (2006) Sudan Studies Association (2004), African Studies Association (2004).

Harvard University, February 2017. "Fieldwork in Conflict Zones" Conference.

Blouin Creative Leadership Summit, September 2015. "Democracy in Africa."

Project on Middle Eastern Political Science (POMEPS), George Washington University, 2015. Workshop on Syria.

Tufts University, 2015. "Social Movements and the Black Intellectual Tradition" Conference.

Geneva Call and PEIC, June 2015. Education and Armed Non-State Actor Workshop

University of Sussex, May 2015. Subnational Governance and Conflict Workshop.

George Washington University, November 2013. "Rebel Governance and the Syrian Opposition."

Brown University, March 2013. Conference on Subnational Research.

University of Southern California, March 2012. "Africa at a Crossroads: On Violent and Non-Violent Revolutions."

United States Department of State, June 2011: "Health Care Provision by the Sudan People's Liberation Army."

Fordham University, April 2011: "Democracy, Discontent and Dissent in Africa Today."

Georgetown University, February 2011: "Building a New Sudan."

Yale University Law School, November 2010: "Militarization and Counterinsurgency in Sri Lanka."

Rockefeller Foundation, April 2010: "The Future of the Refugee Camp: New Paradigms and Policies."



EPIIC Symposium, Tufts University, February 2010: “Violent Discontent: Sri Lanka’s Post-Conflict Confusion.”

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Government of Canada, November 2009: “How can former rebels be included in democratic processes.”

World Bank, October 2008: “Security, Governance and Political Economy: Constraints and Opportunities in Southern Sudan: Background and Key Findings.”

Yale University, February 2008: *Roundtable on the Congo War*.

UCLA African Studies Center, March 2006: “Conflict in Africa: an Overview” and “The War in the Democratic Republic of Congo.”

### **Other Professional Experience**

Book Manuscript Workshops: Chris Day (College of Charleston), Morgan Kaplan (Harvard University), Marc Lynch (George Washington University), Romain Malejacq (Northwestern University), Aditi Malik (Holy Cross), Juan Masullo (University of Oxford), Lisa Mueller (Macalester College), Reo Matsuzaki (Trinity College), Dipali Mukhophadyay (Columbia University), Anoop Sarbahi (University of Minnesota), Jillian Schwedler (Hunter College), Nick Smith (CCNY), Jason Stearns (Simon Frasier University), Megan Stewart (American University), Ora Szekely (Clark University)

External Reviewer: Carnegie Corporation, Peacebuilding in Africa Initiative (2018); Department of Political Science, Hunter College (2017); Africana Studies Program, Tufts University (2016).

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *African Affairs*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Security Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Conflict Management and Peace Sciences*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Journal of East African Studies*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Journal of Legal Pluralism*

*International Security*, Editorial Advisory Board Member 2020 – Present

*African Politics Conference Group*, Chair 2019 – 2021

*American Political Science Association*, Giovanni Sartori Prize Committee 2018

*African Affairs*, Stephen Ellis Best Article Prize Committee 2018

*African Affairs*, Editorial Advisory Board Member 2017 – Present

African Studies Association Annual Meeting 2017 2017  
Section Chair, Policy, Politics, and International Relations

African Politics Conference Group, Best Article Award Committee, Chair	2015
Co-Editor-in-Chief, <i>Ufahamu - A Journal of African Studies</i>	2003 – 2006
Coordinator, Yatra Collective, Los Angeles, CA	2002 – 2006
2006: “Finding Common Ground: Communities of Color and Immigration”	
2003: “South Asian Americans and the War on Terror”	
2002: “9/11: A Critical Reflection”	
Co-President, Political Science Graduate Students Association, UCLA	2003 – 2004
Student Representative, Admission’s Committee, Political Science, UCLA	2002 – 2003
Commentary Editor, <i>Inthefray.com</i>	2001 – 2003

**Languages**

Kiswahili: Advanced Reading and Speaking

Spanish: Basic Reading and Speaking