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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

William and Mary 2025-Present
Assistant Professor, Government Department

Harvard Kennedy School 2024-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative Program

Harvard Kennedy School 2023-2024
Predoctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative Program

The Comparative Study of Election Surveys (CSES) 2023-2027
Chair of the Outreach and Expansion Committee

Princeton University Fall 2022
Visiting Fellow, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice
Mentor: Prof. Amaney Jamal

The Association for the Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies 2022-Present
Junior Fellow (AALIMS)

Middle East and North Africa Space (MENAS), Central European University 2018-2022
Chair and Founder of the MENAS research group

EDUCATION

Central European University - Hungary 2018- 2024
PhD Comparative Politics
Supervisor: Prof. Levente Littvay
Minor in Quantitative Methods

Corvinus University of Budapest - Hungary 2017-2018
One-year graduate studies in Political Science

University of Pécs - Hungary 2015-2017
Master's Degree, International Relations
Supervisor: Prof. István Tarrósy

Higher Institute of Languages in Tunis - Tunisia 2012-2015
Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and Civilization

PROJECTS

Arab Elections Ongoing
co-Principal Investigator (Link here)

Comparative Study of Election Surveys - Morocco (CSES) 2026
co-Principal Investigator

Foreknowledge and Free Will in Christianity and Islam 2022-2024
co-Principal Investigator (Link here)

Comparative Study of Election Surveys - Tunisia (CSES) 2019-2020
co-Principal Investigator

HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Reves Center 2026 Faculty Fellow -$15,000 Link 2026
William and Mary

Best Dissertation Award in the field of Political Psychology 2025
International Society for Political Psychology - ISPP

Foreknowledge and Free Will in Christianity and Islam - $250,000 2022-2024
Templeton Foundation Grant

American Political Science Association Travel Grant 2023 - $300 2023
APSA's Annual Meeting 2023

The Spring Centennial Research Grant - $2,500 2023
APSA Small Research Grant Program

The Henry Hank Heitowit Scholarship 2022
University of Michigan's ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

American Political Science Association – MENA Scholars Scholarship 2021
University of Michigan's ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

The 2020 Dirk Berg Schlosse Award - 500 2021
Outstanding pedagogy at the European Consortium for Political Research Method School (ECPR)

2020 Academic Achievement Award - $500 2019-2020
Central European University Academic Achievement Award for First-Year-Doctoral Students

Research Support Scheme - 11,500 2020
Central European University

Research Support Scheme - 7,500 2019
Central European University

International Travel Award, Pittsburgh - $1,000 June 2018
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues – Bridges to Justice (SPSSI)

Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship - Hungary 2017-2018
Fully funded scholarship at Corvinus University of Budapest

Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship - Hungary 2015-2017
Fully funded scholarship - MA program at the University of Pecs

Academic Achievement Award – Tunisia 2013-2014
Fully funded summer camp at the University of Bolton

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Mehrez, A. Machery, E. (2026). "Free Will in the Eyes of Muslims a and Christians." PNAS Nexus. 5 (6). Link
- Mehrez, A. (2026). "From Principle to Pragmatism: Ennahda's Decline." POMEPS Studies 59, 6-11.Link
- Mehrez, A. (2026). "Tunisia needs both bread and freedom." Freedom and Prosperity Center's 2026 Atlas, Atlantic Council.Link
- Mehrez, A. (2025). "Attitudes towards Democracy Post Arab-Spring: Age, Period, Cohort Analysis." MENA Politics, Spring 2025. In MENA Politics (Vol. 8, Number 1). Link
- Mehrez, A. & Machery, E. (2025). "Does God Know Our Future Sins?" *Religious Studies.* Link

- Pica, G., Leander, N. P., Nariman, H. S., Hadarics, M., Snook, D. W., Bélanger, J. J., Rullo, M., Mehrez, A., Pierro, A., Sutton, R. M., & Douglas, K. M. (2025) "A threat-complexity hypothesis of conspiracy thinking during the COVID-19 pandemic: Cross-national and longitudinal evidence of a three-way interaction effect of financial strain, disempowerment and paranoia." *Journal for Social and Personal Relationships.* Link
- Mehrez, A. (2023). "When Right is Left: Values and Voting Behavior in Tunisia." *Political Behavior.* 1-23. Link
- Mehrez, A., Littvay, L., Meddeb, Y., Todosijevic, B., Schneider, C. (2023). "Introducing the comparative study of electoral systems in Tunisia: populist attitudes, political preferences, and voting behavior." *Mediterranean Politics.* 1-24. Link
- Nariman, H. S., Hadarics, M., **Mehrez, A.**, Luu, L. A. N., Soufizadeh, A., Littvay, L. (2022). "Immigrants' intragroup moral exclusion predicts ingroup-directed behavioral intentions: The mediating role of disidentification." *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 91, 113-118. Link

Book Reviews

- Mehrez, A. (2018). "The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies." *Pecs Journal of International and European Law.*, 125.

Policy Analysis

- Mehrez, A. "The Promise of Democracy in Tunisia since the Arab Spring." *Hungarian Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade.*
- Mehrez, A. "Is Democracy in Tunisia Threatened or is it on the Way to Consolidation." *Review of Democracy.*
- Ali, H, Mehrez, A. "Tunisia's Democracy is under Challenge but not under Threat". *The Loop.*

RESEARCH TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Middle East Peace and Security Forum (MEPS) November 2025
American University of Kurdistan - Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Drake Energy Security Forum October 2025
Drake Forum - Oil City, PA

The Middle East Peace and Security Forum (MEPS) November 2024
American University of Kurdistan - Kurdistan Region of Iraq

The Comparative Study of Election Surveys (CSES) October 2023
Plenary Committee Meeting of the CSES Module 7

Studying Public Opinion in the Contemporary Middle East June 2022
American Political Science Association, Middle East and North Africa Section - Jordan

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer 2022
Race, Ethnicity, and Quantitative Methodology [Prof. Jamil Scott & Kerem Ozan Kalkan]
Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis [Prof. Adam Enders]

APSA MENA Mentorship Initiative 2021-2022
Prof. Alexandra Siegel – University of Colorado at Boulder

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer 2021
Maximum Likelihood Estimation I [Prof. Robert Lupton]
Regression II [Prof. Timothy McDaniel]
Multivariate Statistical Models: Advanced [Prof. Robert Henson & Sara Tomek]

Method Summer School - European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) August 2021
Structural Equation Modelling. [Prof. Bart Meuleman]
Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling. [Prof. Bruno Castanho Silva]

University of Montreal Winter 2020
Visiting Researcher, Center of Elections Studies

Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium October 2019
Quantitative Method Training [Prof. Traber Denise]

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) August 2019
Advanced Experimental Research [Prof. John T. Jost]

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) – San Antonio July 2018
Summer Academy

Center for European Research and Education – Pécs, Hungary April 2017
Workshop, Freedom Security and Justice – Crossing Borders

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKSHOPS

The Middle East Studies Association (MESA) November 2025
Annual Conference - Washington D.C.

The International Society for Political Psychology July 2025
Annual Conference - Prague

The Political Legacy of Secular Policies: Evidence from Tunisia March 2025
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference

Free Will in the Eyes of Allah and God February 2025
American Philosophical Association - Online

The Political Legacy of Secular Policies: Evidence from Tunisia November 2024
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting - Online

Underrepresentation as a Source of Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia September 2024
American Political Science Annual Conference - Philadelphia

The Secular-Islamist Dimension of Spatial Voting: Underrepresentation in Tunisia January 2024
MENA and Asian Political Methodology Conference - Abu Dhabi

Introducing the Comparative Study of Election Surveys in Tunisia November 2023
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting - Montreal

The Political Legacy of Secular Policies: Evidence from Tunisia September 2023
American Political Science Annual Conference 2023 - Los Angeles

Do Moral Values Predict Political Ideology?
A Cross-Religious Analysis using Multilevel Modeling June 2023
Quantitative Approaches to Political Behavior– Sciences Po Paris

Do Moral Values Predict Political Ideology?
A Cross-Religious Analysis using Multilevel Modeling May 2023
CIVICA Conference on Political Behavior and Institutions – Hertie School Berlin

Do Moral Values Predict Political Ideology?
A Cross-Religious Analysis using Multilevel Modeling April 2023
Annual Doctoral Conference – Central European University

When Right is Left: Values and Voting Behavior in Tunisia January 2023
ACRPS International Winter School Program - Qatar

The CSES in Tunisia: Populist Attitudes and Voting Behavior December 2022
The Psychology of Authoritarianism – Princeton University

The Determinants of Voting Behavior in Tunisia October 2022
The Social Justice Lab – New York University

Exploring Political Ideologies in the Arab World October 2022
Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Pease and Justice – Princeton University

Exploring Political Ideologies in the Arab World September 2022
American Political Science Annual Conference 2022 - Montreal

When Right is Left: Values and Voting Behavior in Tunisia April 2022
AALIMS 2022 Annual Conference – Princeton University

The Determinants of Voting Behavior in the 2019 Tunisian Elections November 2021
MENA Graduate Student Workshop, the Clark Initiative – Cornell University

Election Studies in Tunisia: Comparative Study of Election Surveys October 2021
Comparative Study of Election Surveys Plenary Session (CSES)

The Determinants of Voting Behavior in the 2019 Tunisian Elections April 2021
Annual Doctoral Conference at Central European University – Online

The Determinants of Political Cleavages in the 2019 Tunisian Elections March 2020
6th Leuven- Montreal Winter School on Elections, University of Montreal, Canada

Do Moral Values Predict Political Ideology? A Cross-Cultural Analysis January 2020
Political Behavior Colloquium – European University Institute – Italy

Do Moral Values Predict Political Ideology in the Arab World? July 2019
Ideology and Partisanship Summer School – Central European University - Hungary

The Moral Foundations of Liberals and Conservatives in Post-Revolution Tunisia July 2019
ISPP Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology 2019 – Portugal

Changing Domestic Orders: The Case of Tunisia March 2019
Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade - Hungary

Understanding European Foreign Policy: Angela Merkel and Viktor Orban July 2018
Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology – San Antonio (ISPP)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction into Statistics and Programming with R 2022-2023
MA course, Central European University

Introduction to Theoretical and Applied Statistics 2021-2022
MA course, Central European University

Introduction to Public Opinion Research and Analysis 2021-2022
Open Society University Network (OSUN) – Bard College NY, Online

Politics in the Middle East and North Africa 2021-2022
Open Learning Initiative (OLIve), Central European University

Multivariate Statistical Techniques for Comparing Countries - Teaching Assistant 2021-2022
CIVICA program, Central European University - Hungary

Multilevel Modelling – Teaching Assistant 2020-2021
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - Online

Prospectus Seminar – Teaching Assistant 2020-2021
PhD course, Central European University - Online

Introduction to Inferential Statistics – Teaching Assistant 2019-2020
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) – Online

Introduction to Statistics and Applied Statistics - Teaching Assistant 2020-2021
MA course, Central European University - Hungary

Introduction to Theoretical and Applied Statistics – Teaching Assistant 2019-2020
MA course, Central European University - Hungary

Political Psychology Summer Course (2019) – Main Coordinator 2018-2019
Summer School, Central European University - Hungary

Political Systems of the MENA regions – Teaching Assistant 2017-2018
MA course, Corvinus University of Budapest - Hungary

Contemporary Hungarian Politics - Teaching Assistant 2017-2018
MA course, Corvinus University of Budapest - Hungary

SKILLS

Programming	R, LaTeX, QGIS
Languages	Arabic (Native), French (Fluent), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Hungarian (Beginner)
EITM certification	Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models Multivariate Statistical Methods: Advanced Topics Regression Analysis II: Linear Models Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis