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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2022-
Senior Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, 2016-
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2015-2022

University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
Assistant Professor of Politics, 2013-2015

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
PhD in Politics, 2014

McGill University, Montreal, QC
MA in Political Science, 2007

American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt
MA in Economics, 2004
BA in Political Science and in Economics (summa cum laude), 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2021. *Discrimination and Delegation: Explaining State Responses to Refugees*. Oxford University Press.
Best Book Award, Migration & Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association, 2022
Distinguished Book Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies section of the International Studies Association, 2023
Reviewed in: *African Studies Review*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Refugee: Canada's Journal on Refugees*

Journal Articles

Lamis Abdelaaty, Scott Blinder, and Rebecca Hamlin. 2025. “It’s Not the Economy: The Effect of Framing Arguments on Attitudes toward Refugees.” *International Migration Review*. Advance online publication, doi: 10.1177/01979183251353452.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2024. “‘The Greatest and Most Important Human Right’: Citizenship and Bureaucratic Indifference in Refugee-UNHCR Correspondence.” *Migration Politics* 3(1): 1-27.

Emily Thorson and Lamis Abdelaaty. 2023. “Misperceptions about Refugee Policy.” *American Political Science Review* 117(3): 1123-1129.

Liza G. Steele, Lamis Abdelaaty, and Nga Than. 2023. “Attitudes about Refugees and Immigrants Arriving in the United States: A Conjoint Experiment.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 46(10): 2163-2191.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2023. “Do Rights Violations Deter Refugees?” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 49(1): 110-133.

Liza G. Steele, Amie Bostic, Scott M. Lynch, and Lamis Abdelaaty. 2022. “Measuring Ethnic Diversity.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 48: 43-63.

Lamis Abdelaaty and Rebecca Hamlin. 2022. “[The Politics of the Migrant/Refugee Binary: Introduction to Special Issue.](#)” *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* 20(2): 233-239.

Lamis Abdelaaty and Liza G. Steele. 2022. “[Explaining Attitudes toward Refugees and Immigrants in Europe.](#)” *Political Studies* 70(1): 110-130.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2021. “[Rivalry, Ethnicity, and Asylum Admissions Worldwide.](#)” *International Interactions* 47(2): 346-373.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2021. “[The Relationship between Human Rights and Refugee Protection: An Empirical Analysis.](#)” *International Journal of Human Rights* 25(10): 1704-1723.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2021. “[Refugees and Guesthood in Turkey.](#)” *Journal of Refugee Studies* 34(3): 2827-2848.

Liza G. Steele and Lamis Abdelaaty. 2019. “[Ethnic Diversity and Attitudes towards Refugees.](#)” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45(11): 1833-1856.

Other Writing

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2022, Mar. 23. “[European Countries Are Welcoming Ukrainian Refugees. It Was a Different Story in 2015.](#)” *The Washington Post: Monkey Cage*.

Lamis Abdelaaty and Rebecca Hamlin. 2021. “[Forced Migration and Refugee Flows](#)” in *Introduction to International Migration: Population Movements in the 21st Century*, edited by Jeannette Money and Sarah P. Lockhart. Routledge, 85-104.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2020. “[Refugee Status Determination by UNHCR: Difficulties and Dilemmas.](#)” *Forced Migration Review* 65: 21-23.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2016. “[Explaining State Responses to Refugees.](#)” *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship* 4(2): 33-38.

Lamis Abdelaaty and Rebecca Hamlin. 2015, Oct. 23. “[‘Migrants’ or ‘Refugees’? It’s the Wrong Question.](#)” *The Washington Post: Monkey Cage*.

Lamis Abdelaaty. 2012. Review of *Refugees in International Relations* edited by Alexander Betts and Gil Loescher. *Journal of Politics* 74(1): E1.

Working Papers

“Democratization and Attitudes towards Immigrants in the Middle East and North Africa,” with Bess Davis

“Assessing Refugee Rights: New Data and Analysis,” with Rebecca Cordell and Idean Salehyan

“Conceptualizing and Measuring Refugee Crises”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External

European Research Council, Consolidator Grant (co-PI), with Cathryn Costello and Ashwini Vasanthakumar, 2024

Migration Politics, Residential Fellowship, 2023

International Studies Association, Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies section, Distinguished Book Award, 2023

Gerda Henkel Foundation, Forced Migration programme grant, 2022

American Political Science Association, Migration and Citizenship section, Best Book Award, 2022

American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, 2016

American Political Science Association, Migration and Citizenship section, Best Dissertation Award, 2015

University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity, Emerging Diversity Scholar Citation, 2013

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2011

Internal

Dr. Ralph E. Montonna Endowed Professorship for the Teaching and Education of Undergraduates, 2024-2025

Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Faculty Research Mini-Grant, 2024, 2019, 2018

Faculty Creative Activities and Research Grant Program, 2023

Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2016, 2015

SOURCE Research Assistant Grant Program, 2022, 2020

Meredith Teaching Recognition Award for Early Performance, 2021

Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence Small Research Grant, with Heidi Stallman and Amr El Afifi, 2020

CUSE Interdisciplinary Seminar Grant (co-PI), with Arlene Kanter, Michael Gill, Audie Klotz, Cora True-Frost, and Corri Zoli, 2019

Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration, Faculty Research Mini-Grant, 2018

Institute for Security Policy and Law, Andrew Berlin Family National Security Research Fund, 2018

University of California Santa Cruz Committee on Research Faculty Research Grant (declined), 2015

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Graduate Fellowship, 2012-2013

Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Summer Research Grant, 2010

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Dissertation Research Grant, 2010

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Summer Language Grant, 2008

American University in Cairo, Graduate Merit Fellowship, 2004-2005

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION*Invited Presentations*

University Krems, Department for Migration and Globalisation, 2024

McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, 2024

University of Oxford, Annual Elizabeth Colson Lecture, 2023

University of California, Los Angeles, International Conference on Forced Migration, 2023

University of California, San Diego, Race and Ethnic Politics Lab, 2022

York University, Centre for Refugee Studies, 2021

Cornell University, Migrations Initiative, 2021

University of California, San Diego, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, 2021

University of Bristol, Migration Mobilities, 2021

State University of New York at Binghamton, Middle East and North Africa Studies, 2021

Columbia University, International Politics Seminar, 2020

University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Study of International Migration, 2020

McGill University, Institute for the Study of International Development Annual Conference, 2019

Cornell University, Workshop on the Politics and Policy of Migration in Europe and North America, 2017

Colgate University, Lampert Institute for Civic and Global Affairs Speakers Series, 2016

Cornell University, Department of Government PSAC Workshop Seminar, 2016

State University of New York at Binghamton, Lyceum's Pearl and Albert Mall Lecture, 2016

Princeton University, Workshop on Contested Multilateralism, 2016

State University of New York at Cortland, Forum on Migrants and Refugees from Asia, 2016

Northwestern University, Symposium: From Temporary Protection to Permanent Settlement: Challenges to the Integration of Syrian Refugees in Turkey, 2015

Texas A&M University, International Affairs Research Workshop, 2015
 Northwestern University, Workshop on Refugee Protection Outside of the International Legal Framework, 2014
 George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies Annual Conference, 2014
 Georgetown University, Annual Symposium on Arab World Diasporas and Migrations, 2011

Conference Presentations

Southern Political Science Association: 2024
 Council for European Studies: 2023
 International Studies Association: 2022, 2021, 2019, 2017, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, 2007
 International Association for the Study of Forced Migration: 2021, 2018
 Law and Society Association: 2021, 2016
 American Political Science Association: 2021, 2011
 Peace Science Society: 2019
 Middle East Studies Association: 2017
 Stanford-Berkeley Immigration Conference: 2014
 Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies: 2011
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2011, 2006

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Affiliations

Migration Research Program, Koç University, Istanbul, 2012
 Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo, 2010

United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York, NY
 Junior Professional Fellow, 2007

Ministry of International Cooperation, Cairo, Egypt
 Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Center for Project Evaluation and Macroeconomic Analysis, 2003-2005
 Economic Researcher, Center for Project Evaluation and Macroeconomic Analysis, 2003-2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University

Refugees in International Politics (undergraduate lecture)
 Human Rights and Global Affairs (undergraduate lecture)
 Humanitarian Action in World Politics (undergraduate seminar)
 International Human Rights (graduate seminar)
 International Law and Organizations (graduate seminar)
 Logic of Political Inquiry (graduate seminar)

Advising

Doctoral Dissertation Chair: Katherine McCormick (in progress), Maddy Rhinehart (in progress), Mary McLoughlin (in progress)
 Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Falak Hadi (in progress), Farrah Brown (2024), Bess Davis (2024), Julia McDaniel-Bouley (2023), Sefa Secen (2022), Franziska Boehme Newell (2017)
 Honors Capstone Advisor: Lara Hicks (2020, University Scholar), Caitlin Harrison (2018, University Scholar, Honors Program Honorable Mention for Best Social Science Capstone, Maxwell Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship Outstanding Student Research Paper)
 McNair Faculty Mentor: Anita Benn (2018)

Political Science Distinction Reader: Alexander Gundry (2025), Carolee Lantigua (2017), David Kimelman (2016)

University of California, Santa Cruz

International Politics of Forced Migration (undergraduate lecture)

Theories of International and World Politics (undergraduate lecture)

Humanitarian Action in World Politics (undergraduate seminar)

Advising

Senior Thesis Advisor: Mallika Palecanda (2015, Dean's Award for Undergraduate Research)

Qualifying Exam Committee: Sarah Almutairi (2015)

Other Instruction and Mentoring

Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, 2015, 2014

Merrill Undergraduate Research Mentorship Program, 2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to Syracuse University

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2023-

PhD Qualifying Examination Committee for International Relations, Department of Political Science, 2023-2024, 2021-2022, 2017-2018

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2022-2023, 2020-2021, 2019-2020

Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee, Department of Political Science, 2022-2023, 2018-2019

Advisory Board, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, 2021-2022

Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International at Syracuse University, 2021-2022

Reviewer, SOURCE/Honors Program research grants, 2021

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2020-2021

Coordinator, Political Science Research Workshop, 2018-2020

Selection Committee, Coronat Scholars Program, 2016

Faculty Advisory Board, Syracuse University Program for Refugee Assistance, 2015-2016

Service to University of California, Santa Cruz

Politics Committee, Deans' and Chancellors' Undergraduate Research Award, 2015

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Politics, 2013-2015

Faculty Consultant, Center for Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences, 2013-2015

Service to the Profession

Editorial College, *Migration Politics*, 2025-2027

Associate Editor, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 2021-2026

Advisory Board, The BEYOND Project: "Protection without Ratification? International Refugee Law beyond States Parties to the 1951 Refugee Convention," University of Oslo, 2021-2026

Co-leader (with Willem Maas), Dissertation Workshop, Migration & Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association, 2025

Member, Executive Council, Migration & Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association, 2023-2025

Host, Political Science channel of the *New Books Network* podcast, 2021-2024

Chair, Best Book Award Selection Committee, Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association, 2023

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association, 2021-2023

Conference Organizer (with Rebecca Hamlin), Politics of the Migrant/Refugee Binary, Virtual Conference, 2021

Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association, 2021

Best Article & Chapter Award Committee, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association, 2020

Best Dissertation Award Selection Committee, Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association, 2020

Martin O. Heisler Award Committee for Best Graduate Student Paper, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association, 2015

Conference Organizer (with Luara Ferracioli), The Ethics and Politics of the Global Refugee Regime, Princeton, NJ, 2013

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Foreign Policy Analysis, Geopolitics, International Interactions, International Migration Review, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Oxford University Press, Migration Studies, National Science Foundation Law and Social Sciences Program, Political Studies, Politics and Religion, Review of International Studies, University of Wisconsin Press, World Politics*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Workshop on Statistical Machine Learning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Virtual Workshop, 2025

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Workshop on Writing Questions for Surveys, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Virtual Workshop, 2021

Summer Institute for Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning, Syracuse University, Virtual Program, 2020

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Workshop on Causal Inference in the Social Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2011

International Summer School in Forced Migration, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 2010

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 2009

Kiswahili Summer Study Abroad Program, Taaluma Institute, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2008

French Language Program, Special Studies Division, American University in Cairo, 2005

LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Fluent Arabic; Intermediate Swahili; Intermediate French; Beginner Spanish
Stata; QDA Miner

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Diversity Scholars Network
International Association for the Study of Forced Migration
International Studies Association