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Present                    **University of Delaware, Newark, DE**  
Assistant Professor in Political Science and International Relations

2021-2023                **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA**  
Visiting Lecturer in International Affairs and Political Science

**EDUCATION**

2021                      **NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Boston, MA**  
PhD in Political Science  
Dissertation: *First Impressions at Europe's Border: The Micro-Effects of Securitization on Migrants*  
Exams passed with “High Distinction”

2013                      **UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, Italy, Department of Political Science “Ruffilli”**  
Master’s in international Relations, *summa cum laude*

2011                      **UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, Italy, Department of Political Science “Ruffilli”**  
Bachelor’s in international Relations, *summa cum laude*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

“Future Faculty Program” at the Northeastern University Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning through Research (CATLR) – Three-year teaching workshop series

**Faculty co-leader - Dialogues of Civilizations (Northeastern Courses Abroad):**

Summer I 2023 Experiencing the Old and New Middle East: Cairo, Amman, Dubai  
Summer I 2022 INTL-4944 Dialogue of Civilizations: Regional Engagement  
POL-4938 Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics (abroad)

Summer II 2022 Global Refugee Crisis: Rome and Palermo, Italy  
INTL-4944 Dialogue of Civilizations: Regional Engagement  
INTL-3201 Cities in a Global Context (abroad)

**Instructor:**

Fall 2023 POSC-409 Forced Migration

Fall 2023 POSC-350 Politics and the Environment

Fall 2023 POSC-330 Political Terrorism

Spring 2023 INTL-2200 America and the Middle East

Fall 2022 INTL-4100 Forced Migration: Refugees, Exiles, and Displaced Persons

Spring 2023 POLS-2400 Quantitative Techniques (also Fall 2022 and Fall 2020)

Spring 2023 INTL-1101 Globalization and International Affairs (also Fall 2022 and Spring 2022)

Spring 2022 POLS-3465 Government and Politics of the Middle East (also Spring 2021)  
 Spring 2022 INTL-1160 Middle East Studies  
 Summer 2021 INSH-6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (graduate-level)  
 Summer 2019 POLS-1160 International Relations (also Spring 2018)  
 Fall 2017 POLS-2399 Research Methods in Political Science

**Teaching Assistant:**

Fall 2019 POLS-3465 Government and Politics of the Middle East  
 Spring 2019 INTL-1101 Globalization and International Affairs (two sections)  
 Spring 2017 POLS-1150 American Government  
 Spring 2016 POLS-1160 International Relations (also Fall 2015)  
 Fall 2016 POLS-1155 Comparative Politics

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant:**

2020 Department of Political Science, Northeastern University  
 Dr. Sullivan D. “Migration and Citizenship in the Middle East”  
 2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
 Dr. Østergaard-Nielsen E. “Emigrant Political Incorporation”  
 Gender and Development Initiative, Northeastern University  
 Dr. Moghadam V. “Women’s Empowerment and International Organizations”

**Fieldwork:**

2018 Sicily, Italy  
 Semester-long fieldwork. Conducted elite interviews with EU agents and NGO practitioners, specialized interviews with a large number of migrants and refugees, focus groups, and observations  
 2017 Brussels, Belgium  
 Conducted elite interviews with EU policymakers  
 Sicily, Italy  
 Conducted elite interviews with EU agents and NGO practitioners  
 Cairo and Alexandria, Egypt  
 Conducted specialized interviews and focus groups with Syrian migrants, elite interviews with Syrian NGO, UNHCR, and IOM practitioners

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Work in Progress:**

“The Securitization of Migration in the Central Mediterranean Context: Between the Local and the Supranational.” (Chapter). Co-authored (with Denis Sullivan).

“The Case for European Humanitarian Visas: Evidence from Humanitarian Corridors Refugees in Italy.”

“Europe’s Burdened Border in the Central Mediterranean: Politics of Refuge and (In)security in Lampedusa.”

### **Published:**

“Women’s Movements in North Africa,” (chapter) in Yacob-Haliso O. and Falola T. (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of African Women’s Studies*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition (2020), Springer. Co-authored (with Valentine Moghadam).

“History of Egypt,” (chapter) in *The Middle East and North Africa 2021*, 66<sup>th</sup> edition (2020), London and New York: Routledge. Co-authored (with Denis Sullivan).

Also co-authored 66<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 63<sup>rd</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup> editions (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015).

“Sustainable Solutions for EU Asylum and Integration Policies,” *Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies*, May 2016, [Policy Paper Number 02](#), Boston.

### **Public Commentary:**

“Crisis in Sudan: What does it Mean for Egypt?”, [The Cairo Review of Global Affairs](#), June 6, 2023, *Tahrir Forum*.

“Europe in the World Podcast: EU Refugee Crises”, [Episode 6](#), January 2023, *Boston University’s Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies*.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2020                      *Democracy for Whom? The Paradox of EU Border Externalization and Securitization*  
World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), Columbia University, New York City, NY (accepted)

*First Impressions at the Border: The Effects of Securitization at Europe’s Frontier*  
International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, HI (accepted)

2019                      *First Impressions at the Border: The (im)Balance Between Security and Democracy at Europe’s Frontier*  
New England Political Science Association (NEPSA), Portland, ME.

2018                      *Confini Europei e Migrazione: Gli Effetti della Securitizzazione sui Migranti del Mediterraneo Centrale*  
ESCAPES Conference, University of Milan, Italy.

*EU External Borders and Migration: The Effects of Securitization on Migrants in the Central Mediterranean*  
Boston International Security Graduate Conference, Boston, MA.



- 2017 *Victims or Undeserving: Access to Services for Refugees in the EU and Turkey*  
Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Washington, D.C. – with Zeynep Balcioglu.
- Policy Image and the Impact of the Refugee Crisis on EU Asylum Policy*  
American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, CA.

## **WORKSHOPS**

### **Organizer:**

- 2016 *Refugee Crisis in the EU: Challenges and Opportunities*  
Brussels, Belgium (received grant)  
Partners: Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies, Maastricht University,  
University of Kent

### **Invited speaker:**

- 2019 *Perceptions and Attitudes toward Minorities: The Case of Muslims and Jews in Italy*  
Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- 2018 *The Many Faces of Arab Refugeehood: Survival, Stress, and Seeking a Home*  
CMES Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

### **Invited participant:**

- 2018 *European Security in an Era of Forced Migration*  
The German Marshall Fund, Berlin, Germany (received travel grant)
- Migrant Citizenship in an Anxious Europe*  
The American University in Cairo, Egypt (received travel grant)
- 2017 *Disrupting the Human Trafficking –Migration Nexus*  
Pardee School Initiative on Forced Migration and Human Trafficking  
Boston University, Boston, MA
- International Cooperation in Responsibility-Sharing for Refugees in the Euro-Mediterranean Space*  
The American University in Cairo, Egypt (received travel grant)
- Research in Conflict Zones: The Untold Practices, Methods, and Ethics of Field Work*  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Conducting Research with Refugees*  
Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies  
Northeastern University, Boston, MA

## **SERVICE**

- 2015-present Junior Scholar, Advisory Board, Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies
- 2019 Manuscript reviewer for “Journal of European Integration” and “Social Sciences”

2017

Co-organizer, Collaborative Research Clusters, Northeastern University:

“Freedom of Religion v. National Identity: Democracy and Secularism on Trial”  
“Sectarian Discourse in Arab Print and Social Media”

- 2016            Rapporteur, Gender and Development Conference, Northeastern University
- 2015            Rapporteur and Database Manager, MESA 2016 Program Committee Meeting

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2015-2021        College of Social Sciences and Humanities Scholar Fellowship  
*Northeastern University, Boston, MA*
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
*Office of the Provost, Northeastern University, Boston, MA*
- Conference Travel Grants  
*PhD Network, Northeastern University*
- 2017            Robert Schuman Centre Scholarship for XIII Migration Summer School  
*European University Institute, Florence, Italy*
- Graduate Dissertation Research Grant  
*Office of the Provost, Northeastern University, Boston, MA*
- Conference Travel Grants  
*Department of Political Science, Northeastern University*  
*Middle East Studies Association*
- 2016            Graduate Student Research and Experiential Learning Grant  
*Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA*
- 2012            Erasmus Mundus, European scholarship exchange program  
*University of Jordan, Amman*
- Dean’s Award, Department of Political Science  
*University of Bologna, Italy*

### **RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

- 2018            Consultant for Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment, ENI Energy Company, Rome, Italy through Proger (subcontractor), San Giovanni Teatino, Italy (June-August)
- 2015            Evaluation Team Intern, 1for3 NGO, Boston, MA - service provision for Palestinian refugees (January-February)
- 2011            Human Rights Workshop Organizer, Lajee Center NGO, Aida Refugee Camp, Palestinian Territories (December 2010- January 2011)



2010

Intern, Centro per la Pace, Forlì, Italy - services and programs for immigrant youth  
(January-June)

2009 Intern, Somali-American Community Center, Denver, CO - assistance and programs for Somali refugees (November-December)

**LANGUAGES**

Italian (native) English (fluent); French (fluent); Arabic (conversational speaking in Egyptian and Levantine dialects, intermediate reading and writing in Modern Standard Arabic)