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Next AALIMS event:
AALIMS-Princeton: April 8-9, 2022
 graduate student workshop
 followed by general conference

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Day 1: Friday, April 9, 2021

Graduate Student Workshop

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time

9:00am Graduate Workshop Opening Remarks:
Fotini Christia (MIT)

9:10am Graduate student workshop:
Religion and Conflict

Chair: **Fotini Christia** (MIT)

Mohammad Isaqzadeh (Princeton University).
"Reassessing the Relationship Between
Religiosity and Political Violence: Evidence from
Afghanistan."

Yusuf Magiya (Columbia University). "The Para-
dox of State Building: How Diversity Constrains
Development and Dominant Groups Shoulder
the Tax Burdens."

10:10am Break

10:20am Graduate student workshop:
Influence and Cooptation

Chair: **Jean-Paul Carvalho**
(University of California, Irvine)

Lydia Assouad (Paris School of Economics).
"Charismatic Leaders and Nation Building."

[5 min break]

Daniel Tavana (Yale University) and **Erin York**
(Harvard University). "Cooptation in Practice:
Measuring Legislative Opposition in an Authori-
tarian Regime"

[5 min break]

Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed (Columbia
University). "Religious Cycles of Government
Responsiveness: Why Governments Redistribute
in Ramadan?"

12:00pm Lunch (with virtual gatherings)

MIT POLITICAL SCIENCE

Conference on the Political Economy of Muslim Societies

1:00 pm Conference Opening Remarks:
Timur Kuran (Duke University)

1:05pm Collective Action

Chair: **Timur Kuran** (Duke University)

Saumitra Jha (Stanford University) and **Rikhil
Bhavnani** (University of Wisconsin). "Walking
Together and Alone: Why Nonviolent Protests
Fail and How To Make Them Work."

Sarah Mansour (Cairo University), **Stefan Voigt**
(University of Hamburg), **Engi Amin** (Cairo Uni-
versity), and **Mazen Hassan** (Cairo University).
"Using Discourse to Incentivize Cooperation in
Arab-Muslim Culture: Experimental Evidence
from Egypt."

2:15pm Break

2:25pm Cronyism and Corruption

Chair: **Tom Pepinsky** (Cornell University)

Cihan Artunç (Middlebury College) and
Mohamed Saleh (Toulouse School of Economics).
"Political Connections and Corporate
Performance: Evidence from Interwar Egypt."

Faisal Ahmed (Princeton University) and **Adeel
Malik**. (University of Oxford) "Crony Global-
ization: The Politics of Partial Liberalization in
Muslim Societies."

3:35pm End of Day 1

Day 2: Saturday, April 10, 2021

9:30am Political Conflict and Violence

Chair: **Amaney Jamal** (Princeton University)

Rafat Mahmood (University of Western Australia)
and **Michael Jetter** (University of Western
Australia). "Gone with the Wind: The



Consequences of US Drone Strikes in Pakistan."
[5 min break]

Erin Walk (MIT), **Kiran Garimella** (MIT),
Elizabeth Parker-Magyar (MIT), **Ahmet Akbıyık**
(Harvard University), and **Fotini Christia** (MIT).
"Social Media Narratives on Conflict from
northern Syria."

[5 min break]

Allison Hartnett (University of Southern
California) and **Mohamed Saleh** (Toulouse
School of Economics). "The Intra-Elite Conflict
and the Demand for Democratization: Evidence
from Khedival Egypt."

11:25am Break

11:30am Human Capital

Chair: **Tahir Andrabi** (Pomona College)

Ina Ganguli (University of Massachusetts
Amherst), **Asim Ijaz Khwaja** (Harvard University),
Jamal Ibrahim Haider (American University Cairo),
Sam Stemper (Harvard University), and **Basit
Zafar** (University of Michigan). "Reskill or Retool:
Economic Shocks and Skill Acquisition"

Lisa Blaydes (Stanford University), **Justin
Gengler** (Qatar University), and **Noora Ahmed
Lari** (Qatar University). "Cultural Constraints to
Female Labor Force Participation: Gender,
Family, and Employment in Qatar"

12:40pm Lunch

1:40pm Islamist Politics

Chair: **Richard Nielsen** (MIT)

Sharan Grewal (College of William and Mary).
"The Islamist Advantage: The Religious
Infrastructure of Electoral Victory."

Steven Brooke (University of Wisconsin) and
Neil Ketchley (University of Oslo). "Islamist
Rhetoric and Political Mobilization"

2:50pm Closing Remarks: Richard Nielsen (MIT)

2:55pm End of Conference



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