Message from the Director

Peaceful Greetings!

I am once again very happy to share our exciting news and accomplishments with our friends on campus and across the world. We have had another successful year, even if shortened by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the key highlights include “The Politics Police Make: Law Enforcement, State Power and Social Inequality in Democratic States,” workshop organized by Professor Jonathan Mummolo and the Program on Identities and Institutions, and the Race, Ethnicity, and Identity (REI) speaker series, featuring this year Professors Ali Valenzuela and LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, and numerous talks and other activities at the Center.

Our visibility on campus continues to grow. Through mid-March, the Bobst Center sponsored over 32 undergraduate student-led activities and initiatives linked to peace and justice across campus. We have also continued to enhance our graduate student grant support to encourage and promote research on themes linked to the mission of the Center.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB), we continued with our faculty exchange program and are currently designing new programs that include teaching and study abroad experiences for our undergraduates. We had three AUB faculty members visit and present research at the Center this year. Two of Princeton’s faculty, Erika Kiss and Jan-Werner Müller, taught summer courses at the AUB in 2019. Professor Kris Ramsay was scheduled to teach a course this summer (2020), but we have had to postpone until next year (2021). Further, we are currently working with Professor Steve Macedo on an experiential learning opportunity for Princeton undergraduates in Beirut during this year’s winter session (2021).

Finally, if you haven’t already, please take a look at our new website: https://bobst.princeton.edu/.

Our programming for FY 2021 will continue to build on our programs and progress. Thanks for your interest in the Bobst Center! And please stay healthy and safe!

Amaney A. Jamal, Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics
Mission and History

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice was the brainchild of the late Mrs. Mamdouha S. Bobst (widow of Elmer Holmes Bobst) who, together with her husband, promoted philanthropy in the areas of education, health research and human rights. A think tank and research support entity affiliated with the Princeton University Department of Politics, the Center’s mission is “to advance the cause of peace, mutual understanding, respect for all ethnic traditions and religious faiths, and justice, both within countries and across national borders.” The activities of the Bobst Center, therefore, focus on the study of peace and justice. The Center sponsors and co-sponsors panel discussions, conferences, seminars and workshops on issues such as conflict and reconciliation, cultural and religious dynamics, nationalism, identity politics, regime stability and change, pathways for political self-expression, and more.

The Center also serves as an intellectual hub for scholars and policymakers to exchange ideas and interact with one another. A special feature of the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice is its collaboration with the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, which provides fertile ground for faculty and graduate student exchanges, summer teaching opportunities for Princeton faculty at the AUB, and research on issues linked to peace and political life in the Arab World.

New Initiatives

Workshop on Post-Communist Politics

The Bobst Center is pleased to launch the Workshop on Post-Communist Politics, led by Professors Mark Beissinger and Grigore Pop-Eleches. The design of this program is to provide an intellectual forum for faculty and students interested in the politics of Eastern Europe, Russia and the former Soviet Union. Collaborative workshops will be planned to allow advance-standing graduate students in the subfields of comparative politics and international relations with an opportunity to receive feedback from scholars in their respective dissertation fields.

Launch of New Website

In July, the Bobst Center unveiled a new website that is now fully ADA-compliant, allowing for easier access to information about events, funding opportunities, and news items. Through the help of the University’s Web Development Services team, we are thrilled to invite you to visit our new website: bobst.princeton.edu.

New Face at Bobst

Jeremy Green joined the Bobst Center as a Senior Research Specialist for a one-year appointment. He specializes in quantitative analysis, with an emphasis on quantitative analysis that is linked to causal inference. He obtained his PhD in Health Policy and Management from Yale University. While serving in his appointment, Jeremy worked with the Program on Identities and Institutions, the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative, and the Arab Barometer project.
Executive Committee

The main directive of the Bobst Center executive committee is to advise and support the Director and the Center’s mission. We are grateful for their service and value their counsel.

Mark Beissinger  Henry W. Putnam Professor of Politics

Mark R. Beissinger’s main fields of interest are social movements, revolutions, nationalism, state-building, and imperialism, with special reference to the Soviet Union and the post-Soviet states. His work has received multiple awards, including APSA’s Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award presented for the best book published in the United States in the field of government, politics, or international affairs, and the Mattei Dogan Award presented by the Society for Comparative Research for the best book published in the field of comparative research. Professor Beissinger was also the founding director of the University of Wisconsin’s Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia. In 2017, Professor Beissinger received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his work in political science on social movements and imperialism in Russia and the post-Soviet states.

Carles Boix  Robert Garrett Professor in Politics, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

Carles Boix writes and teaches on comparative political economy and comparative politics. He is the author of Political Parties, Growth and Equality (Cambridge University Press, 1998), Democracy and Redistribution (Cambridge University Press, 2003), Political Order and Inequality (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and the co-editor of the Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics (Oxford University Press, 2007). He is currently completing the book manuscript Democratic Capitalism at a Crossroads? He has received the William Riker award for the best book on political economy twice, the Mattei Dogan award for best book published in the field of comparative research and the Heinz Eulau award for best article published in the American Political Science Review. Before joining Princeton he taught at the University of Chicago. Ph.D. Harvard University. Professor Boix is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Rafaela Dancygier  Associate Professor of Politics and Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

Rafaela Dancygier is associate professor of Politics and Public Affairs at Princeton University. She received her Ph.D. in political science (with distinction) from Yale University in 2007. Dancygier specializes in comparative politics, with a focus on the implications of ethnic diversity in advanced democracies. Her work has examined the domestic consequences of international immigration, the political incorporation and electoral representation of immigrant-origin minorities, and the determinants of ethnic conflict. Her first book Immigration and Conflict in Europe (Cambridge University Press, 2010) explains how immigration regimes and local political economies determine whether or not immigration destinations witness conflict between immigrants and natives, between immigrants and the state, or no conflict at all. Her second book, Dilemmas of Inclusion: Muslims in European Politics (Princeton University Press, 2017) examines how minority groups are incorporated into politics and explores the consequences of this inclusion for the nature of party politics and electoral cleavages. Her other work has appeared in the American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Annual Review of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Comparative Politics, World Politics and in edited volumes. Immigration and Conflict was awarded the Best Book Award by the European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA), and it was also named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title. Her articles on related topics have been awarded Best Paper Prizes by APSA’s Sections on Comparative Politics; Migration and Citizenship; European Politics and Society; and Representation and Electoral Systems.

Tali Mendelberg  John Work Garrett Professor of Politics


Helen Milner  B.C. Forbes Professor of Public Affairs, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Director, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance

Helen V. Milner was the chair of the Department of Politics from 2005 to 2011. She was president of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) from 2012-14. She and co-author Dustin Tingley (Harvard) won the 2016 Gladys M. Kammerer Award for best book published in the field of U.S. national policy for Sailing the Water’s Edge: Domestic Politics and American Foreign Policy. She has written extensively on issues related to international
and comparative political economy, the connections between domestic politics and foreign policy, globalization and regionalism, and the relationship between democracy and trade policy. She is currently working on issues related to globalization and development, such as the political economy of foreign aid, the “digital divide” and the global diffusion of the internet, and the relationship between globalization and democracy.

**Alan Patten** Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Politics, Chair, Department of Politics


**Grigore Pop-Eleches** Professor of Politics and Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School

Grigore Pop-Eleches is Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. He has worked on the politics of IMF programs in Eastern Europe and Latin America, elections and voting in Eastern Europe, and on the role of historical legacies in post-communist political attitudes and regime change. His most recent book, “Communism’s Shadow: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Political Attitudes” (joint with Joshua A. Tucker) was published in 2017 at Princeton University Press. His articles have appeared in a variety of journals, including The Journal of Politics, World Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Journal of Democracy, and East European Politics and Societies. His research has been supported by grants from the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research, and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. He is an associate editor of *World Politics*.

**Awards and Honors**

The Bobst Center for Peace and Justice celebrates the recognition that our many talented scholars of every stage receive from other organizations in their fields of study. Below are a few of the honors.

**Chantal Berman**, Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, was awarded Best Paper from the International Political Sociology section of the International Studies Association for her paper entitled, “Fragmentation of Protest Movements in New Democracies”.

**Rafaela Dancygier**, Associate Professor of Politics and Public Affairs and Director of the Bobst Center’s Program on Identity and Institutions, was awarded the Luebbert Best Book Award, which recognizes the best book published in the field of comparative politics in the previous two years. Her book is entitled “Dilemmas of Inclusion: Muslims in European Politics”.

**Will Horne**, PhD candidate in Politics, won the MPSA Kellogg/Notre Dame award for his paper “The Causes of Mass-level Affective Polarization in Advanced Democracies.” The paper was co-authored with Noam Gidron and James Adams.
Amaney Jamal, Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics and Bobst Center Director, was awarded the Kuwait Prize by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) in the field of Economics and Social Sciences. The Kuwait Prize was established in 1979 by KFAS to recognize the achievements of Arab scholars and researchers around the world. Jamal joins a very select group of 130 renowned scientists and scholars who have previously received this award.

In 2020, Professor Jamal was also elected to the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Rachael McLellan, Postdoctoral Research Associate, won APSA's Comparative Democratization Fieldwork Prize for her work on incumbent and opposition strategies in Tanzania.

Tali Mendelberg, John Work Garrett Professor of Politics, was selected as a fellow at Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study in 2019-20.

LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Assistant Professor of Politics, was awarded the Russell Sage Foundation-Gates Foundation Pipeline Grant for her research project entitled, *Shared Disadvantage, Shared Identity? Explaining When and Why White Americans Support Affirmative Action*.

Caleb Visser, senior Politics undergraduate, was awarded the Schwarzman Scholarship for pursuit of a graduate degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Caleb is also the recipient of the Paul E. Sigmund Scholar Award, Superior Cadet Award, and the Robert L. McLean ’52 Award for Leadership and Citizenship. Caleb worked as an undergraduate research assistant through the Bobst Center this past year working with Professor Jennifer Widner and the Innovations for Successful Societies program.

Leonard Wantchekon, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Stellenbosch University in South Africa in recognition of his extraordinary efforts to change the world for the better in his respective field.

Andreas Wiedemann, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, won APSA's Gabriel A. Almond Award for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics and the Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award of the European Politics and Society section.

Deborah Yashar, Professor of Politics and International Affairs and lead editor of World Politics received APSA's best book award in the Comparative Democratization section for her book “Homicidal Ecologies: Illicit Economies and Complicit States in Latin America”.

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The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice
Graduate Research Support

The Bobst Center in partnership with the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) led by Professor Brandice Canes-Wrone, Stokes Professor of Public and International Affairs and Professor of Politics, and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) led by Professor Helen Milner, the B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs, support the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) support the Multi-Center Graduate Grant Program to provide Princeton Politics graduate students in the subfields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, and International Relations awards of up to $20,000 to support larger or more ambitious research projects. The selection process for a Multi-Center Graduate Grant is more competitive than other grants offered and is intended to prepare students for larger grant competitions. The excerpts below highlight how some of the students are using their funding.

Brendan Cooley  Spring 2019 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Brendan’s dissertation studies how military coercion impacts the international economy. He was awarded a Multi-Center Grant to procure proprietary data on the costs of oil extraction at fields around the world. He will use these data to study international coercive diplomacy surrounding oil extraction policies. Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait and 1991 and the subsequent Gulf War highlight the reciprocal dependence of international oil markets on international power policies. Brendan’s project develops a model of this relationship and fits the model to the proprietary oil production data. It will allow him to quantify the magnitude of oil price distortions due to latent military coercion.

Will Horne  Spring 2019 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Will’s dissertation focuses on why the substantive and descriptive representation of “working class” voters in the UK has declined. His project considers the strategic tradeoffs that parties face when choosing to represent groups, and finds that the Labour Party excluded working class candidates from participating in politics in ways that may have harmed both the quality of representation for lower income voters and the image of the party in these of lower income voters. Will is using the multi-center grant to conduct a survey experiment that seeks to understand how voters react to candidates from lower income backgrounds. This work will help us to understand when parties will, and will not, choose to represent these voters.

Dela’s dissertation is a three-part project that looks at: 1. How migrants are socialized in their host countries, and how this influences their behavior when they return to their home countries. 2. The factors that enable or restrict their ability to diffusion new ideas among their non-migrant networks. 3. Whether experience abroad affects the effectiveness and accountability of public officials. Dela is using her grant to support a mixed-method data collection effort in Ghana. The research design pays explicit attention to heterogeneity to uncover what aspects of the migratory experience transform migrants into agents of change. This study improves on the existing migration scholarship in a number of ways: it extends the migration and political socialization literature to an African political context, it uncovers limitations to idea diffusion, and it expands our understanding of how institutional contexts can limit accountability.

Michael Pomirchy  Spring 2019 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Michael’s dissertation examines issue salience and how ideological constraint in the mass public is associated with the level of information provided on the issue. Michael’s research looks broadly at the relationship between constituency opinion and government action, measuring elite responsiveness and representation. He is using the Multi-Center Graduate Grant to conduct a survey experiment that looks at whether or not issue salience moderates the effect of partisan cues on ideological consistency. This research theorizes that individuals are more ideologically constrained on high-salience issues than on low-salience ones, and the effect of cues on policy preferences should vary with respect to the importance of the issue. This has implications for understanding the distribution of mass preferences and why we see more structured preferences on some issues rather than others.

Elsa Voytas  Spring 2019 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Elsa’s dissertation examines how participating in transitional justice policies shapes trust in the government and political engagement. Her research explores the policies of museums, material reparations, and domestic prosecutions at the individual level. She is using her Multi-Center Graduate Grant to field a survey with survivors and family members of victims from the Pinochet dictatorship in Chile. The survey will compare results among respondents to estimate the repercussions of differential experiences with transitional justice policies. This research will shed light on the role of transitional justice after violence, with implications for societies seeking to reconcile, consolidate peace, and prevent reversions to violence.
The Bobst Center also provides dissertation and pre-dissertation funding to help facilitate graduate student training and research. Doctoral students who have been successful in securing Bobst Center dissertation and pre-dissertation grants have submitted proposals that are rigorous for their intellectual merit and research designs.

Carolyn Barnett  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient, Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Carolyn Barnett used her Bobst dissertation grant to study how legal and institutional changes favoring women’s rights in Morocco are perceived by ordinary Moroccans and whether such reforms are shifting social norms around gender equality. With her funding, Carolyn organized focus groups in cities around Morocco and paid local research associates to transcribe the resulting discussions, generating rich qualitative data on Moroccans’ shifting attitudes around gender roles. She has also planned and piloted an original lab experiment that she hopes to implement in the coming months.

Haosen Ge  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Haosen’s dissertation project tries to understand how companies influence government policy making. With the support from Bobst Center, he was able to travel extensively within mainland China and conduct interviews in multiple sites. In addition, the funding enabled him to hire research assistants to code thousands of annual reports of public companies. The qualitative and quantitative evidence helped him make significant progress on his dissertation work.

James Gilman  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
James is studying the effects of communal trauma, such as civil war violence, on political behavior. He conducted fieldwork in Nepal, researching how the 1996-2006 civil war between the state and Maoist insurgents shaped post-conflict electoral politics. He also conducted research for a second project examining the impact of Nepal’s 2015 earthquake on voting behavior.

Dayna Judge  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Dayna used her Bobst dissertation grant to determine whether, and if so, why, women are preferred as leaders during times of crisis. With Bobst funding, she conducted an online survey experiment with 5,000 respondents in the US and UK to study how moments of political and economic crisis affect perceptions of female leadership.

Alexandra Mayorga  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Alexandra’s dissertation explores the relationship between hostility, identity and political behavior among immigrant-minority populations in the European context. She used her funding, which includes the Bobst grant, to carry out an original survey to experimentally manipulate exposure to hostility on targeted minority groups in the UK. These data will become essential empirical material in assessing the degree the political incorporation of immigrant-minorities is affected by the attitudes and behaviors of the native-majority.

Sean Luna McAdams  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Sean used his Bobst dissertation grant to study the uneven emergence of rights-based judicial activism in Latin America by studying how legal scholars influenced constitutional reforms and subsequently the high courts with the authority to review complaints of individual rights violations in Colombia and Argentina. With Bobst funding, he carried out fieldwork in Bogotá, Colombia and Buenos Aires, Argentina to interview legal scholars, high court clerks, and high court justices as well as conduct archival research on the constituent assemblies and law school.

Patrick Signoret  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient
Patrick used his Bobst dissertation grant to study how relative order has been maintained—or reclaimed—in some Mexican cities even as large-scale criminal violence persisted in surrounding areas. With Bobst funding, he carried out fieldwork in several Mexican cities and hired research assistants to help code annual local-level criminal group presence and security apparatus attributes (2006–2018).
Jose Maria Valadez  Spring 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Jose Maria used the support from the Bobst dissertation grant to study the delivery of social programs in Mexico at the subnational level. During his fieldwork trip in the summer of 2019, he interviewed bureaucrats from the state governments of Chiapas and Yucatan, two states in the southeastern part of Mexico. With these interviews, he aims to understand the incentives of state-level officials to provide social services in coordination—or not—with the national counterpart and characterize the interaction between these two levels of government in the realm of social policy delivery.

Fin Bauer  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Fin is using his Bobst dissertation grant to study how image concerns influence ordinary citizens’ attitudes toward territorial disputes. With Bobst funding, he is conducting a two-country survey experiment in China and Japan to study how Chinese citizens’ attitudes toward the Diaoyu Islands dispute are influenced by the beliefs they think Japanese citizens hold about China.

Zenobia Chan  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Zenobia is using her Bobst dissertation grant to study how expectations shape credibility in foreign policy between allies and adversaries. With Bobst funding, she has carried out elite interviews in Brussels, Belgium and will be fielding survey experiments in Estonia and Taiwan to study the effectiveness of NATO and U.S. assurance.

Mindy Haas  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Mindy is using her Bobst dissertation grant to study how different types of laws passed by Congress affect the choice of components of covert action as tools of US foreign policy. With Bobst funding, Mindy plans to conduct archival research at two presidential libraries: One case study involves materials at the Reagan Presidential Library on CIA involvement in the Angolan Civil War, and the other case study involves research at the Clinton Presidential Library on U.S. complicity with Iranian arms smuggling to the Bosnian government during the Yugoslavian Civil War.

Mohammad Isaqzadeh  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Mohammad Isaqzadeh used his Bobst dissertation grant to study the reverse causal relationship between violence and religious intensity: how exposure to violence strengthens religious beliefs among civilians and increases their participation in religious rituals as psychological coping mechanisms. With the Bobst fund, he hired research assistants and enumerators to conduct 1,000 face-to-face survey interviews in Kabul, Afghanistan, where insurgent attacks have led to over 4,000 civilian casualties over the past three years.

Delanyo Kpo  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Dela used her Bobst dissertation grant to study the impacts of migration on migrant and network political behavior in the home country. The study focuses on variation in the extent of political socialization in the host country, and how that affects migrant behavior upon return. It also examines the factors that moderate the diffusion among non-migrants. With Bobst funding, she was able to employ research assistants to scrap the web for data on public officials and collect other performance data from government institutions. The funding also made it possible to acquire software for qualitative data analysis.

Xiaoxiao Shen  Fall 2019 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Xiaoxiao used her Bobst dissertation grant to study the conditions that explain propaganda success or failure in authoritarian countries. With Bobst funding, she has carried out various experiments with the aid of a news mobile app designed by herself. She also hired research assistants to help code whether local governments’ officials news closely mirrors the central government’s reporting that is released on the official WeChat accounts.
Graduate Student Conference Support

In addition to graduate grants, the Bobst Center also provides financial support to University and Politics Department graduate students through conference funding. Below are a few conferences that Bobst supported this year to further enrich the scholarly work of our graduate students.

PRESS Experimental Workshop

Bobst provides annual funding for the Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS) workshops which are also supported by the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG), the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Department of Politics. Through this program, a forum is provided for workshopping and giving feedback to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty on their experimental projects in-progress. It also serves as an important source of small-grant support to graduate student and postdoctoral experimental research projects.

Latin American Politics Workshop

Annually, Bobst provides financial support for the Latin American Politics workshops which provides graduate students whose research is concentrated on the Latin American region with a forum to present their job talks, prospectuses, 591s, and article drafts. This workshop is coordinated by Deborah Yashar, Professor of Politics and International Affairs. Additionally, this year, Bobst supported the attendance of 7 doctoral students to the Political Economy of Latin America group conference. This year’s conference was held in March at Columbia University and is a consortium of Princeton University, Yale University, Columbia University and NYU.

Bobst Center Programs

Program on Identities and Institutions

The Program on Identities and Institutions, directed by Rafaela Dancygier, sponsored its annual workshop which was led this year by Jonathan Mummolo, Assistant Professor of Politics and Public Affairs. The November conference, entitled The Politics Police Make: Law Enforcement, State Power and Social Inequality in Democratic States, welcomed scholars from diverse subfields in political science to present new empirical research on the role of law enforcement in democratic societies. Topics included the causes and consequences of police-citizen interactions, the political forces that shape police tactics, methodological challenges to studying bias in policing, the impact of police tactics on public opinion and political behavior, and investigations into how policing strategies can preserve social hierarchies and perpetuate inequality.

Program on Inequality

The Program on Inequality is led by director Tali Mendelberg, John Work Garrett Professor of Politics. This program organizes events that enhance research on inequality and politics. Of note, the program organizes the Race, Ethnicity and Identity (REI) workshop in which Princeton faculty present cutting-edge work and receive feedback early in the publication process. This year research was presented for discussion by Ali Valenzuela, Assistant Professor of Politics and LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Assistant Professor of Politics.

Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice proudly continues its collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB) with the generous support of the Bobst Foundation. This year AUB and Princeton scholars shared many opportunities to learn from each other through exchanges, workshops, conferences and other forms of networking and interaction. Princeton was able to provide logistical and financial support for AUB faculty to participate in the following events: WESSI Florence and WESSI Abu Dhabi. Attendees included Fatima Abu Salem, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Tania Haddad, Assistant Professor of Political Studies and Public Administration, and Yara Acaf, graduate student enrolled at AUB.
Faculty Exchanges

A noted feature of the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative is the faculty exchange program. The exchange program is designed to bring the Princeton and AUB scholarly communities together to learn and engage from one another. At the end of last spring, the program supported the efforts of CUNY Professor of Politics, Jillian Schwedler, to visit the AUB campus. While there, Jillian led a workshop that was well-attended by AUB students and titled, *Qualitative Research in Social Sciences*. This year we welcomed three faculty visitors from AUB to Princeton.

**Danyel Reiche** is an Associate Professor in Political Studies and Public Administration at the American University of Beirut. Danyel presented his work in November with a talk entitled, “Policies for Naturalization of Foreign-born Athletes: Qatar and Turkey in Comparison”. His work focuses on sport policy and politics. He co-published “Success and Failure of Countries” at the Olympic Games in 2016.

**Hiba Khodr** is an Associate Professor of Public Policy in the Political Studies and Public Administration Department at the American University of Beirut. In February, she gave a lecture titled; “Counterterrorism Policies and Preventing Violent Extremism Initiatives in the UAE: Dynamics, Patterns and Perspectives”. Hiba is conducting research on counterterrorism and preventing violent extremism policies in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

**Nisreen Salti** is an Associate professor in the Department of Economics at the American University of Beirut. She is a Princeton alumnus who received her Master’s in Public Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs and a PhD in Economics. Nisreen is the Faculty Coordinator at AUB for the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative. In March, Nisreen presented her work in a talk entitled, “Multipurpose Cash Assistance in Humanitarian Settings: the Impact on Syrian Refugees in Lebanon”.

Summer Teaching Program

During this past summer, the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative launched a summer teaching exchange program. Two of Princeton’s faculty traveled to the campus of AUB to deliver and teach courses to students. The inaugural program was quite successful. This summer Professor **Kris Ramsay** was scheduled to teach a three week courses, entitled *The Strategy of Conflict: International Strategy and Security*. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this course has been postponed till next year. **Erika Kiss**, Director of the University Center for Human Values Film Forum at Princeton taught a 3-week course entitled *State-Propaganda-Film* at AUB. **Jan-Werner Müller**, Professor of Politics, led a 3-week course entitled *The Crisis of Democracy* at AUB.

Workshop on Arab Political Development (WAPD)

The Workshop on Arab Political Development (directed by Amaney Jamal) sponsors public lectures by faculty, scholars and policy makers who study issues of the Middle East and North Africa. This year’s WAPD Public Lectures were jointly hosted by the Comparative Politics Seminar. In October, we welcomed Lisa Wedeen, Mary Morton Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago. She presented her research from her recently published book, *Authoritarian Apprehensions: Ideology, Judgment, and Mourning in Syria.*
Lisa specializes in comparative politics, the Middle East, political theory and feminist theory. She is also the Associate Faculty in Anthropology and the Co-Director of the Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory at the University of Chicago.

In December, WAPD and the Comparative Politics Seminar series invited Lisa Blaydes, Professor of Political Science, Stanford University. She gave a public lecture entitled, *Trade and Political Fragmentation on the Silk Roads: The Economic Effects of Historical Exchange between China and the Muslim East*. Blaydes, who is also a Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, recently published the book, *State of Repression: Iraq under Saddam Hussein*.

The WAPD also provides graduate students with a forum to present their research projects under the general guidance of director Amaney Jamal. Through this graduate seminar, students gain experience in presenting their work and critically engaging the audience about their research. The graduate students who presented this year were Carolyn Barnett and Killian Clarke. Carolyn’s research focuses on social and economic policymaking and women’s economic and political participation and combines qualitative and quantitative methods, including survey and field experiments in North Africa. Killian studies the origins and consequences of grassroots movements and political protests, and examines their contribution to transformative political events like revolutions and regime change.

### Bobst Center Workshops

**SPIRE**

The Symposium on the Politics of Immigration, Race and Ethnicity was held at Princeton University this February. Sponsored by the Bobst Center, the Program on Inequality, the Program on Identities and Institutions, and the Politics Department, Professor LaFleur Stephens-Dougan organized the 2020 conference along with SPIRE co-organizers Daniel Gillion (University of Pennsylvania), Sophia Wallace (University of Washington), and Bernard Fraga (Indiana University). Princeton welcomed over 50 attendees from universities across the nation. Emerging scholars in the field were able to receive valuable feedback on their research by attendees and the following senior mentors: Cristina Beltran (NYU), Efren Perez (UCLA), Melanye Price (PVAMU) and Megan Ming Francis (Harvard University).

**WESSI**

The Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) Workshop, organized by Rebecca Morton of NYU NYC/AD, and Amaney Jamal of Princeton University, is intended for social science PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior Assistant Professors who are engaged in research on the Middle East region. This workshop provides junior researchers with the opportunity to present their research designs and work-in-progress to noted senior scholars in the field and receive individualized feedback on their work. The first WESSI workshop this year was held on the beautiful campus of NYU Florence Italy in September. There were ten presentations given by junior researchers from around the world. This year’s mentors included Graeme Blair (UCLA), Simone Dietrich (University of Geneva), Miriam Golden (EUI), Amaney Jamal (Princeton University), Luis Miller (Spanish National Research Council), Rebecca Morton (NYU NYC/AD), Alexandra Scacco (WZB), and Arthur Schram (EUI/Amsterdam).

**Conversations About Peace Lecture Series**

Conversations About Peace lecture series is a project coordinated by S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Middle Eastern Policy Studies Dr. Daniel Kurtzer from the Woodrow Wilson School, former Ambassador to Egypt and Israel, and Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics, director of the Bobst Center, Amaney Jamal, to bring representatives of both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle in a way that emphasizes efforts towards peaceful coexistence. This February, a public lecture was presented by Ian Lustick and was moderated by Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer. The lecture, entitled Paradigm Lost: From Two-State Solution to One-State Reality garnered great interest from the Princeton community. Ian Lustick is a Professor of Political Science and the Bess W. Heyman Chair of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Lustick teaches Middle Eastern politics, comparative politics and computer modeling. He is the recipient of several awards from the Carnegie Corporation, the National Science Foundation, the national Endowment for the Humanities and the Social Sciences Research Council. Another talk was scheduled to feature Ambassador Hesham Youssef in March, but was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
**Post-Doctoral Program**

Another special feature of the Bobst Center’s programs includes the Post-Doctoral Research program, run by Professor Carles Boix, Robert Garrett Professor of Politics and Public Affairs in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Offered jointly with the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, post-doctoral research appointments are one-year positions designed for scholars of comparative politics with a special focus on empirical democratic theory and comparative institutions.

**Andreu Arenas** will join the Bobst Center and Department of Politics in September, 2020, as a Visiting Research Scholar from his home institution of the University of Barcelona where he is an Assistant Professor of Economics. Andreu received his PhD in economics from the European University Institute in 2016. Upon completion of his PhD, he held a postdoctoral fellow appointment at Center for Operations Research and Econometrics (UC Louvain) and the Barcelona Institute of Political Economy and Governance.

**Laura Garcia Montoya** will join the Bobst Center and Department of Politics in September, 2020, as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate after completion of her PhD in Political Science from Northwestern University. Her dissertation, entitled, *Trapped by Inequality: The Politics of Redistribution in Latin America*, reveals the causes of economic inequality traps. Her research and teaching interests are in the fields of comparative politics and methodology with a focus on the political economy of inequality and political violence in Latin America.

Finishing their appointments in August, 2020, Jeremy Spater and Elizabeth Wellman both spent their year at Princeton furthering their research. Jeremy will rejoin Duke University with a three year post-doctoral appointment with the Department of Political Science. Elizabeth will be a Visiting Assistant Professor at Williams College.

**Bobst Sponsored Workshops & Conferences**

Throughout the year, the Bobst Center provides financial assistance for Princeton University affiliated workshops and conferences that work toward the pursuit of peace, justice, tolerance and mutual understanding.

**NEWEPS**

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science is a small working group that brings together scholars who use cutting-edge empirical methods to study the political economy of governance, representation, development and conflict. NEWEPS is comprised of scholars from departments that support the group from Columbia University, Harvard University, New York University, Princeton University, and University of Pennsylvania. Unique this year, as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, NEWEPS held its annual meeting in May virtually and participants presented and received feedback from attendees and senior scholars.

**Office of Religious Life**

In March, the Bobst Center sponsored a symposium for the Muslim Life Program with the Office of Religious Life. The title of the day-long symposium was Deconstructing and Resisting Islamophobia. It featured several Muslim scholars and activists and was designed to bring into public dialogue continued anti-Muslim sentiment in current society. Scholars included Amaney Jamal (Princeton University), Asma Uddin (religious liberty lawyer), Debbie Almontesar (Khalil Gibran International Academy), Mucad Bilici (CUNY), Sahar Aziz (Rutgers University) and many more.

**Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom Annual Conference**

This organization helps to grow relationships and mutual understanding between Muslim and Jewish women to fight hate, build bridges and combat negative stereotypes and prejudice. The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom celebrated its 6th Annual Gathering on the first weekend of November at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. The numerous hands-on learning labs, workshops and table breakout sessions helped connect the attendees. Spoken word artist Hannah Hasan, first Latina Jewish Representative Alma Hernandez, and panelists Farah Pandith and Hannah Rosenthal shared powerful words, personal stories, and productive ways to combat anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.
Postponed Events

Sadly, in order to assist with the mitigation of the global Covid-19 pandemic, we had to postpone several of our planned events. We look forward to hosting the below events and workshops in the new academic year when it’s safe to do so.

**Conversations about Peace Lecture Series** featuring Ambassador Hesham Youssef from the United States Institute of Peace (previously scheduled for March 10, 2020)

**Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative** Workshop on the Politics of Everyday Contestation in the Arab World (previously scheduled for March 20-21, 2020)

**Bobst Center for Peace and Justice** Retirement Workshop for Ezra Suleiman (previously scheduled for April 17, 2020)

**Department of Politics Workshop** led by Faisal Ahmed (previously scheduled for May 15, 2020)

**PRESS Workshop** featuring Cindy Kam from Vanderbilt University (previously scheduled for March 26, 2020)

**PRESS Workshop** featuring Diana Mutz from University of Pennsylvania (previously scheduled for April 30, 2020)

Undergraduate Research & Internships

Summer Internship Opportunity

The Bobst Center with the Department of Politics continued to support eight-week summer internships for qualified undergraduate students. One student participated in this internship opportunity and was granted funding to support his efforts. Conor Vance served as an intern in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of African Affairs, in the Office of Economic and Regional Affairs. This internship enabled Conor to take part in inter-agency task forces and working groups, attend Senate hearings, participate in reviews of NGO funding proposals, and hone his communicative and analytical skills. Conor’s time in the State Department made it possible for him to gain considerable knowledge and experience in anti-human trafficking efforts, public health crisis responses, and the inner workings of diplomacy, all while contributing to the efforts of a key coordinating office within the Bureau of African Affairs. The wide portfolio of the AF/ERA office is quite significant, and Conor is grateful that he could contribute to its mission.

International Student Internship Program

This summer, the Bobst Center continued its involvement with the University’s International Student Internship Program (ISIP), which allows University faculty and scholars to host international undergraduates from other educational institutions. The Bobst Center was honored to host Haya Anis, a student at the American University of Cairo studying Actuarial Science and Economics. Haya, who is originally from Alexandria, Egypt, used her time at Princeton to learn more about the project of the Arab Barometer. She worked on social media campaigns, report creation, and data analysis. Haya hopes to return to the US for graduate school. This experience was positive for everyone involved, and has paved the way for future ISIP students to be summertime visitors to the Center.

Research Assistant Program

Undergraduate students who are majoring in politics or related areas are given the opportunity to work as a Bobst Undergraduate Research Fellow to assist Politics faculty members in research projects which focus on social justice, equality or other aspects of the Bobst mission. In this way, faculty receive extra support while students learn firsthand valuable research skills. This year, students worked with professors Jennifer Widner, Faisal Ahmed, Amaney Jamal, Andreas Wiedemann, and Ezra Suleiman.
Undergraduate Event Support

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice proudly supports Princeton University Undergraduate Student Events that contribute to the Bobst mission. The following are some of the events that the Bobst Center has funded this past year:

**Princeton GenUN: William Kamkwamba Speaker Event on Innovation in Malawi to End Famine**
The UNA-USA Climate Change Committee invited the renowned and globally recognized William Kamkwamba to campus to speak about his experience during a climate change induced Malawi drought. He discussed how a windmill that he built was used to save his village from starvation as outlined in his memoir, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.

**Jewish Progressives: Antisemitism Workshop with Sam & David from the Treyf Podcast**
Sam Bick and David Zinman, the founders and hosts of the Montreal-based Treyf Podcast, led a workshop on contemporary antisemitism and its relationship with the left-right political divide in November. Both Sam and David are seasoned progressive Jewish activists and coalition builders with years of experience facilitating conversations on antisemitism and Jewish politics—in addition to directing one of North America’s most popular Jewish political podcasts. The workshop was open to the campus community and touched on topics about the history of antisemitism, its weaponization in contemporary political discourse, and new, progressive approaches to its recent resurgence.

**Press Club: The Future of India, Struggles for Democracy in Kashmir Future**
In February, the Press Club hosted a panel discussion about the struggle for democracy and human rights in the Kashmir region of India. Moderated by Princeton’s Dayton-Stockton Professor of History Gyan Prakash, this panel also featured Professor Hafsa Kanjwal of Lafayette College. Professor Kanjwal is a Kashmiri-American expert on the history of the region and its political conditions. She has spoken to MSNBC and other media outlets about this topic and provided an essential perspective to our campus conversation. Also discussed were the implications of the Kashmiri struggle for other nations and people on the South Asian subcontinent and its connection to international peace as well as the growing rift between Muslim and Hindu in the region.

**The Arab Society of Princeton: Life on Campus**
The Princeton Arab Society held a welcome engagement event for Arab and Arab-identifying students to open up dialogue revolving around shared and unique experiences. This dinner series allowed for open conversations about experiences and the transition period for students coming to campus.

**Princeton University US China Coalition: Uncovering Xinjiang and What’s Happening to China’s Uyghurs**
Over a million Uyghurs have been arbitrarily detained in concentration camps in China’s Xinjiang Province. What exactly is going on in Xinjiang, why is China treating the Uyghurs in this fashion, and why has so little been done so far? These were some of the questions that an expert panel tackled during the event. Experts included Jewher Ilham (Uyghur activist; daughter of detained Uyghur intellectual Ilham Tohti), Sophie Richardson (Human Rights Watch, China Director), and Nury Turkel (Uyghur lawyer and founder of the Uyghur Human Rights Project).
AKWAABA Group: PASA Speaker Series Featuring: Amarachi Nwosu + Melanin Unscripted
During the first installment of the Princeton African Student Association’s Speaker Series, Amarachi Nwosu, an acclaimed photographer, documentarian and writer, presented in honor of International Women’s Day. During the event, Nwosu, a Nigerian-American, debuted two of her documentaries, Black in Tokyo and Women of Color in Japan, and spoke to students about her career within the creative industry. This event offered many students, particularly those interested in careers that are different from the norm, an opportunity to learn from another African who is excelling in the creative industry, as well as gain more information about her experiences living and working in Japan, and the implications of this decision.

Asian American Student Association: “My Name is KIM Bok Dong” Film Screening
The Korean Council for Justice and Remembrance for the Issues of Military Sexual Slavery by Japan will arrive in mid-September in America to start their United States tour to screen director Song Won-Geun’s documentary, “My Name is KIM Bok Dong,” a film about the late “comfort women” survivor Bok Dong Kim halmoni (grandmother) who dedicated her life to seeking historical recognition and justice for the survivors of the sexual slavery of World War II. This event sought to educate the Princeton campus and community about a dying history in order to understand current issues of violence against women in times of conflict and the lack of concrete structures of justice to protect and support vulnerable women across the world.

Princeton Soccer Appreciation Club: Princeton Soccer Conference
Inspired by the Yale Soccer Conference, students organized the first Princeton Soccer Conference. Panelists gave talks to the attendees on how the sport of soccer can promote peace. Panelists included: Peter Alegi, Associate Professor of History at Michigan State University, Author of “Laduma: Soccer, Politics and Society in South Africa, from its Origins to 2010; Chuck Korr, Professor Emeritus at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Author of “More than Just a Game” (a book about the significant role of soccer in Robben Island); Shireen Ahmed, award-winning sports activist who focuses on Muslim women in sports, as well as the intersections of racism and misogyny in sports.

Press Club: 2019 University Press Club Rukeyser Lecture
The Louis R. Rukeyser Memorial Lecture, held in November, featured Alma Guillermoprieto. Guillermoprieto is an award winning Mexican journalist known for her reporting on Latin America. Guillermoprieto was one of two journalists who broke the story of the El Mozote massacre, the mass killing of civilians by the Salvadoran Army during the country’s civil war. Throughout her career, Guillermoprieto has written for The Guardian, The Washington Post, The New York Review of Books, and The New Yorker and has served as the bureau chief for Newsweek in Brazil. She has also been the recipient of both the MacArthur Fellowship and the George Polk Award.

Sikhs of Princeton: Speaking of Sikhs
Speaking of Sikhs is an annual event, hosted by Sikhs of Princeton, where the group invites prominent Sikh speakers to come talk about important issues that face the Sikh Community today, particularly in the context of the present political climate. This interdisciplinary talk consisted of four speakers, each of whom spoke about distinct topics such as mental health, gender equality, civic service, and justice. This event is intended to create a dialogue on important issues and to initiate conversation to help others understand Sikhi issues in the present day and for the Sikh community to work together on solving real issues.
Orange represents focal areas for recent Bobst-funded research:

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