Message from the Director, AMANEY A. JAMAL, Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics

I am once again very happy to share our exciting news and accomplishments with our friends on campus and across the world. This year, we assembled a dynamic set of programs and our programmatic visibility on campus continues to grow. Our work with the Department of Politics, the Woodrow Wilson School, and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies has expanded as well.

This year, as part of our ongoing collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB), we held a conference in collaboration with the Issam Fares Institute at the AUB in February 2017. Over 50 scholars from the Middle East, the US and Europe participated in this conference. It was a tremendous success. I was also delighted that a group of my colleagues from the department of Politics, Mark Beissinger, Helen Milner, and Steve Macedo joined us for the conference, they also stayed for an entire week in Lebanon, where they met faculty and students at the AUB, delivered talks, and participated in sightseeing tours in Beirut and Byblos. (See Page 10 for more details).

I am also pleased to announce the inauguration of a new Bobst sub-program. Starting July 2017, Tali Mendelberg will lead the Program on Inequality. Rafaela Dancygier will continue directing a Bobst sub-program with a new title: Program on Identities and Institutions. (See page 8 for more details).

Finally, we wouldn’t be able to accomplish all of our goals without the capable and dedicated help of our staff. Wendy Brill, Bobst’s Program Manager excels at what she does. We have new support at Bobst to help with our growing activities. I am happy to welcome Karen Finn, who has joined us as a Program Assistant. Further, to bolster Bobst’s role in serving faculty research, we’ve hired Gordon Arsenoff, a Senior Research Specialist, who works with Bobst affiliated faculty on their research projects.

Our programming for FY 2018, will continue to bring many new and exciting programs. Thanks for your interest in the Bobst Center!
Executive Committee
The main directive of the Bobst Center executive committee is to advise and support the Director and the Center’s mission.

MARK BEISSINGER, HENRY W. PUTNAM
Professor of Politics. Acting Director, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS).
Mark 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.

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 has received the William Riker award for the best book on political economy twice, the Mattei Dogan award for best book published, twice, in the field of comparative research, and the Heinz Eulau award for best article published in the American Political Science Review twice. He is the Founder and Director of the Institute of Political Economy and Governance in Barcelona, Spain. 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’s first term on the Bobst Center Executive Board began July 1, 2016. She 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 work has received the Best Book Award by the European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) and one of her books was 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; and European Politics and Society.

NOLAN MCCARTY, SUSAN DOD
Brown Professor of Politics and Public Affairs. Chair, Department of Politics. Nolan McCarty’s research interests include U.S. politics, democratic political institutions, and political game theory. He is currently Chair of the Department of Politics and former vice dean of the Woodrow Wilson School. He is the recipient of the Robert Eckles Swain National Fellowship from the Hoover Institution and the John M. Olin Fellowship in Political Economy. Professor McCarty is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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 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.

GRIGORE POP-ELECHES, PROFESSOR
of Politics and Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School. Grigore Pop-Eleches’ main research interests lie at the intersection between political economy and comparative political behavior, with a particular interest in Eastern Europe and Latin America. He has worked on the politics of IMF programs in Eastern Europe and Latin America, the rise of unorthodox parties in East Europe, and the role of historical legacies in post-communist regime change. 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. Professor Pop-Eleches is an associate editor of World Politics.
Faculty Grant Recipients

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice is honored to be able to offer support to some of the finest scholars in the field of political science, the members of the Department of Politics at Princeton University. Faculty members of all ranks and subfields whose work aligns with the core mission of the Bobst Center have received annual grants of up to $10,000 to further studies that enrich the body of knowledge in the field of political science.

CHARLES M. CAMERON, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, and JOHN KASTELLEC, Assistant Professor, Department of Politics. Charles M. Cameron and John Kastellec describe the use of their Bobst grant by stating, “We propose to investigate the operation, dynamics, and trajectory of America’s separation-of-powers system by conducting an in-depth examination of historical changes in the politics of Supreme Court nominations. We will examine nominations from 1930-2017, addressing such questions as what types of nominees presidents select and what the consequences of appointments are for the long-run trajectory of the Court’s decisions. The overarching goal of the project is to produce the first integrated account of Supreme Court nomination and confirmation politics that simultaneously places changes in the nomination process within the larger context of the dramatic evolution of American politics over the course of the 20th and 21st centuries. In doing so, we hope to contribute to the normative debate over whether the United States’ separation-of-power system can cope with the dramatic changes in the American constitutional order and the current era of intense partisan polarization.”

ALISHA C. HOLLAND, Assistant Professor of Politics. Alisha Holland is using her Bobst grant to answer the question, “Why do some governments fail to use existing state resources?” Conventional wisdom suggests that governments are spendthrift. Yet, in much of the developing world, local governments underspend their budgets. This book project explores the puzzle of fallow states, or the underuse of existing state resources. Through a statistical analysis of subnational spending and peri-urban land use patterns across the developing world and in-depth case studies of Latin American countries with varying resource use across time and space, this project seeks to shed new light on what states do, and fail to do, for their citizens.

TALI MENDELBERG, Professor, Department of Politics. In light of the dramatic rise in social, political, and economic inequality in the United States, Tali Mendelberg is researching why support for policies that would reduce inequality is so low. Her Bobst grant funded a survey of Princeton and other university students regarding their support for a particularly salient redistributive policy: financial aid for higher education. Using a series of survey experiments, she is examining how variations in individual characteristics, social norms, personal costs, and perceptions of aid recipients affect student support for financial redistribution.

KEREN YARHI-MILO, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School. RALPH O. GLENDINNIG UNIVERSITY PRECEPTOR. Keren Yarhi-Milo is using financial support from the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice for a project that engages fundamental ethical and normative questions regarding the use of force in democracies, especially as to whether ordinary citizens have any influence on decisions to go to war, or whether those decisions solely the province of political elites. This research paper deals with this question by using a series of elite and public survey experiments to tease out how citizens and leaders think about those issues, what are the mechanisms driving those assessments, and to what extent these mechanisms affect political behavior.

JACOB N. SHAPIRO, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School; and co-author Politics graduate student ELSA VOYTAS, Jake N. Shapiro and graduate student Elsa Voytas state, “We will use Bobst funding to analyze how post-conflict and post-repression human rights prosecutions affect victims’ psychological well-being and their political beliefs, focusing on the case of Argentina.”

Keep up with the latest news about Bobst’s associated students, faculty, and friends’ publications and events! Follow us on Twitter at @BobstCenter.
Graduate Research Support

The Bobst Center partnered with the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance to provide funding for Department of Politics doctoral student research. Using travel grants, field grants, and competitive dissertation award, the generous support of the Bobst Center and NCGG has facilitated graduate research in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, United States, South and Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. We are proud to be supporting the excellent work of our graduate students (featured below).

GIULIANA PARDELLI used her Bobst grant to conduct research on the determinants of fiscal capacity at the local level in Brazil, traveling to different archives across the country to collect historical data on local taxes, administrative capacity, voting behavior, land concentration and conflict.

ALEXANDER KUSTOV will be using his grant funds to explore the question of immigration restrictions in rich democracies. Why do otherwise prosocial voters resist immigration which could be made to benefit everyone? Departing from behavioral economics and original survey experimental data on revealed preferences from high-income countries, Alex argues that—depending on whether they view their compatriots as more deserving than foreigners—highly altruistic people can either be the most or the least anti-immigrant group. The results have important implications for (1) understanding anti-immigrant voting; and (2) designing more efficient but acceptable policies or interventions to change one’s mind on immigration.

CHRISTOPH MIKULASCHEK is administering two survey experiments to a nationally representative sample of U.S. citizens to adjudicate between multiple causal mechanisms that may plausibly explain why Americans prefer multilateral interventions over unilateral use of force. He also is conducting the first empirical test of the proposition that a single international organization can convey multiple different signals about a U.S. intervention that shape the attitudes of the American public. A research grant from the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance enables Christoph Mikulaschek to investigate the effect of multilateral approval of U.S. interventions in two separate contexts; this research design yields findings with greater external validity than previous studies.

SHARAN GREWAL received a field grant to conduct a network analysis of the Tunisian officer corps. He says, “In particular, I hope to map all familial relations connecting Tunisian military officers to each other as well as to party and business elite from 1956-2011. I then wish to assess what effects these kinship ties had on promotions, and what they suggest more generally about the officers corps’ preferences toward Ben Ali and the revolution.”

ROMAIN FERRALI is using his Bobst grant to complete his dissertation, which examines corruption as a criminal network in Morocco. He says, “More precisely, thinking of an organization as a social network in which two members are connected if they work together, how does the structure of that network determine who becomes corrupt, and how much they pocket? Doing so, I develop a network approach to corruption. Its comparative advantage is in the study of how the web of social connections within an organization affects the nature of corruption. In doing so, the network approach frames corruption as organized crime (Raab and Milward, 2003). Using the tools of network analysis allows me to make statements as to which specific kinds of network structures are best able to mitigate corruption, and, within a given network, which agents are more likely to be corrupt.”
Updates

Information on what some of our recent Bobst graduate award recipients are doing now and their plans for the near future.

ARAM HUR  Post-Doctoral Faculty Fellow, Wagner School of Public Service, New York University

BRYN ROSENFELD  Assistant Professor, University of Southern California

CHRISTOPH MIKULASCHEK  Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, fall 2017

COLBY CLABAUGH  Government Innovation Fellow, Harvard University

ELIZABETH NUGENT  Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University fall 2017; Assistant Professor, Yale University fall 2018

ERIN LIN  Assistant Professor, Ohio State University

KEVIN MAZUR  Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

MARCUS JOHNSON  Assistant Professor, CUNY Baruch College, fall 2017

MICHAEL T. HOFFMAN  Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame

PETER JOHANNESSEN  Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame University, fall 2017

ROHAN MUKHERJEE  Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College

VINAY SITAPATI  Assistant Professorship, Ashoka University

Orange represents focal areas for recent Bobst-funded research.

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Undergraduate Internships and Research Fellows

In addition to funding events organized by undergraduate groups on campus, the Bobst Center has two other programs designed to enrich the experiences of Princeton students. The first is the Bobst Center Research Fellows Program, in which a select group of politics majors are hired to assist department faculty with research projects that focus on social justice, equality, or other aspects of the Bobst mission. In this way, faculty receive extra support while students learn firsthand how the skills they are taught in their undergraduate years are the same skills that all levels of scholars employ to forward their field of research. Students have assisted scholars such as Carles Boix, Christina Davis, Faisal Ahmed, Ezra Suleiman, and Alisha Holland.

In cooperation with the Department of Politics, the Bobst Center provides funding to selected undergraduates who have been accepted into summer internships that broadly fit into the mission of the Bobst Center. This past summer, two students were supported in eight-week long White House internships in Washington, D.C.

Undergraduate Events

*The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice proudly supports Princeton Undergraduate Student Events that contribute to advancing the cause of peace, mutual understanding, and respect for all ethnic traditions and religious faiths, and justice. In the past year, Bobst has cosponsored the following events:*

The American Whig-Cliosophic Society public lecture with Izumi Nakamitsu provided eye-opening firsthand accounts and discussions related to being a female U.N. Assistant Secretary General. Topics ranged from managing the challenges of international governance to humanitarian disaster and political crisis response.

The Princeton Asian American Student Association splash campaign, “Asian Girls Everywhere,” focused on the experiences of and injustices to Asian (American) women on campus. Personal stories were transformed into powerful statements spread across campus in the form of posters, laptop stickers, and an artistic zine.

The Princeton University US China Coalition (PUCC)’s “All Eyes and Ears” documentary screening with the film’s director, Vanessa Hope, fostered a personal understanding of China and U.S.-China relations. The film and director conveyed messages about activism, economics, cross-cultural identity, and ideologies. PUCC’s mission is building future leaders who will have the knowledge and awareness to steer the two countries in the direction of mutual prosperity.

The Princeton Clay Project’s refugee benefit concert brought awareness to the global refugee situation and helped fund higher education for two Clay Project-supported refugees. One Syrian refugee living in Zaatari Camp in Jordan has been able to start attending Zarqa University in Jordan with plans to pursue a degree in English Language and Literature. A Congolese refugee who lived in a Gihembe Congolese refugee camp in Rwanda was also a beneficiary of support.

The Alliance of Jewish Progressives’ screening of “The Settlers” and Q&A with filmmaker Shimon Dotan and Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer brought students together to discuss how two cultures coexist and how religious ideology can impact political action. “The Settlers” is a movie about the history of Jewish settlers in the West Bank and their allies in Israel, America, and Europe, and their continuing effect on the Middle East peace process.

The Princeton for North Korean Human Rights (PNKHR)’s “2017 PNHKR Annual Intercollegiate Conference” spread awareness by fostering meaningful dialogue about human rights abuses in North Korea and the difficulties North Korean defectors face when resettling in South Korea. Prominent scholars and experts engaged students and the public with the current status of the regime and discussed the role of international organizations, countries, and NGOs to promote human rights in Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. PNHKR works to promote Princeton as a hub for discourse on North Korean politics and human rights.
The Princeton Committee on Palestine’s “Coffee for All Nations” movie night screening promoted a message of unity, perseverance, and hope. Abed, the movie’s star, took his tragedy of being displaced by the Israeli Army and used it to bring together Palestinians, Israelis, and foreigners with his passions for coffee and a good view.

The Asian American Student Association lecture “Memories of Heart Mountain” with Sam Mihara, a former Japanese internee, enlightened the community through stories of personal experiences in Japanese camps and thoughts on mass imprisonment. Discussions spanned across cultures to include the detention of immigrant Latino families in the US, the impact of WWII Japanese incarceration, and the difficulties faced by Muslims in the US and elsewhere.

The Students for Prison and Education Reform (SPEAR)’s “Incentivizing Incarceration: A Panel on the Privatization of Prisons and Detention Centers” explored the impacts of the privatization of prisons and immigrant detention centers, facility conditions, and the resulting human and civil rights violations. The panel featured speakers Carl Takei, staff attorney at the ACLU National Prison Project, Judith Greene, director of Justice Strategies, and Christopher Petrella, lecturer at Bates College.

The Princeton African Students Association (AKWAABA)’s “Princeton African Leadership Summit” was themed “Breaking Barriers.” It convened cultural, social, and economic leaders such as Yasmin Belo-Osagie ’12 and Claude Grunitzky. Panels and workshops provided an increased understanding of current development trends in Africa and a forum for the discussion of issues and ideas pertaining to Africa and the African diaspora.

The Students for Prison Education and Reform held their third spring conference open to students, community, civil society organizations, nonprofits, academics, and journalists. The aim was to explore decarceration, alternatives to incarceration such as restorative justice, and prison abolition. Examined closely were the array of ways in which prison abolition is imagined and how the notion of abolition interacts with and is driven by particular identities.

The student groups J Street U, the Alliance of Jewish Progressives and the Princeton Committee on Palestine hosted “Palestine and Israel: Our Stories” an event for all to come and share personal tales and experiences of living in and belonging to the Palestinian and Israeli communities. Together the student groups created a place for meaningful dialogue where historically dialogue has been difficult.

Princeton University Latinx Perspectives Organization (PULPO) and the Princeton DREAM Team collaborated on hosting the East Coast Chicana Student Forum, which touched on topics of healing through decolonization, the history of activism in the Latinx community, centering wellness and self-care, building bridges among communities of color, and intersectionality through activism and campus conversations.

Princeton Faith and Action organized IRISE (Interfaith Refugee and Immigrant Services and Empowerment) and a 5K fundraiser to support IRISE, a central New Jersey-based non-profit which provides resettlement and other services for local refugees. In addition to providing an opportunity for fitness and fellowship for Princeton students and the broader community, the event raised awareness of the possibilities for taking action to support refugees locally.

Natives at Princeton hosted the Ivy Native Spring Conference 2017: “Understanding the Past to Move Into the Future,” a conference providing an opportunity for Native and Non-Native communities to come together and solve pertinent issues. The summit was meant to encourage a sense of community as well as to provide a platform to further understand the multiplicity of Indigenous identity and issues facing Indigenous people. The theme for this year’s conference was “Treaties: Looking to the Past to Move Forward.” Speakers included members of the Sho-shone-Bannock and of the Inupiaq Nations. The conference was the largest gathering of Native American students in the North-east. Students from all eight Ivy League schools, as well as MIT, Bowdoin, and McGill, engaged in conversations about issues facing Native American communities, built professional skills, and established a network between students and alumni.

The Princeton DREAM Team’s “Culture & Celebration Benefit Gala” celebrated different experiences of migration and culture as it raised funds for undocumented Trenton youth. Open to all, this event featured performances from cultural dance and a capella groups, slam poetry, and more.

AKWAABA, whose mission is to support civic engagement groups that foster development across the African diasporic community, hosted the Sankofa African Fashion Show and After Party. This event provided attendees with a deeper appreciation for African culture through clothing and performances. The theme of this year’s show was “Feast,” celebrating traditional African wedding and harvest ceremonies.
Bobst Workshops

Junior Scholars Book Workshop
The Bobst Center and the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) at George Washington University have continued the Junior Scholars manuscript development workshop this year. This event provides feedback and support to junior scholars and assistance with submission of their work to an appropriate publishing house. Post-Ph.D. and pre-tenure scholars from Northeastern, Louisville, Mississippi, and Bath Universities submitted manuscripts for consideration by a selection committee. Senior scholars providing critique, guidance, and mentorship were from Princeton, University of Maryland, Georgetown University, Columbia University, Goucher College, and the Naval Postgraduate School. Publications discussed covered independent research in Palestine, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, and elsewhere in MENA.

Race, Ethnicity, and Identity Workshops
The third year of the Race, Ethnicity and Identity Workshop saw several programming changes, initiated by new workshop director Associate Professor of Politics Rafaela Dancygier. The REI workshop organized full and multi-day events that brought in national and international scholars, such as the Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Immigration and Policy Lab. This event and others provided opportunities to present and discuss cutting edge theoretical and empirical research on topics of immigration, demographic change, refugee resettlement, refugee impact on voting, partisanship, DACA impact on government and corporate outcomes, and the nature, causes, and consequences of electoral realignment. This program will now fall under the Program on Inequality.

NEW! Program on Inequality
The Bobst Center is pleased to announce a new program to be led by Professor of Politics Tali Mendelberg entitled the Program on Inequality. The program will have two parts. First, it will host an annual interdisciplinary conference on inequality and identity bringing together scholars from across the nation to compare and contrast dimensions of inequality such as race, class, religion, language, or gender. Second, the program will also host the Race, Ethnicity and Identity Workshop dinner seminar twice each semester for Princeton faculty to present and discuss their work-in-progress and build a local community around research on inequality.

NEW! Program on Identities and Institutions
Professor Rafaela Dancygier, who had led the Race, Ethnicity and Identity workshop, will in the coming year be director of the Program on Identities and Institutions. The Race, Ethnicity and Identity Workshop will revert to a faculty dinner seminar under the aegis of the Bobst Program on Inequality, led by Professor Tali Mendelberg. The Program on Identities and Institutions will host several conferences and workshops a year that bring together national and international scholars to present and discuss social science research at the forefront of the field. Some recent topics have included comparative immigration integration policy outcomes, the political and economic consequences of refugee settlement, perceptions of immigrant communities, and the politics of ethnic and racial segregation. In May 2017, the Program will tackle research on the nature, causes, and consequences of electoral realignments and the rise of populism in today’s advanced democracies. In covering these and similar subjects, “Identities and Institutions” connects scholars who work on regions across the globe.

Workshop on Arab Political Development
The Workshop on Arab Political Development is sponsored by the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice in conjunction with Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, and is led by Professor Amaney Jamal. This workshop has a two-pronged approach to the study of the political obstacles and opportunities facing the contemporary Arab world.

The first part is a regular gathering of graduate students who use this arena to discuss their ongoing research. This year, students presented original work on the economy of displaced peoples, mob violence and religion, the influence of militaries on democratic transitions, ethnic alliances in the MENA, the psychology of repression in authoritarian regimes, and the electoral politics of race in a democracy.

The second part of the Workshop on Arab Political Development program is a series of guest lectures featuring both nationally and internationally known scholars who address some of the critical issues of our time. In the past year, Bobst and PIIRS hosted Joseph Sassoon, al-Sabah Chair in Politics and Political Economy of the Arab World at Georgetown University. Professor Sassoon spoke on authoritarianism in the Arab Republics. Also hosted was Fordham University Fulbright Scholar Hind Arroub, who spoke on the impact of the Arab Uprising on freedom of expression, and Princeton University postdoctoral researcher Nermin Allam on understanding women’s engagement in the 2011 Egyptian uprising. David Waldner, Associate Professor at the University of Virginia Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, spoke on Middle Eastern party systems.

Cosponsored Events
The Bobst Center is fortunate to join with other programs to support or host a variety of enriching conferences and lectures throughout the year, providing funding and administrative support to such groups as the Princeton Middle East Society, the Program in Law and Public Affairs, the Program in Muslim Life, the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, the LGBT Center at Princeton, University of Virginia Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, spoke on Middle Eastern party systems.
Princeton, the Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, the Program in South Asian Studies, Near Eastern Studies, the Department of Politics and more. Some events reoccur from year to year, and some events occur one time only. A sample:

Lisa Hajjar, Professor of Sociology at UC-Santa Barbara, public lecture, “The Afterlives of Torture: Executive Power vs. International Law in the Age of Trump.”

Poverty and Peacemaking II – Seeking Refuge: Faith-Based Approaches to Forced Migration two-day conference

Neta C. Crawford, Professor of Political Science and African-American Studies, Boston University and Co-Director of the Eisenhower Study Group Costs of War Project at Brown University, public lecture, “Blood, Treasure & Tears: The Costs of the War on Terror.”

Panel Discussion with Toby Jones, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University and Bushra al-Fusail, Yemeni photographer and human rights activist, “U.S., Saudi Arabia, & the War in Yemen.”

“Covering Islam & Muslims: A Workshop for Journalists” moderated by Deb Amos, NPR journalist and Sohaib Sultan, Princeton University Muslim Chaplain and author, Koran for Dummies.


“Trump and the Constitution: The Rights of Immigrants and Refugees” workshop and conversation with Kathryn Abrams, LAPA Fellow, UC Berkeley School of Law; Amaney Jamal, Director, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice; Robert O. Keohane, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Sohaib Sultan, Muslim Life Coordinator and Chaplain, Princeton University; and Paul Frymer, Director, Program in Law and Public Affairs.

Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar

The Bobst Center provides ongoing financial support for twice yearly meetings of the Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS), hosted at New York University and organized by faculty and students of Princeton, NYU, Columbia, and Yale. At the most recent meeting, research was presented regarding partisan impact on taxation, testing education and human rights activism, culture studies, and countering violence against women. Graduate students who have presented their research at CAPERS are Sanata Sy-Sahande, Joan Ricart-Huguet, Brandon de la Cuesta, and Yang-Yang Zhou. Also attending CAPERS were Rachael McClellan, Dela Kpo, Zara Riaz (a Politics Emerging Scholar), Pia Raffler (postdoc) and Rebecca Littman (sociology).

PRESS Experiments Workshop

In cooperation with the Center for Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG), the Bobst Center sponsors the Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science program, founded by Politics faculty members Omar Wasow, Ali Valenzuela, and LaFleur Stephens-Dougan. PRESS Workshops offer skill-building seminars for graduate students to aid in the implementation of lab, field, and survey experiments. PRESS also organizes workshops for faculty and students to present research designs-in-progress for discussion and brainstorming before data collection. Seminars have been held on Survey Targeted Sampling, Introduction to Qualtrics, Survey Design, IRB application processes, and special issues related to experimental design.

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) Alumni Workshop

The Bobst Center in conjunction with the Social Science Experimental Laboratory (SSEL) at New York University Abu Dhabi sponsored the Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) Alumni Workshop in Florence in the fall and Abu Dhabi in the winter. These events give social science Ph.D. students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty an opportunity to present their research designs or works-in-progress and receive personal feedback from noted scholars in the field. Each mentor presented their own research as well. Particular emphasis was placed on the participation of junior scholars whose projects had a broad focus on the Middle East. Senior scholars at the Florence workshop were Michal Bauer, Alexander Cappelen, Fotini Christia, Catherine C. Eckel, Bertil Tungodden, Rebecca Morton, and Amaney Jamal. Senior scholars in Abu Dhabi were Michael Gilligan, Guy Grossman, Amaney Jamal, Andreas Lange, Kristin Michelitch, Rebecca Morton, Nikos Nikiфорakis, Ernesto Reuben, and Cyrus Samii.

Conversations About Peace Lecture Series

The second year of the Conversations About Peace lecture series cosponsored with the Woodrow Wilson School brought guest speakers Shai Feldman, Judith and Sidney Swartz Director of the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University and Khalil Shikaki, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research to Princeton to discuss “What the U.S. Elections Mean for the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process.” The speakers were introduced by Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Middle Eastern Policy Studies at Princeton, and moderated by Amaney Jamal, Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics, Director of the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and Director of the Workshop on Arab Political Development.
The Bobst Collaborative Partnership with the American University of Beirut

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center’s collaboration with the American University in Beirut (AUB) has continued to be strengthened. Begun as a four-year initiative in 2013, a bequest left to the Bobst Center by our founder Mamdouha S. Bobst has led to increased programming and planning for more ways to enhance the relationship between the two institutions with the aim of increasing scholarly awareness of the complex issues in the region. The two primary topics that the Bobst Center and AUB are focusing on collectively are social justice and economic development as related to the two regions, by studying the manifold challenges that confront Arab societies as they attempt to attain or regain social justice and move their countries along a comprehensive economic reform trajectory. As part of this collaboration, the Bobst Center fosters conferences as well as graduate student research and research-related travel to Lebanon and its surrounding region.

The Bobst Center and AUB IIF along with PIIRS WAPD, the Project on Middle East Political Science at George Washington University, and the Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs hosted a two-day academic conference called Social Justice in the Arab World Since 2010: Changing Conditions, Mobilizations, and Policies. Conference topics assessed social movement changes and emerging social justice policies, or the lack thereof, in the Arab world since 2010 – at both the national and local policy levels. The conference brought together researchers from across the globe to examine and clarify developments in areas that include the evolution of social inequalities; organized and informal social and political protest movements; citizen grievances and social justice demands; new forms of organization and activism; roles of trade unions and professional associations; reform of state institutions; decentralization and the role of local authorities; changes in people’s living conditions since 2010. Conference Panels discussed research on trends, constraints, and grievances in the Arab region; polls, data, and changing attitudes from the Arab region; Tunisia today: politics, protests, and partisans; expectations and disappointments in post-uprisings Arab world; gender activism: case studies from the region; institutional, political, and social changes in post-revolution Egypt; social and political mobilizations in Yemen and Algeria and grassroots mobilizations and political ideologies in Lebanon and Iraq.

As part of the new short-term faculty exchange program between the two institutions, a team of senior Princeton political scientists spent a week in Beirut, attending the conference, meeting fellow scholars and researchers and participating in classroom discussions. Two of the Princeton faculty, Steven Macedo and Amaney Jamal, were honored to give keynote speeches. Steve Macedo spoke on whether the ideas of Universal Human Rights, Social Justice, Diversity and Self-Determination could ever be reconciled. Amaney Jamal spoke on the impact of Donald J. Trump’s presidency on Islamophobia and the Middle East. All Princeton faculty participating in the exchange were:

**STEPHEN MACEDO** – Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics, University Center for Human Values; Chair, Tanner Committee on Human Values.
The new faculty short-term exchange program between Princeton and the AUB generated a great deal of scholarly interest on both campuses. Calls were put out for interested faculty to compete to be chosen to make research visits to the opposite campus, to hold meetings with colleagues, give a public lecture, join workshops and speak in classes. Research was to touch on a range of aspects of social justice. This new program brought Professor Anaheed Al-Hardan, from AUB’s Department of Sociology, to share her research on the Palestinian flight to Syria upon their forcible ejection from their lands in 1948 and how successive generations make sense of their history even as they became integrated into Syrian society; and how this seminal event shapes their community to this day.

Princeton also welcomed Professor Charles Harb, Professor of Social and Political Psychology and chair of AUB’s Department of Psychology. In his public lecture, “Why the War on “Islamic Terror” is Bound to Fail” Charles Harb discussed the mindset of the people who had been long subjected to oppression and fear, and what obstacles might be found in such a population that would make it harder to root out ISIS.

Reports are that scholars who participated in the exchange found so much to value in the program that some are returning on their own to pursue research initiatives, and a wait list is already forming for next year.

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A Workshop and Conversation

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March 29
4:30pm
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The Politics of Counting:
Pro-Regime Media Strategy in the Islamic Republic of Iran

DR. NARGES BAJOGHILI
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I have tried to analyze the role of the Iranian pro-regime media in the political calculations in Iran over the last several years, analyzing their discourse and its impact on the public of Iran. In this talk, I will use different methods to examine the impact of pro-regime media on political calculations in Iran. The talk will show that pro-regime media in Iran play a significant role in shaping public opinion and political calculations. In particular, I will analyze how pro-regime media in Iran have been strategically using discourse to influence political calculations in Iran.

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