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 continued to host and organize a dynamic set of events featured throughout this newsletter. Some of our more visible events included the Cities, Inequality and Electoral Politics Workshop organized by the Program on Identities and Institutions and the Program on Inequality. The Workshop on Arab Political Development, along with the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG), hosted the Association for the Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies’ (AALIMS) annual conference. Finally, the Bobst Center co-sponsored a variety of events across campus.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with the American University of Beirut (AUB), we continued with our faculty exchange program. Department of Politics faculty, Faisal Ahmed, Gary Bass, and Alisha Holland all visited the campus of the AUB this year. Professor Carmen Geha of the AUB visiting Princeton University as well. These exchanges provide the opportunity for faculty to present their research and intellectually engage one another.

Finally, we are very fortunate to have wonderful and dedicated staff to oversee our events this year. Wendy Brill, Bobst’s Program Manager has helped bring Bobst to this impressive level. We wouldn’t have been able to meet our goals without her strong commitment to the Center. After four years of dedicated service, Wendy Brill will retire this summer. We are both sad and happy for Wendy, sad to see her leave, but happy because her retirement is so well-deserved. We will miss you, Wendy!

Our programming for FY 2019, will continue to bring many new and exciting programs. Thanks for your interest in the Bobst Center!

Amaney A. Jamal
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.

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.

**Charles Boix** Robert Garrett Professor in Politics. Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School.

Charles 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.

**Nolan McCarty** Susan Dod Brown Professor of Politics and Public Affairs. Chair, Department of Politics.

Nolan McCarty is the Susan Dod Brown Professor of Politics and Public Affairs and Chair of the Department of Politics. He was formerly the associate dean at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. His research interests include U.S. politics, democratic political institutions, and political game theory. He is the recipient of the Robert Eckles Swain National Fellowship from the Hoover Institution and the John M. Olin Fellowship in Political Economy. He has co-authored three books: Political Game Theory (2006, Cambridge University Press with Adam Miswowitz), Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches (2006, MIT Press with Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal) and Political Bubbles: Financial Crises and the Failure of American Democracy (with Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal). In 2010, he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He earned his A.B. from the University of Chicago and his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University.

**Helen Milner** B.C. Forbes Professor of Public Affairs. Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School. Director, Nielschau 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.

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.

Spotlight On: The Bobst Center Program on Inequality

From time to time, this newsletter will feature a more in-depth look at various programs and people working to forward the mission of the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice.

The Program on Inequality, as directed by Tali Mendelberg, John Work Garrett Professor of Politics at Princeton University, organizes events that enhance research on inequality and politics. The program organizes the Race, Ethnicity and Identity workshop in which Princeton faculty present cutting-edge work and receive feedback early in the publication process. The workshop, now in its fourth year, is designed to support the Princeton community of scholars of racial, ethnic, and immigration politics. It provides mentoring and mutual engagement for scholars across subfields of political science, and the opportunity to discuss research over an intimate dinner setting that builds strong ties among scholars. Topics include the themes of silence and self-respect in the political philosophy of W. E. B. Du Bois; how American political parties integrate immigrants into the democratic process; and how protest affects policy.

The program also organizes the annual Princeton conference on Identity and Inequality, which attracts a large number of scholars and students from across the region as well as farther afield. This conference brings into conversation political scientists who study identities such as class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or religion, in the US and in countries around the world. These identities are often studied in isolation from each other; by contrast, the conference compares and contrasts them, investigates their differences and similarities, studies how they intersect and how they combine into an overarching common identity. This conference is co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS).

This year the Program also co-sponsored a two-day intensive conference on urban inequalities, led by the Program on Identities and Institutions. That conference brought together scholars studying cities in different parts of the United States and the world. The unusual variety of countries included in the research allowed the participants to discover important new insights about the common processes that promote inequalities while not losing sight of the unique facets of each case. The conference also established new connections among scholars who tend to work in different areas of the discipline, and strengthened the international network of scholars who seek to understand and address inequalities throughout the globe. The Program gave a small number of modest-sized research grants to students, on topics such as how to encourage women to run for office, or the racial dimension of the opioid epidemic. Finally, the Program also co-sponsored or organized a number of book workshops for rising scholars working on fundamental questions of racial and ethnic identity and political inequality.
In addition to the Bobst Center support for dissertation and pre-dissertation graduate research, the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) have joined with the Bobst Center in a new Multi-Center Graduate Grant Program, to provide Princeton graduate students working on issues related to the Bobst Center mission in the areas of American Politics, International Relations and Comparative Politics an opportunity to be awarded sums up to 20,000 to support larger or more ambitious research projects. While the process of winning a Bobst dissertation or pre-dissertation award (typically $5,000 and a maximum of two grants per doctoral student) the selection process for a Multi-Center Graduate Grant is the next level higher, intended to prepare students to compete for real world grant funding after they complete their programs. The comments below indicate how the students are using their funding.

**Killian B. Clarke**

Killian is using his Bobst grant to conduct research for his dissertation on counterrevolutionary transitions, which focuses on the case of Egypt from 2011 to 2013. He is interviewing some of the key players in the country’s post-revolutionary transition period, and has traveled to Cairo, Istanbul, London, Abu Dhabi, New York, and Washington, DC to track down these activists and politicians. He is also working with a team of research assistants in Turkey to build a dataset of all the protests, strikes, and demonstrations that occurred in Egypt during the year that Mohamed Morsi was president. These interviews and protest data will be the key empirical material with which he explores the dynamics of counterrevolution in this paradigmatic case.

**Carissa Tudor**

Carissa’s dissertation explores the relationships between gender, class, and state formation through an examination of civil property law changes—including the differential treatment of men versus women and the structures of hierarchy in the family and society that they instantiate—throughout Europe in the 19th Century. She will use her Multi-Center Award from the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, to generate two novel datasets. These data will facilitate an assessment of the degree to which there is a social and political basis for preferences toward property law and its interaction with gender and family.

**Will Horne**

Will's dissertation project focuses on trying to understand how political parties have reacted to societal changes, including increasing levels of inequality and diversity. While the project uses a range of methods to get at this question, the grant helps to transcribe thousands of campaign pamphlets from the last 3 UK general elections. These pamphlets will help me understand how parties vary their messaging and issue positions to different types of constituencies as they try to build coalitions and win elections.

**Galileu Kim**

Galileu is using his Bobst grant to do pilot research and fieldwork in Brazil, conducting a pilot survey of the actors involved in governing the region. He has created his own dataset to probe the mechanisms that might link states and public goods capacity. He will probe the role of local politics and elections to answer the core question in his dissertation prospectus: why do some municipalities build up local state capacity while others do not. In the context of the country’s extensive decentralization programs, this is a critical question—especially since municipalities manage much of public goods provision.

**Giuliana Pardelli**

Giuliana is studying explanations for variations in municipal fiscal capacity—with a focus on Brazil and historical trajectories, moving beyond common generalities to probe municipal level variation over time and space. She has used previously untapped municipal-level data (much of which she had to code by hand). With this data, she asks two questions: 1) what are the origins of varied local fiscal capacity and 2) how has local fiscal capacity and related patterns of public goods provision varied over time, providing opportunities to analyze the mechanisms and processes by which state capacity is forged and constrained.

**Steven Monroe**

Thanks to Bobst funding, Steve Monroe conducted and supervised over sixty semi-structured interviews in Jordan with owners of micro and small enterprises. This contributes to a project that examines whether and how firms owners’ decision to enter the formal economy influences their interactions with state officials and state institutions. Steve’s survey evidence shows that at least in a Jordanian context, firms’ legal status has little barring with their owners’ reported access to state officials, frequency of bribe payments or use of contracts. This project will improve policymakers’ understanding of entrepreneurs’ incentives to join the formal economy.
Harris Doshay
Harris’s dissertation examines the relationship between religious leaders and the state in authoritarian countries. He is using his Bobst grant to conduct fieldwork in China to examine the effects of tight religious control on religious organizations and their practices.

Rachael McLellan
Rachael’s dissertation explores the effects of decentralization reforms on political contestation in sub-Saharan Africa. She will use her Bobst grant to fund fieldwork in Tanzania. During fieldwork, she plans to create a community-level dataset of service provision and electoral control.

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 their fields of study. Only a few of them are listed here.

Sharan Grewal, Politics Department doctoral student, has gathered a recommendation from the Political Science Program at the National Science Foundation that the NSF offer him a grant to support his dissertation research: Coup-Proofing: Egypt and Tunisia in Comparative Perspective. Sharan is also a winner of the Smith Richardson Foundation’s World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, an annual grant competition to support doctoral research on American foreign policy, international relations, international security, strategic studies, area studies, and diplomatic and military history. Sharan joins the Government Department at the College of William and Mary as an Assistant Professor in August 2019.

Chantal Berman, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Politics, has received one of four Princeton University Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowships in recognition of the highest scholarly excellence of her work in studying social protest in Morocco. This is Princeton University’s top honor for a graduate student. The fellowships support the final year of study at Princeton and are awarded to one Ph.D. student in each of the four divisions (humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering). Chantal’s dissertation, “Protest, Social Policy and Political Regimes in Tunisia and Morocco,” is an analysis of how the Arab Spring revolts shifted the ways in which states respond to social protest movements. Chantal has used funding from the Social Science Research Council, the National Science Foundation, the American Institute for Maghreb Studies, and the Bobst Center to create her own databases of popular protests in both Tunisia and Morocco.

Marcus Johnson, Politics Ph.D. received the Quinn Morton Graduate Teaching Award from Princeton’s Graduate School, announced in April 2017, in recognition of his outstanding ability as a teacher. Winners were chosen by a selection committee of the Dean of the Graduate School, Deans of Academic Affairs and administration of the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning. Each Quinn Morton Graduate Teaching Award comes with monetary recognition as well. Marcus won the award having taught his writing seminar WRI 186 “Politics and Identities” for the first time last year.

Killian Clarke, Politics Ph.D. student, was awarded the National Science Foundation’s Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant and the Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship for his project, “Overthrowing Revolution: the Popular Roots of Counterrevolution.” Killian is using the grants to study why some new revolutionary regimes come to be challenged and, occasionally, toppled by counterrevolutions. He is examining this question in Egypt, which experienced a revolution in 2011 and a counterrevolution in 2013, using interviews conducted with Egyptian political figures and data on protests during the post-revolution period. He is also studying the phenomenon cross-nationally, investigating where and when counterrevolutions occur across the full range of successful revolutions in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Chaya Crowder, graduate student in the Department of Politics, won the Bayard Rustin Best Graduate LGBT Paper Award for her work, “How Do Organizations Tweet? Putting the Theory of Intersectionality into Practice,” at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

Tali Mendelberg, John Work Garret Professor of Politics and director of the Bobst Center’s Program on Inequality, was elected this year to a membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her areas of specialization are political communication, gender, race, class, public opinion, political psychology and experimental methods.
Undergraduate Internships and Research Fellows

This year brought a welcome innovation to the Bobst Center undergraduate internship program. Princeton University’s International Student Internship Program (ISIP), which allows University faculty and scholars to host international undergraduates from other educational institutions, accepted its first ISIP intern in the social sciences. The Bobst Center was honored to host Huseyin Emre Ceyhun, a student at Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey. Emre left his work at the Harvard Business School MENA Research Center, also in Istanbul, to spend the summer working with scholars in the Bobst Center using Arab Barometer data to report on conditions in the country of Jordan, as well as to receive mentoring of his own research project. The completed reports on topics such as the attitudes and opinions of Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon about the Syrian Crisis and information on other countries in the region can be found at http://www.arab-barometer.org/country-report. This experience was positive for everyone involved, and has paved the way for future ISIP students to be summertime visitors to the Center.

The Bobst Center and the Department of Politics also continued to support eight-week summer internships for qualified undergraduate students. This past summer student were granted funding for internships at the Russian International Affairs Council in Moscow (an academic, non-partisan group focused on promoting diplomacy, non-violent methods of conflict resolution and peace world-wide) as well as at Harvard Law School’s Immigration and Refugee Clinic (HIRC) where students engage in direct legal representation and advocacy for individuals and their families who are applicants for asylum and other forms of humanitarian protection.

Finally, undergraduate students who are majoring in politics and who are in good academic standing are given the opportunity as Bobst Undergraduate Research Fellows 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 how the skills they are acquiring in their undergraduate years are the same skills that all scholars employ to answer the weightiest questions in their fields. Students this year have received funding to work with academics such as Carles Boix, Rory Truex, Faisal Ahmed, Grigore Pop-Eleches, Rafaela Dancygier, Amaney Jamal, and Christina Davis.

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:

Asian American Student Association (AASA) “Gook” film screening and Q&A with Director Justin Chon, film asks provocative questions about the meaning of identity, how we provide compassion to our fellow Americans, and why the history conflict between African-Americans and Korean-Americans during the L.A. Riots has been glossed over in terms of general public knowledge. This event was intended to emphasize the importance of continuing frank discussions about race and conflict, especially in our current political atmosphere. The AASA believed the film would also address long-standing inter-minority tensions, especially those that still exist within Asian-American and African-American communities specifically, and build a bridge towards greater multicultural awareness, understanding, and cooperation.

Black Student Union Black Panther Panel, a conversation with two former members of the Black Panthers Party, about the historic Black Panthers Party, their legacy, and about how this history can be used to understand current social movements.

ISIP intern Emre Ceyhun, left, with one of his graduate mentors, Killian Clarke, meeting in Turkey before Emre came to intern at the Bobst Center.
We hope to educate students on viable methods of creating social value by hosting events that spark campus-wide discussions on social innovation and impact.

**Princeton University Latinx Perspectives Organization (PULPO)** Call Out, Call In (COCI) dinner series on campus tackles questions of identity, community, and race in the Latinx community, including topics such as mental health in communities of color. Short for “Call Out, Call In,” COCI aims to “call out” issues within the Latinx community by “calling in” members to talk about it over a delicious meal. Since COCI also sounds like el coqui, an indigenous tree frog of Puerto Rico, we advertise the events with a frog design.

**Princeton University U.S. China Coalition** PUCC Global Governance Forum, a four day conference bringing together student delegates from top universities across China, Europe and the US to interact and discuss policy proposals dealing with modern global challenges such as international rule of law.

**Princeton University U.S. China Coalition** Jia Guo, a multimedia journalist focusing on China news, lectured on what it’s like to be Chinese in American media, her experiences in journalism in China, with insight into Environmental, political, economic and societal issues in China today.

**The Stripes** #HASHitivism: a conversation about activism against sexual assault in the digital age. The event aimed to provide a platform for traditionally underrepresented voices to discuss relevant issues pertaining to culture and identity on Princeton’s campus and beyond. In keeping with our mission to provide spaces for critical reflection on intersectional identity and life, we hope to expand on other movements such as #BlackLivesMatter and #SayHerName. Among the panelists are Dr. Tanzina Vega of CNN, Princeton’s Director of Sexual Harassment/Assault, Advising, Resources and Education Jacqueline Deitch-Stackhouse, journalist and author Morgan Jerkins, communications lead for the Movement for Black lives Chelsea Fuller, and the person behind the #MeToo movement Tarana Burke.
**Bobst Workshops**

**Junior Scholars Book Workshop**
The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) at George Washington University partners with the Bobst Center every year to organize an event designed to support junior scholars who have written, but not yet published, a manuscript to present it for critique and for assistance with the submission of their work to the appropriate publishing house. Post Ph.D. and pre-tenure faculty from Davidson College, Bryn Mawr, Northwestern, and the Institute for Palestine Studies offered their work for review from mentors such as Tarek Masoud (Harvard University), Naïya Hajj (Wellesley College), Rochelle Davis (Georgetown University), Wendy Pearlman (Northwestern University), and others. Research topics under discussion were how emotions affect the diffusion of revolutionary action, the extent to which rebels practice diplomacy, perspective on political factions and whether it’s possible to intervene in civil war.

**Race, Ethnicity and Identity (REI) Faculty Seminars**
The REI faculty seminars meet under the direction of Tali Mendelberg to share in a collegial and relaxed manner their works-in-progress over a light dinner. This year research was presented for discussion by Desmond Jagmohan, who discussed his exploration of the work of W. E. B. Du Bois; Ali Valenzuela who presented his research on the effects of certain kinds of elections on the voters in the Latin-American community; and Omar Wasow, who talked about his study of subordinate groups and their impact on political asymmetries.

**Workshop on Arab Political Development (WAPD)**
The WAPD graduate seminars provide a forum for graduate students, under the general guidance of director Amaney Jamal, to present their projects both in-progress and completed for discussion and to gain additional experience in communicating their ideas to peers and fielding questions on their research. Presenters this year have been Chantal Berman, presenting “Time, Identity, and Restraint: Repressing Dissent in Consolidated Non-Democracies”; Sharan Grewal, “Coup-proofing Democracy: Egypt and Tunisia in Comparative Perspective”; Saurabh Pant, “Mob Violence and Militancy: The Case of Indian Muslims”; and Steve Monroe and Carolyn Barnett with “Women’s Employment and Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan.” Guest speakers were Assistant Professor Faisal Ahmed, with “Remitting Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan.” Guest presenters were Assistant Professor Faisal Ahmed, with “Remitting Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan.”

The Workshop on Arab Political Development also sponsors public and department-only lectures by visiting faculty who study issues of the Middle East. Lisa Anderson, James T. Shotwell Professor Emerita of International Relations at Columbia University and former

**Program on Identities and Institutions**
The Program on Identities and Institutions, directed by Rafaela Dancygier, 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. In May 2017, the program organized a workshop around the nature, causes, and consequences of electoral realignments and the rise of populism in advanced democracies. This was followed by a March 2018 workshop on “Cities, Inequality, and Electoral Politics.” This event convened scholars undertaking research on urbanization, urban inequalities, and their impacts on politics in economically developed and developing countries. Of primary interest were questions such as: What are the electoral consequences of rising income inequality and gentrification in cities and? How does rural-to-urban migration shape politics? When and how do urban-rural divides influence elections? Another aspect of the program consists of book workshops where authors receive comments on manuscripts in progress. In November 2017, Professor LaFleur Stephens-Dougan presented her manuscript on the use of racial appeals in American electoral politics, and several renowned social scientists attended and provided feedback.
Conversations About Peace Lecture Series

The Conversations About Peace lecture series is a project coordinated by S. Daniel Abraham Professor of Middle Eastern Policy Studies Daniel Kurtzer at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School, former Ambassador to Egypt and Israel, and Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics Amaney Jamal, to bring representatives of both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian struggle in a way that emphasizes the striving toward a peaceful coexistence. Invited speakers this year were Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York who gave an overview of Israel’s historical challenges and successes from the last 70 years. Also welcomed to speak was Salam Fayyad, former Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority and Daniella Lipper Coules ’95 Distinguished Visitor in Foreign Affairs at Princeton University, who explained the global advantages of empowering the Palestinian people especially in the current state of affairs. Ambassador Husam Zomlot, Head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization’s General Delegation to the United States and Strategic Advisor to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas spoke on multilateralism and the future for peace in the Middle East.

Annual Support

Contributions from the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice have supported these additional initiatives:

• Postdoctoral research positions intended to assist and collaborate with comparative politics faculty working in the area of development economics and political economy of Africa.

• The fourth annual workshop of the Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Group at Princeton University, led by Professor Deborah Yashar and covering topics such as the impact of politics on environmental protection; economic diversification of agrarian communities in Latin America; the legitimacy of policing in an arena of community distrust (Colombia); and an exploration of the persistence of opposition groups in Chile in the Pinochet era.

• Special financial support for the completion of survey work for junior faculty manuscripts.

• Financial support for the AY2017-18 Department of Politics Comparative Politics Colloquium.

Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS)

CAPERS is joint working group supported in part by the Bobst Center. Workshops are organized in turns by Columbia, Yale, Princeton and New York Universities for scholars of any rank who study topics in African Political Economy. The group holds workshops in fall and spring. Papers this fall were presented by Guy Grossman (University of Pennsylvania), Kristin Michelitch (Vanderbilt), Carlo Prato (Columbia), and Robert Brown (Columbia). Discussants were Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton) and Abhit Bhandari (Columbia). Spring papers were presented by John Marshall (Harvard), Richard McAlexander (Columbia), Kate Baldwin (Yale), and Brandon de la Cuesta (Princeton). Discussants were Molly Offer-Westort (Yale), Rachael McLellan (Princeton), Joan Ricart-Huguet (Princeton) and Antonella Bandiera (NYU).

PRESS Experiments Workshop

Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS) workshops are supported by the Bobst Center, the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Department of Politics at Princeton University. The workshops provide small grants to well-designed student experiments, and bring faculty, research fellows and students together to review works-in-progress before any data is collected, focusing on constructive criticism toward the design of the research. Additionally, external speakers are brought in to add to the discussion of issues of social science experiment design. Cross-field discussions are common, drawing scholars from all the social sciences but primarily from Political Science, Sociology and Psychology.

Orange represents focal areas for recent Bobst-funded research.
The Bobst Collaborative Partnership with the American University of Beirut

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 presentation, discussion, 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:

The Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) Workshop, organized by Rebecca Morton, NYU NYC and NYU Abu Dhabi, and Amaney Jamal Princeton University, is intended to social science PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior Assistant Professors who are engaged in research on the Middle East region the opportunity to present their research designs and work-in-progress to each other and to noted senior scholars in the field, and receive individualized feedback on their work. The students also attend presentations by the senior mentors, and learn from their research experience. Professors Ramzi Mabsout and Hossein Radmard, both assistant professors in AUB’s Department of Economics were invited to present their research on the gap between Willingness to Pay (WTP) and Willingness to Accept (WTA) in the area of theoretical economics.

Social Science Experimental Development Workshop in February 2018 was hosted the American University of Beirut on their beautiful campus in Lebanon and sponsored by the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. Organized by Professors Amaney Jamal and Nisreen Salti, the Experimental Development Workshop gave social science junior Assistant Professors, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students an overview of different experimental approaches employed in social science research. These approaches included field experiments, lab experiments and survey experiments. The workshop also provided the opportunity for participants to present their research designs and work in progress and receive mentoring. Papers were presented by scholars from the Departments of Economics, Psychology, Civil Engineering, Public Health, Sociology, and Public Administration.

The Arab Families Working Group (AFWG) Training to Engaged workshop, held in Amman, Jordan, provided training to scholars and NGO researchers on writing successful research proposals to articulate their research project and covered all of the components for writing a research proposal. The goal of this training was to provide participants with a greater probability of being funded, in addition to training in research design and implementation. The workshop was sponsored by AFWG, The Ford Foundation Cairo Office, The Arab Council for the Social Sciences and The Princeton University Bobst American University of Beirut Collaborative. Five scholars from Lebanon traveled to Jordan to participate.

Another way the Princeton and AUB scholarly communities learn from each other is through student and faculty exchanges and visits that have been made possible through the collaboration. Students who have participated in these exchanges are Daniel Tavana, Politics Ph.D. student who has received support in his work with AUB Professor Charles Harb on the campus in Beirut. AUB graduate student Joumana Talhouk spent a week in Princeton, attending talks and meeting one on one with faculty and doctoral students in the Department of Politics.

Carmen Geha, Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut, visited Princeton University in March and gave a public lecture entitled “Coping with Political Deadlock and the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon: Exploring (Non) Policy-Making.” Carmen Geha is an Assistant Professor of Public Administration at the American University of Beirut and a Visiting Scholar at the Weatherhead Centre in Harvard University for spring 2018. She teaches courses on public and human resource management and civic engagement. Carmen’s research focuses on the influence of political systems on the prospects for reform and civil society in the Middle East Northern Africa (MENA) region.

Alisha Holland, Princeton University Assistant Professor of Politics, visited AUB in February to give a public lecture entitled “Explaining Migrant Waves”, met with faculty and students at AUB, and was able to take part in the Social Sciences Development workshop as well.

Gary Bass, Princeton Professor of Politics and International Affairs gave a public lecture when he visited AUB in October entitled, “Democracy and Refugees: India and the Bengali Crisis.”

Faisal Ahmed, Princeton assistant professor of politics also visiting the AUB campus in October, and as part of his visit not only met with scholars of all ranks but also presented a lecture at AUB entitled, “Remitting the Democratic Deficit.”
Funds from the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Partnership made it possible for a contingent of scholars from American University of Beirut to attend and participate in the Princeton-AALIMS Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World, a two-day academic conference held on the Princeton campus in April. The conference was sponsored by the Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies in conjunction with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS). Session topics were quality of government; trust and tolerance; Islam, beliefs and public opinion; Islam and politics; Minorities, distribution and development; political economy of taxation; education and employment; and governance and transitions. The event also drew academics from Duke, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Oxford, Babson, Swarthmore, Pomona, Stanford, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), University of Toulouse (France), Cornell, MIT, UC San Diego, University of Louisville, Notre Dame and Rice University.

The Bobst Center hosted a screening of The Arab Americans, which is the untold story of almost 200 years of the contributions of those who immigrated to the United States from the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf have made to the American fabric. A 60 minute version of The Arab Americans screening was followed by a 30 minutes discussion and Q&A with filmmaker Abe Kasbo, Seton Hall Professor Philip Kayal, and Princeton University Professor of Politics Amaney Jamal. This event was co-Sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Muslim Life Program at Princeton University.

The Bobst Center welcomes Scott Abramson, Visiting Associate Research Scholar, and Bogdan Popescu, Postdoctoral Research Associate, jointly of the Department of Politics and the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice’s one year postdoctoral program.

Bogdan Popescu

Bogdan is a PhD candidate, studying comparative politics, historical political economy, and geo-statistical methods at the University of Chicago. His research revolves around imperial legacies, corruption, public opinion and development. Bogdan investigates the Ottoman legacy on popular trust and perceptions about the incidence of corruption and economic development in Central and Eastern Europe. Drawing on extensive archival work at the Ottoman Archives in Istanbul, Turkey, he examines the forms of knowledge that the Ottoman Empire needed to assume in order to function and argues that the Ottoman center interpreted religion and made strategic choices whereby new articulations of law, state and society were constructed to define an Ottoman project of power. Bogdan has a MA in Comparative Politics from the University of Essex and an MPhil in Politics and International Relations from the University of Nottingham in the UK.

Scott Abramson

Scott is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Rochester and was previously a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute. I received my PhD from the Department of Politics at Princeton University in 2015. Broadly, my research focuses upon the origins of the state and has been published in the American Political Science Review, International Organization, and the Journal of Politics. I am currently finishing a book manuscript titled “The Economic Origins of the Territorial State” and have begun a second manuscript entitled “Power and Interests: Arguments Against the Dominance of Institutionalism.”
The North Korean Puzzle
Putting the Pieces Together

Kim Hyong Soo
North Korean Defector
Human Rights Activist

Sarah Son
Research Director
Transnational Justice Working Group

Bruce Klingner
Former CIA Deputy Division Chief
Senior Research Fellow for Asia

Anonymous Speaker
Professor of Hebrew Academy School of Business
Lecturer of Entrepreneurship

10AM Saturday, February 17
McCormick 101
Free Admission | Lunch & Refreshments Served

Conversations about Peace Lecture Series
The Case for Palestinian Empowerment, Especially Under Occupation

Naif bin Zaid Al-Rashed
Arab Prize Winner of the Palestinian Authority (2003-2009)
Vice President Research and Development
Dar Al-Iman University

Monday, Nov. 19
Bobst Hall

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We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria:
WENDY PEARLMAN

What are you doing this spring break? About the Syrian theatre & film tour 2018. Wendy Pearlman has been leading a 3-week tour of Syria, conducting interviews with Syrian artists and cultural producers across the country. She has interviewed filmmakers, actors, poets, journalists, and musicians, and she brings their stories and music to the world on her next tour. She has interviewed over 50 Syrian artists and cultural producers who have been buried in their homes or unable to leave their homes due to violence or political or social reasons. She has crossed a bridge and it trembled. Come join us on tour and hear the voices of Syria’s cultural producers. To register, please visit www.wendypearlmansyria.com.

OCTOBER 25
6:30-8:30pm
Baker B (Robinson Hall)
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A Bird’s-eye View: Israel in the International Arena – 70 YEARS OF ADVANCES, CHALLENGES and OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, Dec. 11
4:30 p.m.
Roberman Hall

Priority seating will be given to those with a Princeton University ID. This event starts at 4:30 p.m.; entrance will not be admitted.

Amb. Dani Dayan
Consul General of Israel, New York

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Tanzina Vega | Jackie Deitch | Stockhouse
Tirana Burke | Chelsea Fuller

December 11, 2017, 5:00-7:00pm
McCormick 106