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 a successful year. Some of the key highlights include: events like “New Divisions and Political Conflict in Democracies” workshop organized by the Program on Identities and Institutions, directed by Professor Rafaela Dancygier this May, the Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI) Workshop, held at the American University of Beirut in October 2018, and numerous talks and other activities at the Center. Our presence on campus has continued to expand, this year the Bobst Center continued to sponsor over 35 undergraduate student-led activities and initiatives linked to peace and justice across campus. Further, we have also expanded 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. We had three faculty members visit from AUB this year. These exchanges provide the opportunity for faculty to present their research and intellectually engage with new scholarly communities. This year two of Princeton’s faculty, Erika Kiss and Jan-Werner Müller, will be teaching summer courses at the AUB. This is a unique opportunity that will enhance the success of the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative.

Finally, this year we welcomed two new outstanding staff additions to the Center. Naseem Brady, joined us in July of 2018, as the new Bobst Program Manager. Christy Govantes, joined the Bobst Center in September of 2018, as the Program Coordinator for the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative and the Workshop on Arab Political Development.

Our programming for FY 2020, will continue to bring many new and exciting programs. Thanks for your interest in the Bobst Center!

Amaney A. Jamal  Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics
New Faces at Bobst

As the Bobst Center continues to expand and improve upon its programming and research initiatives, our recent additions will help to drive the mission of the Center.

**Naseem Brady**

Naseem joined the Bobst Center as Program Manager in July. Naseem manages the finances and operations of the Bobst Center, including facilitating programming and research efforts. She enjoys contributing to the mission set forth by Mrs. Bobst and looks forward to expanding the impact of the center in the coming years.

**Christy Govantes**

Christy joined the Bobst Center in September. She has worked at Princeton University for 8 years. In her new role, Christy serves as the Program Coordinator for the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative and the Workshop on Arab Political Development. Christy also supports Director Amaney Jamal’s research portfolio, including supporting 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.

**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


**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

Alan Patten is the Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Politics and Chair of the Department of Politics. His research and teaching interests in both the history of political thought and contemporary political philosophy. He is the author of Hegel’s Idea of Freedom (Oxford, 1999) and co-editor of Language Rights and Political Theory (Oxford, 2003). His recent book is Equal Recognition: The Moral Foundations of Minority Rights (Princeton, 2014). His articles have appeared in journals such as American Political Science Review, History of Political Thought, Political Theory, Ethics, Journal of Political Philosophy and Philosophy & Public Affairs. Alan Patten is the Editor of Philosophy & Public Affairs.

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.
Graduate Research Support

The Bobst Center along with the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (NCGG) support the Multi-Center Graduate Grant Program to provide Princeton Politics graduate students 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.

**Julian Dean**  Spring 2018 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Julian’s research focuses on special interest litigation against regulatory agencies in the United States. Funding from the Bobst Center has enabled him to work with a team of research assistants to create new data for empirical research. When completed, this research will allow us to better understand how private actors can influence public policy and how courts act as a venue for political competition.

**Alexandra Mayorga**  Fall 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient, Spring 2018 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Alexandra’s dissertation explores the relationship between hostility, identity and political behavior among immigrant-minority populations in the European context. She will use her funding 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.

**Tanika Raychaudhuri**  Spring 2018 Multi-Center Graduate Grant Recipient

Tanika’s dissertation explores why Asian Americans, a growing immigrant group with some Republican predispositions, vote for Democrats in U.S. national elections. This research considers existing theories and develops a novel theory of “social transmission” grounded in partisan influence from peers rather than the family. She is using her Multi-Center Graduate Grant to conduct a methodologically innovative experiment that provides a direct causal test of this theory. The experiment simulates partisan interactions on social media between the friends of 650 Asian American and white college students, testing for the effects on partisan preferences. This research has important implications for understanding the political behavior of new immigrant constituencies in the United States.

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.

**Quinn Albaugh**  Spring 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Quinn is using her Bobst grant to conduct research on her dissertation on political parties and group representation. She conducted an in-depth field study of political parties in the Canadian province of New Brunswick. Her grant supported travel to 25 local district nominating conventions and to in-person interviews with party insiders and candidates, along with the hiring of research assistants in Canada to construct an original historical dataset of local candidate nominations based on newspaper coverage of party nominating conventions. These materials allow her to trace how parties control their nominations and shape how women, ethnic minority groups and the working class enter elected office.

**Elizabeth Baisley**  Spring 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Elizabeth’s work examines polarization on sexuality politics in the US and Canada. The dissertation focuses especially on how interest groups spur party position change by working through federal party nominations, leadership races, and party policy conventions. Bobst funding assisted with the collection of materials to both document and explain polarization. These included restricted materials from private archives, interviews, roll call voting records, and public opinion data.
Megan Brand  Fall 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Megan is using her Bobst support to access archival documents maintained by UNHCR and by British and Egyptian sources. Her dissertation examines how political leaders use legal tools, both international and domestic, to classify, aid, and resettle refugees. Her research compares state negotiations that take place as an international refugee agreement comes into existence with actual state responses to refugees from Hungary, Palestine, Kosovo, and Iraq.

Noel Foster  Fall 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Noel Foster has drawn on Bobst Center support for his dissertation on hybrid threats, with an emphasis on influence and information operations in the Baltic countries of Estonia and Latvia from 2007 to 2019. Noel’s work explores the connections between inter-state competition and efforts to shape preferences and attitudes among domestic audiences. Noel has conducted interviews of Estonian opinion leaders, think tank specialists and academics focused on regional security concerns, as well as public opinion formation. He is also running a survey-embedded experiment to test an original theory of the mechanisms behind information operations, namely how messaging efforts serve to polarize rather than to persuade, targeting disparate societal groups with the same content.

Alexander Kustov  Spring 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Alexander’s dissertation examines under what conditions most voters would accept increasing immigration. Widespread opposition to immigration among educated and racially egalitarian voters is hard to explain using existing frameworks of self-interest or prejudice. He addresses this puzzle by developing a theory of parochial altruism, which argues that many people are willing to help others at a personal cost, but they want to help their fellow citizens first. As a result, voters tend to favor harsh immigration restrictions that they perceive as necessary to secure the well-being of compatriots. To test his theory against alternative explanations, Alex is using his Bobst grant to conduct an original survey in the UK.

Anatoly Levshin  Spring 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Tolya’s dissertation examines the creation of the League of Nations and United Nations as organizations of collective security. Drawing on extensive archival research, he will retrace the evolution of official thinking about international security cooperation during the World Wars in the United States, United Kingdom, and Russia as the three great powers that played the most substantial roles in rebuilding the postwar orders. The inclusion of Russia is particularly valuable, because little is known in Western historiography about the development of policy thinking there during the World Wars. The grant provided by the Bobst Center enabled Tolya to travel to Moscow and, through on-site work at the Archives of the Foreign Ministry of the Russian Federation, examine previously unpublished documents bearing on the evolution of the Soviet Union’s leadership’s conceptions of international security during the Second World War.

Patrick Signoret  Fall 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Patrick used his Bobst dissertation grant to study how relative order and peace have been maintained—or reclaimed—in some Mexican cities even as large-scale criminal violence has persisted in surrounding areas. With Bobst funding, he has carried out fieldwork in several Mexican cities and hired research assistants to help code local-level criminal group presence and security apparatus attributes over the last decade.

Daniel Tavana  Spring 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Daniel is using his Bobst grant to conduct research for his dissertation on the origins of electoral oppositions in the Middle East, using the Kuwaiti opposition as a paradigmatic case. Daniel spent the last academic year and this fall semester in Kuwait interviewing roughly 100 current and former MPs and candidates who participated in elections to the Kuwait National Assembly (KNA). He is currently working with a team of research assistants to create a dataset of roll call votes in the KNA from 1963 to the present. The dataset is currently being developed from parliamentary minutes obtained from the Kuwait National Assembly archives. Roll call votes, aggregate election results, and interview material will form the basis of the dissertation project’s empirical chapters.
Erik Wang  Fall 2018 Bobst Dissertation Graduate Grant Recipient

Erik’s dissertation studies the unintended consequences of efforts to fight corruption for the bureaucracy and the state. It argues that anti-corruption efforts could have a negative effect on bureaucrat’s productivity by frightening bureaucrats away from informal practices that would otherwise help them accomplish daily tasks. The project combines an original dataset for anti-corruption inspections in China with various measures of productivity by bureaucrats. He is currently working on developing another measure of bureaucrats’ productivity, which relies on the quantitative targets specified in land development plans released by Chinese local governments. The grant helps him recruit research assistants to digitize and record information from these previously untapped documents.

Graduate Student Conference Support

In addition to graduate student 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.

Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS)

CAPERS is a joint working group supported in part by the Bobst Center. Workshops are organized on a rotating basis 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 September and May. Through Bobst funding, Politics department doctoral students specializing in this region are able to attend and receive feedback on their research.

Graduate Student Conference in African American Studies

In October, 2018, the African American Studies department hosted a graduate student conference entitled Contemporary Cultures of Black Impossibility, attendees heard from a panel of speakers and engaged in scholarly dialogue surrounding issues of social justice, resistance and blackness transnationally. Speakers included Imani Perry (Princeton University), Dara Strolovitch (Princeton University) and renowned artist and activist Amanda Seales.

Princeton South Asia Conference

Bobst provided financial support for the eighth Annual Princeton South Asia Graduate Student Conference, held in April. Titled Matters of State Bureaucracy, Procedure, and Power, the conference aimed to promote debate and conversation between advanced graduate students and early career faculty in art history, history, literature, gender and sexuality studies, sociology, anthropology, political science, among other fields. Attendees sought to bring together interdisciplinary methodological approaches to conceptualizing the materiality of ‘the state’ in South Asia.

Princeton American Studies Graduate Conference

This April, Bobst helped support a graduate conference from the American Studies department, entitled Conspiracy. Graduate student presentations included the topic of conspiracy as it relates to questions of America and its imperial project. The keynote speech was delivered by Dr. Joseph Masco from the University of Chicago.

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 programs in-progress. It also serves as an important source of small-grant support to graduate student and postdoctoral experimental research projects. This year in March, PRESS welcomed Adam Berinsky, Professor of Political Science, Director of the MIT Political Experiments Research Lab (PERL).

Latin American Politics Workshop

Annually, Bobst provides financial support for the Latin American Politics Workshop 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 & International Affairs, and Alisha Holland, Assistant Professor of Politics. Additionally, this year, Bobst supported the attendance of 14 doctoral students for the Political Economy of Latin America group conference. This year’s conference was held in April on the campus of NYU and is a group of faculty and graduate students from Princeton University, Yale University, Columbia University, and NYU.
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.

Carolyn Barnett, PhD candidate in Politics, received a Fulbright award to spend the academic year in Morocco to further her dissertation work.

Chantal Berman, PhD candidate in Politics, accepted a two year fellowship to the prestigious Harvard Academy Scholars Program. In addition to her other research projects, Chantal will focus on her book project, currently titled “Protest, Social Policy, and Political Regimes in the Middle East”. After completion of the program in 2020, she will join the Department of Government at Georgetown University as an Assistant Professor.

Killian Clarke, PhD candidate in Politics, accepted the Princeton University Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Fellowship for his distinguished work in the Department of Politics. This fellowship, awarded by the Graduate School, recognizes outstanding performance and professional promise. Killian will use this fellowship to complete his dissertation work.

Rafaela Dancygier, Associate Professor of Politics and Public Affairs and Director of the Bobst Center’s Program on Identity and Institutions, was awarded the 2018 Stein Rokkan Prize for her book entitled “Dilemmas of Inclusion: Muslims in European Politics”.

Sharan Grewal received a post-doctoral appointment at the Brookings Institute for 2019 and a tenure track position at The College of William and Mary. Sharan also received two grants for his research from the NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant and the Smith Richardson Foundation Grant.

Michael Hoffman won the 2018 Best Dissertation Award from the APSA Politics and Religion Section for his dissertation entitled Communal Religion, Sectarian Interests and Democracy. Michael received his PhD in Politics from Princeton University in 2016 and currently serves as Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame.

Helen V. Milner, B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs and director of the Niehaus Center, has been elected as a member of the National Academy of Sciences. This prestigious honor is in recognition of her distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Steven Monroe was accepted into the postdoctoral research fellowship program at the Middle East Initiative at the Harvard University Kennedy School. The Middle East Initiative at the Kennedy School focuses on research related to Middle Eastern governance and public policy. Here, Steven will further develop his research pertaining to his dissertation work.

Elizabeth Nugent won an Honorable Mention for the 2018 Juan Linz Dissertation Award from the APSA Comparative Democratization Section for her dissertation: The Political Psychology of Repression and Polarization in Authoritarian States. Liz also won the APSA Comparative Democratization Section Best Conference Paper Award and won an honorable mention for the Best Fieldwork Award from the Comparative Democratization Section.

Carissa Tudor, PhD candidate in Politics, was awarded the NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for the Law and Social Sciences Program. Additionally, she received the Georges Lurcy Fellowship, an external fellowship which provided stipend support for her 2018-2019 academic year in France to work on her dissertation.

Alienor Vandenbosch received a post-doctoral appointment at Georgetown University’s Center for Contemporary Arab Studies as the Qatar post-doctoral fellow.

Aleksandar Vladicic, senior Politics undergraduate, was awarded the Gaither Fellowship to work at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. This appointment is bestowed on only 11 students in the entire country. Aleksandar spent this year as a research assistant through the Bobst Undergraduate Research Assistant program working with Rafaela Dancygier.

Yang-Yang Zhou, PhD candidate in Politics, accepted an invitation to the prestigious Harvard Academy Scholars Program. Yang-Yang will further her dissertation work in the form of a book manuscript entitled “How Refugee Resentment Shapes National Identity and Citizen Participation in Africa”. Prior to starting her fellowship, this fall Yang-Yang will serve as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of British Columbia.
Bobst Center Programs

Program on Identities and Institutions
The Program on Identities and Institutions organized its annual spring workshop, this year entitled “New Divisions and Political Conflict in Democracies” organized by director Rafaela Dancygier, Associate Professor of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School together with Yotam Margalit, Professor of Political Science, Tel Aviv University. Scholars from universities in the US and Europe gathered to share research findings. Discussions included the political implications of divisions emerging from recent economic, demographic and technological change. Questions of when and how social change cause political polarization and conflict were also examined.

Earlier in the year, the program also hosted a seminar by Verena Benoit, doctoral candidate at the University of Bamberg. Benoit, who visited the Bobst Center in the fall as a visiting student research collaborator, presented her ongoing research about the opposition towards Muslim immigrants in Europe.

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 Jacob Grumbach, visiting fellow for the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics and LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Assistant Professor of Politics. The program also organized the fourth annual Princeton conference on Identity and Inequality, organized by Director Tali Mendelberg and co-organized by Assistant Professor Omar Wasow. This year, the conference attracted a large number of scholars and students from across the region. This conference brings into conversation political scientists who study identities such as class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexualiy, 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 was co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics (CSDP) and the Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS).

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:
The **Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (WESSI)** Workshop, organized by Rebecca Morton of NYU NYC/NYU Abu Dhabi, 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 works-in-progress to noted senior scholars in the field and receive individualized feedback. This year’s WESSI workshop was held on the campus of AUB in October 2018. There were eight presentations given by junior researchers who received feedback from their mentors. This year’s mentors included Helen Milner (Princeton University), Lionel Page (Queensland University of Technology), and Richard Nielsen (MIT). The workshop was also coordinated with the integral help of Nisreen Salti (AUB).

The **Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS)**, jointly with the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative, held a workshop on the campus of AUB in October 2018. Scholars explored issues related to conflict and political unrest in the Middle East. Led by POMEPS director Marc Lynch and Bobst Center director, Amaney Jamal, participants tackled questions surrounding regional and international alliances--which will thrive, and which will not? The workshop provided intense discussions on each paper, after which all papers were edited and published as an issue of the open access POMEPS Studies series. That publication can be viewed by visiting the publications link on the POMEPS website: [https://pomeps.org](https://pomeps.org). Presenters included:

Waleed Hazbun (University of Alabama)
Maria-Louise Clausen (Danish Institute for International Studies)
Ruth Santini (University of Naples L'Orientale)
Jonathan Fulton (Zayed University)
Curt Ryan (Appalachian State University)
Rami Khouri (AUB)

Emma Soubrier (Auvergne University)
Kristina Kausch (German Marshall Fund)
Morten Valbjorn (Aarhus University)
Bassel Salloukh (Lebanese American University)
Kristian Ulrichsen (Rice University)
Karim Makdisi (AUB)
May Darwich (Durham University)

**New Faces at AUB**

**Nadine Mezher**  Nadine Mezher is the new Project Coordinator of the Bobst-AUB Collaborative Initiative. She works with faculty members at the American University of Beirut and Princeton University to facilitate academic activities, exchange programs and research collaborations between the two institutions.

**Nisreen Salti**  Dr. Nisreen Salti, Associate Professor of Economics at AUB, works closely with Bobst Center director Amaney Jamal to identify faculty members from AUB whose work fits within the Bobst Center’s mission and whose research would be enhanced by the opportunity to visit Princeton, meet with Princeton faculty and present their work. Dr. Salti also works with Jamal to coordinate the visits of Princeton faculty to 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. This year we have had three visitors to Princeton.

**Rima Majed** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the AUB who has spent the Fall and Spring semesters at Princeton University. Dr. Majed came in the Fall as a Visiting Scholar and returned in the Spring as part of her Fulbright Award. She presented her current research project, *Rethinking Sectarianism: Change, Political Mobilization and Conflict in Lebanon*, at the Junior Scholars Book Workshop and during a joint Bobst-AUB and WAPD Seminar.

**Rola Khishfe** is an Associate Professor at the American University of Beirut. Dr. Khishfe visited Princeton University in February. While at Princeton, she attended lectures and met with Princeton faculty and graduate students. Her research interests are in teaching and learning about inquiry, the nature of science and argumentation in the context of socioscientific issues in grades K-12.

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**Rima Majed** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the AUB who has spent the Fall and Spring semesters at Princeton University. Dr. Majed came in the Fall as a Visiting Scholar and returned in the Spring as part of her Fulbright Award. She presented her current research project, *Rethinking Sectarianism: Change, Political Mobilization and Conflict in Lebanon*, at the Junior Scholars Book Workshop and during a joint Bobst-AUB and WAPD Seminar.

**Rola Khishfe** is an Associate Professor at the American University of Beirut. Dr. Khishfe visited Princeton University in February. While at Princeton, she attended lectures and met with Princeton faculty and graduate students. Her research interests are in teaching and learning about inquiry, the nature of science and argumentation in the context of socioscientific issues in grades K-12.

**Tania Haddad** is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the American University of Beirut and visited Princeton in March. Dr. Haddad attended lectures and met with Princeton faculty and graduate students. Her research interests are nonprofit sector management, civil society in the Arab world, and volunteering and social capital in the Arab world.

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Bobst Center Workshops

Junior Scholars Book Workshop
The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) at George Washington University has partnered with the Bobst Center and the Workshop on Arab Political Development over the last four years to workshop manuscripts by junior scholars working on the Middle East. This Fall, the last installment of the four year partnership was held at Princeton University. Postdoctoral and pre-tenure faculty from Harvard University, the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, the University of Denver, and the American University of Beirut offered their work for review from senior mentors in the field. One of the many research topics discussed were conflict and refugee crisis in the Middle East region. Senior mentors included, Amaney Jamal (Princeton University), Marc Lynch (George Washington University), Jason Brownlee (The University of Texas at Austin), Wendy Pearlman (Northwestern University), and Jillian Schwedler (Hunter College, CUNY).

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 April, the series featured a book talk with authors Dr. Daniel Kurtzer and Dr. Shibley Telhami. Their book is titled The Peace Puzzle; America’s Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace, 1989-2011. The event was moderated by Amaney Jamal.

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, 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.

Jeremy Spater will join the Bobst Center in September, 2019, as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate after completion of his PhD in Political Economy with a secondary focus in Methodology from Duke University. His dissertation examines the relationship between collective identities and preferences for public goods, with applications to South Asia and Europe. He also studies international political economy, including the relationship between trade balance and protectionist preferences. His research utilizes formal theory, survey experiments, and natural experiments.

Elizabeth Wellman will join the Bobst Center in September, 2019, as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate after completion of her PhD in Political Science from Yale University. Her studies include comparative politics and international relations, with a focus on democratization, migration and citizenship, and the media, with a regional specialization in sub-Saharan Africa. Her dissertation, “Symbolic Inclusion: The Politics of Diaspora Voting”, investigates the conditions under which states enfranchise or exclude citizens living outside of their home country.
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.

**State Capacity and Public Goods Provision Conference**

Hosted by Melissa Lee (Princeton University) and Volha Charnysh (Former Niehaus Fellow, MIT), this conference held in April was sponsored jointly by the Bobst Center, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, and the Department of Politics. This conference provided presenters with the opportunity to receive high-quality feedback on their projects. It also fostered a sustained and focused conversation on the relationship between state capacity and public goods provision and provided an opportunity for bringing together scholars with expertise on these issues in different regions and historical periods.

**Comparative Secularisms Conference**

Led by Steve Macedo (Princeton University) and Alan Patten (Princeton University), this conference, held in April, was jointly sponsored by the Program in Law and Public Affairs, with thanks to Donald S. Bernstein ’75, the Department of Politics, Bobst Center, in partnership with Reset: Dialogues on Civilizations (Milan, Italy). Discussions around how different constitutional and political systems manage religious diversity and whether or not certain constitutional and political traditions are better or worse at accommodating religious believers and treating fairly majority and minority faiths.

**Office of Religious Life**

In September, the Bobst Center sponsored a talk from Dr. Khaled Beydoun, author of *American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear*. In this book, he uses his unique lens as a critical race theorist and law professor to capture the many ways in which law, policy, and official state rhetoric have fueled the frightening resurgence of Islamophobia in the United States.

In March, Bobst supported a forum on Islam and the Social Justice Quest(ion). Discussion, debate and dialogue was held surrounding the Islamic impetus and vision for social justice and ethics of how to engage in social justice work.

**Edited Volume Conference**

Held in March, this Clientelism Revisited Book Workshop was led by Leonard Wantchekon, Professor of Politics, Jenny Guardado (Georgetown University) and Jorge Gallego (Universidad del Rosario). The goal of this edited volume is to highlight the aspects of clientelism that may best characterize politics in the developing world with a particular focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

**New Research on Secrecy in International Relations**

Through funding by the Bobst Center, Keren Yahri-Milo (Princeton University) along with Austin Carson (University of Chicago), hosted a workshop on newly produced papers centered on secret negotiations, private venues for arbitration and dispute resolution, secret alliances, covert operations, and leaks. This workshop was held in April and was also sponsored by the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance.

**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. During the 2018 Annual Conference held on the campus of Delaware Valley University, attendees connected and engaged with other Muslim and Jewish sisters from all around North America. Through Bobst funding, members of the Princeton University community were given the opportunity to participate in workshops facilitated by leaders in interfaith dialogue and engagement. Attendees learned from the Muslim and Jewish leaders who are the voice of peace and interfaith engagement. Speakers included Marianne Williamson, internationally acclaimed author, Joseph Levin Jr., co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and Edina Lekovic, co-founder for NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change. Participants also developed skills in order to become stronger advocates of building relationships between Muslims and Jews and learned what can be done to peacefully stop anti-Muslim and anti-Jewish acts of hate.
Undergraduate Research & Internships

The Bobst Center with the Department of Politics continued to support eight-week summer internships for qualified undergraduate students. Four students participated in this internship opportunity and were granted funding to support their efforts. Of note, Rasha Suleiman served as a law clerk with the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office. This internship allowed Rasha to conduct extensive research, work with clients and witnesses, help collect and organize evidence, and attend court proceedings. Her time working for the DA allowed Rasha to gain hands-on experience in every step of the American litigation process, while at the same time, working to advance the community of Los Angeles and help serve vulnerable populations. The LADA’s work is far reaching and impactful, and Rasha is grateful that she had the chance to be a part of its mission and gain insight into a career in law. Another recipient of the summer internship grant was Sarah Pacilio. Sarah spent her eight weeks at the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees in Central New York. There, she worked with various departments including the Resettlement Department and the Employment Center to directly assist newly arrived refugees and migrants to achieve independence and self-sufficiency. Sarah also played a central role in designing and implementing an English as a Second Language course for refugees entering into vocational work. Other students secured internship positions at Emily’s List, a political action committee, and Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program, an advocacy organization which provides services to newly arrived refugees and immigrants, helping them to integrate into local communities, find jobs and learn the necessary skills to support their new life in the United States.

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 Rory Truex, Jennifer Widner, Rafaela Dancygier, Amaney Jamal, and Alisha Holland.
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:

**AKWAABA Group: Sankofa African Fashion Show 2019**

The Sankofa African Fashion Show is an annual student run and student produced show. It sought to bring about a greater understanding and appreciation of Africa and the African diaspora through fashion, art, culture and music. This year’s theme, HOMECOMING, celebrated the children of the African diaspora. The event marked the 400 years since the beginning of the slave trade, celebrating how far Africans of all nationalities have progressed and what they have been able to create.

**DoroBucci: Dun Talkin’**

This spring, DoroBucci presented Dun Talkin’, four shows in two days to celebrate African dance and share the beauty of different African cultures with members of the Princeton community. Dun Talkin’ showcased the dance and music of African artists to introduce audience members to the diversity and scope found in African art.


This year’s conference, “North Korea: A Virtual Reality” was held in February. Reflecting this year’s theme of virtual reality, Marcus Olsson who is a VR pioneer opened the conference with his introduction video to “North Korea VR of Pyongyang”. Other panelists, including Kang Chol-hwan who authored “The Aquariums of Pyongyang: Ten Years in the North Korean Gulag”, discussed their realities as North Korean defectors and will offer the diverse student body at Princeton the opportunity to reflect on their own realities through this lens. Princeton Professor Steven Chung as an academic on North Korean film and cinema will be leading a lunch discussion with the participants at the conference.


The four-day conference brought together highly-talented student delegates from top universities across China, Europe, and the US to Princeton’s campus. Delegates engaged in “Track III Diplomacy” dialogues with each other, interacted with former diplomatic practitioners and Princeton faculty, and presented policy proposals on how the US and China can jointly approach modern global challenges (e.g., international rule of law or cybersecurity). This year’s conference focused on international relations.

**Jewish Progressives: Moutaz Abu Ismail Talks to Alliance of Jewish Progressives about Palestine**

Moutaz Muhammad Abu Ismail, a Professor at University of Georgia and originally from Gaza, spoke with the Alliance of Jewish Progressives about the history of Palestine, the current situation in Gaza, and how Princeton University students can advocate for the situation in Gaza.

**Black Organization for Leadership Development: Black Panthers: Strength, Struggle, & Solidarity**

The event opened with a moving one-woman performance by Ksisay Sadiki describing the challenges of growing up as the daughter of a political prisoner from the Black Panther movement. The performance was followed by a panel discussion with Black Panther leaders of the Harlem chapter Thelma “Bunny” LeGari and William M. Johnson, narrating their experiences in their fight for racial equality and justice during the 1960’s and 70’s.

**Students for Prison and Education Reform (SPEAR): SPEAR Annual Conference — “Tracing the Violence”**

For this year’s 6th annual conference, titled “Tracing the Violence,” SPEAR focused on how mainstream criminal justice reform movements tend to focus on only non-violent and drug offenses, often excluding those convicted of violent and sexual offenses from the movement for reform. Topics regarding prison reform and sources of violence were also explored.
BlaQT: Giving Thanks, A Campus Conversation

BlaQT was started as a group to discuss issues facing the black LGBT community and foster general awareness of our identities within the campus community. BlaQT worked with homeless shelters for LGBT youth in New Jersey to host a Thanksgiving dinner. Many of these young people have been kicked out of their homes due to abuse, toxic households, or because they were not accepted by their families.

Black Student Union:
Black Student Union Presents Iced Out Gala

The Black Student Union exists to foster and maintain a community that supports the educational, professional, and social experiences of Princeton's Black students. The “Iced Out” Gala was conceptualized to allow students of color, specifically members of the black diaspora, who may not have the financial or social capital to participate in the formal events given by the eating clubs on Prospect. Invited speaker Dr. Karen Jackson-Weaver ’94 came to speak about her own experiences as a black Princeton student and what she hopes to see with our current student body.

Princeton For North Korean Human Rights:
Fundraising To Save a North Korean Defector — Pepero Day

Princeton For North Korean Human Rights has made it a goal to raise $3000 to rescue a North Korean defector this year. This fundraising event took place on 11/11, which is Pepero day in South Korea. Similar to Valentine’s Day, one gives Pepero sticks to their friends or significant other. While raising funds for a North Korean defector, student also spread awareness about Korean culture.

Princeton DREAM Team:
“I Stand with Immigrants” Photo Campaign

Princeton Dream Team hosted their second Day of Action. This was a two-part event photo campaign. Day one consisted of having an interactive tabling on why students stand with immigrants, as well as an educational game on issues pertaining to immigration. Day two, consisted of a potluck dialogue surrounding the messages people said in the photo campaign.

DoroBucci: Dorobucci presents Through the Ages

Dorobucci is Princeton's premier African dance group. The fall showcase, “Through the Ages”, was an interpretation of the evolution of African dance from its early traditional age to the modern dance which has grown to be more universal.

Letters to Strangers: Beyond Self-Care, Art & Identity in Mental Health

Letters to Strangers is a global youth-run mental health nonprofit seeking to destigmatize mental illness and increase access to affordable, quality treatment for young people aged 13 to 24. Speaker Amanda Lipp shared her strategy for individualized navigation through serious mental illness and encouraged students to speak their truth without fear.
Orange represents focal areas for recent Bobst-funded research:

- Angola
- Argentina
- Benin
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kosovo
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Morocco
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Panama
- Peru
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Taiwan
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- UK
- USA
- Vietnam
- Yemen
- Zambia
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