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**CURRENT POSITION:** Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Government, Harvard University

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, Immigration Policy, Muslim Politics

## EDUCATION

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, England  
PhD in Government, January 2010, William Robson Doctoral Thesis Prize  
*Dissertation title:* “Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in European Democracies”  
*Advisors:* Professor David Held, LSE, and Professor Henrietta Moore, University of Cambridge  
*Examiners:* Professor Steven Vertovec, Max Planck Institute, and Professor Montserrat Guibernau, University of London

**London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, England  
MSc in International Relations (with Distinction), October 2006.  
*Advisor:* Professor Michael Cox, LSE

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
BA in Government with Honors (*magna cum laude*), June 2004  
*Advisors:* Professor Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, and Professor John Coatsworth, Columbia University

## SELECTED AWARDS AND GRANTS

Robert K. Merton Award from the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy	2011
Harvard University Award for Teaching Excellence	2011
Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Assistance Grant	2011
APSA Urban Politics Section Norton Long Young Scholar Prize	2010
APSA Urban Politics Section Clarence Stone Scholar Award	2010
William Robson Doctoral Thesis Prize	2010
Harvard University Award for Teaching Excellence	2010
Barrow Cadbury Trust Research Grant	2010
University of Sydney International Partnership Development Grant	2010
Baroness Birk Scholarship	2009-2010
Ralph Miliband Doctoral Scholarship	2006-2009
Abbey/Grupo Santander Research Grant	2008
Bernard Levin Fellowship	2007
Newby Trust Research Grant	2007

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOK:

*Apart: Alienated and Engaged Muslims in the West* 2010  
Research Monograph, Columbia University Press (North America) and Hurst and Company (Europe).

### ARTICLE:

“Avoiding Evasion: Implementing International Migration Policy” 2011  
*Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, 24 (4).

## CHAPTERS IN AN EDITED VOLUME:

- “When Religion is Lived: Western Muslims’ Religiosity and Political Behavior,”** 2012  
Chapter in Jocelyne Cesari (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of European Islam*, Oxford University Press.
- “Alienation in Modernity: The Case of European Muslims,”** 2011  
Chapter in Francois Foret and Xabier Itcaina (eds.), *The Politics of Religion in Western Europe*, ECPR Press.

## WORKING PAPERS:

- “Political Engagement and Anti-System Behavior: Beyond Activity and Passivity in Democratic Participation”** 2011
- “Reluctant Pluralists: Western Muslims and Essentialist Identity Structures”** 2011
- “Situated Transnationalism: European Muslims and Constructions of Political Community”** 2011
- “International Migrants Rights and the Challenges of Norm Emergence: A Six-Case, 30-Year Analysis”** 2011  
(With Carolyn Armstrong, Elizabeth Carolan, Elliott Fox, Vanessa Holzer, Tim McClellan, Audrey Mogans and Meher Talib)

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- “International Migrants Rights and the Challenges of Norm Emergence: A Six-Case, 30-Year Analysis”** 2011  
Paper to be presented to American Political Science Association in Seattle, WA.
- “Reluctant Pluralists: European Muslims and Essentialist Identity Structures”** 2010  
Paper presented to American Political Science Association in Washington, DC.
- “Interrogating Alienation: Classical Theory in the Global Era”** 2010  
Paper presented to Political Studies Association annual conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- “On in the Inside Looking Out: Young Moroccan Men in Madrid Sur”** 2009  
Paper presented to the Middle Eastern Studies Association conference in Boston, MA.
- “Alienation among European Muslims: A Comparison of British Bangladeshis and Spanish Moroccans”** 2009  
Paper presented to the University of Edinburgh Migration and Citizenship conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- “Integrated and Alienated: Young Bangladeshi Men in London’s East End”** 2009  
Paper presented to the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Session in Lisbon, Portugal;  
Workshop: Practices of Citizenship and the Politics of Security
- “Explaining Apartism: Understanding the Middle Ground of Muslim Identity in the West”** 2008  
Paper presented to the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Session in Rennes, France;  
Workshop: Religion and Europe
- “La Bande à Part: Mapping the Perceptions of the Democratically Alienated”** 2007  
Paper presented to the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Session in Helsinki, Finland;

## TEACHING POSITIONS

- Harvard University**, Cambridge, Massachusetts 2010 - 2011  
 Harvard College Fellow, Department of Government  
 Postdoctoral research fellowship, entailing undergraduate class teaching and independent research.  
 Course head for “The Politics of Migration” and “Democracy, Alienation and Muslims in the West”.  
 Advisor of a senior thesis. Two Awards for Teaching Excellence (Fall 2010 and Spring 2011).
- Cambridge University**, Cambridge, England 2010  
 Guest Tutorial Supervision for “Advanced Social Theory”, Department of Politics,  
 Psychology, Sociology and International Studies
- London School of Economics and Political Science**, London, England 2009  
 LSE Fellow in Global Politics, Department of Government  
 Interim teaching fellow for two 15-student masters seminars in the core, “Global Politics: Empire to Globalisation”.  
 Advised 25 masters students on their dissertations.
- Boston University**, London, England 2008-2010  
 Guest Lecturer in Comparative Politics for 30 undergraduate students.
- Center for Academic Studies Abroad**, London, England 2008-2009  
 Adjunct Professor affiliated with University of Minnesota, State University of New York, and University of  
 Massachusetts-Amherst, leading a third-year undergraduate seminar, “Democracy, Islam and Alienation.”
- ## RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS
- Co-founder and Co-Director** 2007-2011  
**Migration Studies Unit**, London School of Economics and Political Science  
 Multi-disciplinary organization focusing on migration studies. Responsible for research project development, fundraising,  
 lecture series, outreach and conference activity, and external relations.
- Co-Investigator** 2009-2011  
**International Migration Policy And Law Analysis (IMPALA) Database**  
 Based at LSE, Harvard University, and the University of Sydney, this project develops the world’s first index of  
 immigration policy in 20 OECD countries. Grantholder of funding from the Barrow Cadbury Trust.
- Co-Investigator** 2009-2011  
**International Migrants’ Bill of Rights**, Georgetown University  
 Based at Georgetown Law School, this project is developing a draft charter of migrant rights under the direction of UN  
 Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees Alex Aleinikoff. Grantholder of funding from Open Society Institute (OSI).
- Co-Investigator** 2009-2011  
**Further to the Future**, Cambridge University  
 Based at the University of Cambridge and LSE, this project examines post-economic crisis political behavior in China and  
 the United States.
- Consultant** 2010-2011  
**LIVES**, St. Andrews University  
 LIVES (Lives of Violence Exited and Integrated into Society) examines radicalism and alienation in Europe.
- Consultant** 2010-2011  
**Gallup**, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 Consulted analyst for survey data on Muslim political attitudes, behavior and religiosity.

**CERTIFICATES AND EXTENDED EDUCATION**

<b>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)</b> Research Group on Qualitative and Multi-Method Analysis at Syracuse University Coursework in experimental methods, research design, process-tracing and comparative analysis in June 2011.	2011
<b>Certificate in Quantitative Data Analysis</b> Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection Coursework on probability theory and regression analysis led by Prof. Sona Golder, Pennsylvania State.	2010
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education</b> London School of Economics and Political Science Teaching degree entailing coursework in instructional philosophy, assessment, lecturing, and course design.	2009
<b>Language Certificate in Spanish (Level Five Fluency)</b> London School of Economics and Political Science Course in advanced Spanish grammar, public speaking and reading, for students with top-level fluency.	2007
<b>Certificate in Latin American Studies</b> Harvard University Coursework in Latin American politics, history, and Spanish-language literature and film.	2004
<b>Language Citation in Spanish</b> Harvard University	2004

**PUBLIC LECTURES**

<b>Harvard University</b> The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program “Apart: Policy Implications of Alienation among Western Muslims”	2011
<b>British Council and St. Andrews University</b> Fryshuset, Stockholm “Learning from the Other: Muslims in the West”	2011
<b>Harvard University</b> Center for Middle Eastern Studies: Islam and the West Lecture Series “Situated Transnationalism: European Muslims and Constructions of Political Community”	2010
<b>British House of Commons</b> Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Lecture Series “The Thin Line: Alienation and Integration among British Muslims”	2010
<b>Cambridge Muslim College</b> Islam and the Social Sciences “The Social and Political Implications of Alienation among Young European Muslims”	2010

## VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS

**UCLA**

Department of Political Science

2011

**University of Sydney**

Department of Government and International Relations

2011

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

**Spanish:** Fluent in Writing, Reading and Speaking