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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles, 1997.

M.A. Political Science. University of California at Los Angeles, 1992.

B.A. Political Science. University of Washington, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Chair of the Department of Political Science, Georgia State University	2017 - 2023
Acting Director of the Global Studies Institute, Georgia State University	August 2018 - June 2019
Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	2015 - present
Associate Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	2005 - 2015
Director, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University	2009 - 2013
Acting Director, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University	July 2009 - Nov 2009
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	1998 - 2005

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Research Fellowship at the American University of Kuwait	2006 - 2007
Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University	2006 - 2007
Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University	1999 - 2000
IIE Fulbright Award at Kuwait University	1993 - 1994
Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo. Yearlong fellowship for Arabic language study	1992 - 1993

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Wages of Oil: Parliaments and Economic Development in Kuwait and the UAE. 2014, Cornell University Press.

All in the Family: Absolutism, Revolution and Democracy in the Middle Eastern Monarchies. 1999. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Articles and Chapters

Michael Herb. 2022. "The Decay of Family Rule in Saudi Arabia." In *Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World: Regimes, Oppositions, and External Actors after the Spring*, ed. Lisa Blaydes, Amr Hamzawy, and Hesham Sallam. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 102–23.

André Bank, Eva Bellin, Michael Herb, Lisa Wedeen, Sean Yom, Saloua Zerhouni. 2022. "Authoritarianism Reconfigured: Evolving Forms of Political Control." In *The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research since the Arab Uprisings*, ed. Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean L. Yom. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 35–61.

Albloshi, Hamad H., and Michael Herb. 2018. "Karamet Watan: An Unsuccessful Nonviolent Movement." *The Middle East Journal* 72 (3): 408–30.

"A Nation of Bureaucrats: Political Participation and Economic Diversification in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates." 2009. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 41(3): 375–395.

"Kuwait: The Obstacle of Parliamentary Politics." 2009. In *Political Liberalization in the Persian Gulf*. Ed. Joshua Teitelbaum. New York: Columbia University Press.

"No Representation without Taxation? Rents, Development, and Democracy." 2005. *Comparative Politics* 37, no. 3 (April): 297–316.

"Princes and Parliaments in the Arab World." 2004. *Middle East Journal* 58, no. 3 (Summer): 367–384.

"Taxation and Representation." 2003. *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 38, no. 3 (Fall): 3–31.

"Emirs and Parliaments in the Gulf." 2002. *Journal of Democracy*, 13, no. 4 (October): 41–47.

"Subordinate Communities and the Utility of Ethnic Ties to a Neighboring Regime: Iran and the Shi'a of the Arab States of the Gulf." 1999. In *Ethnic Conflict and International Politics of the Middle East*. Ed. Leonard Binder. Gainesville: University Press of Florida. 155–180.

Textbook Chapters

"The Lower Gulf States," in *The Middle East*, edited by Ellen Lust, 2023. 16th edition. Washington: CQ Press. (This is an updated version of a chapter that also appeared in the 15th edition, 2020, and the 14th edition, 2017).

"Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates," in *Politics and Society of the Contemporary Middle East*, edited by Michelle Penner Angrist. 2019. 3rd edition (This is an updated version of a chapter that also appeared in the 2nd edition, 2013, and in the 1st edition, 2010). Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Other Publications

Herb, Michael and Marc Lynch. 2019. "Introduction: the politics of rentier states in the Gulf." In *The Politics of Rentier States in the Gulf. The Project on Middle East Political Science. POMEPS Studies* 33.

Herb, Michael. 2019. "Labor markets and economic diversification in the Gulf rentiers." In *The Politics of Rentier States in the Gulf. The Project on Middle East Political Science. POMEPS Studies* 33.

- Herb, Michael. 2017. "Ontology and Methodology in the Study of the Resource Curse." *LSE Kuwait Programme Paper Series*. June 2017.
- Herb, Michael. 2017. "The Political Realities of Economic Reform in the Gulf Monarchies." 25. *ERF Policy Brief*. *Economic Research Forum*.
- Herb, Michael. 2016. "The Origins of Kuwait's National Assembly." *LSE Kuwait Programme Paper Series*. London School of Economics and Political Science. March 2016.
- Book review: "Qatar: Politics and the Challenges of Development, by Matthew Gray and Qatar: Small State, Big Politics, by Mehran Kamrava." *Perspectives on Politics* 13, no. 02 (June 2015): 564–66.
- "The Saudi Succession and Challenges Facing the Kingdom," *Expert Analysis*, NOREF Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre, August 2014.
- "Kuwait's Endless Elections: The Opposition in Retreat," *Policy Brief, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED)*, September 2013.
- "A Respite in Kuwait?" The Middle East Channel, *Foreign Policy* Web site. 21 December 2012.
- "Monarchism Matters." The Middle East Channel, *Foreign Policy* Web site. 26 November 2012.
- "Parliaments in the Gulf Monarchies: A Long Way from Democracy," 2004. *Arab Reform Bulletin*, 2, no. 10: 7–8.

Datasets

Kuwait Politics Database. <http://www2.gsu.edu/~polmfh/database/database.htm>. This is an authoritative source for Kuwaiti election data and voting data.

Translation of published work

Hebrew translation of *All in the Family: Absolutism, Revolution and Democracy in Middle Eastern Monarchies*, published in 2007.

CONFERENCES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS

Invited Talks and Workshop Participation

Paper presentation. Book Launch for *Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World*. Institute for Middle East Studies, George Washington University. January 2023. In person.

Workshop co-leader. "Reforming welfare systems and the 'social contract' in Kuwait and the GCC." London School of Economics, Kuwait Programme. May 2021. Virtual.

Panelist. "Authoritarianism." POMEPS Annual Conference Virtual Book Workshop. May 2020. Virtual.

Paper presentation. Arab Reform and Democracy Program Annual Conference, *The Struggle for Political Change in the Arab world*. "Monarchical Institutions and the Decay of Family Rule in the Gulf." Stanford University. October 2019.

POMEPS Rentier State Workshop. George Washington University. September 2018.

Gulf State Ambitions: 2020 and Beyond. "The Future of the GCC: Dilemmas of diversification." Joint US Department of State, National Intelligence Council, and Embassy of Canada Analytic Exchange. Embassy of Canada. May 2018.

MENA Political Science Research and Publication Conference. Plenary session speaker, *Changing Politics of the Gulf*. Sponsored by the APSA. Tunis, Tunisia. July 2017.

Varieties of Rentierism (2nd workshop). "Social service provision in Kuwait" The London School of Economics. September 2016.

International Conference on Saudi Arabia, the Gulf, and the New Regional Landscape. "The Political Economy of Low Oil Prices in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf." Bar-Ilan University and the University of Haifa. June 2016.

Public Lecture, "Leadership and Economic Growth in the Gulf States," NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. May 2016.

Political Leadership Performance and Economic Growth: A Comparative Analysis of the Gulf Region, Western Europe and Southeast Asia." (Workshop) Kuwait and UAE: Political Leadership and Economic Relations." NYU Abu Dhabi Research Institute. May 2016.

International Workshop on State-Business Relations in the Middle East. (Workshop) "Gulf Business Elites, Labor Markets and Regimes in an Era of Scarcity." Georgetown University. Sponsored by the Economic & Social Resource Council and the University of Exeter.

Oil, Middle East, and the Global Economy. "Low Oil Prices, the Rentier State and Political Reforms." The University of Southern California. Sponsored by USC Dornsife INET and the Economic Research Forum. April 2016.

Varieties of rentierism? Comparing resource rich states in the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa. (Workshop). "Ontology and Methodology in the Study of the Resource Curse" The London School of Economics. October 2015

Gulf Roundtable. "Oil, Parliaments, and the Future of the Gulf." Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC. April 2015.

1st Annual Kuwait Programme Lecture. "The origins of Kuwait's National Assembly in comparative perspective." The London School of Economics. March 2015.

Comparative Political Development in Post-Soviet Eurasia and the Middle East. (Workshop) "How the search for generalizability can impede understanding: ontology and methodology in the study of the resource curse." NYU Abu Dhabi. December 2014.

Book launch for *Wages of Oil*. George Washington University. December 2014.

Roundtable Discussion, *The Gulf: Past, Present & Future*. Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, May 2014.

The Gulf Working Group, National Endowment for Democracy (talk co-sponsored by the Project on Middle East Democracy). Washington DC. October 2013.

Project on Middle East Political Science 4th Annual Conference. "Institutions and zeitgeist: regime type and the pattern of protests in the Arab Spring." George Washington University. May 2013.

Institute for Middle East Studies annual conference. "Rents and Regimes in the Gulf." George Washington University. Washington D.C. April 2013.

Gulf Studies Symposium, American University in Kuwait. March 2013.

Second Annual Herbert L. Bodman Memorial Lecture, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar. Atlanta. March 2013.

Department of Political Science, University of Texas Austin. February 2013.

Workshop on Rethinking the Monarchy-Republic Gap. Marburg University, Germany. September 2012.

Workshop at the Moulay Hicham Foundation. Skhirat, Morocco. September 2012.

Princeton University. Exploratory Conference on the Arab Spring. May 2012.

Comparative Politics Workshop. University of Chicago. April 2011.

Middle East Studies Center, Florida International University. March 2011.

Workshop at the Center for Islamic Studies, Oxford University. January 2010.

Gulf Research Unit, University of Oslo. October 2009.

Institute for Middle East Studies annual conference. George Washington University. April 2009.

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Middle East Studies Program Gulf Roundtable. Washington DC. February 2009.

Chaire Moyen Orient Méditerranée, Sciences Po, Paris. December 2008. (Two talks, one at the Sciences Po campus in Menton, a second in Paris)

Workshop for authors of chapters in the textbook Politics and Society of the Contemporary Middle East. Brown University. October 2008.

Workshop, Monarchies in Transition. Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University. June 2008.

Council on Middle East Studies. Yale University. October 2007.

Kuwait University. July 2007.

American University of Kuwait. May 2007.

Kuwait University, Department of Political Science. April 2007. (In Arabic)

Workshop, Democracy in the Arab world. United States Institutes of Peace - Muslim World Initiative Working Group, Washington DC. October 2005.

Workshop, Saudi Arabia, Prospects for Stability and Change. Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. April 2005.

Workshop, Political Reform in the GCC States: Current Situation and Future Prospects. Gulf Research Center & the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dubai. September 2004.

Conference, GCC Succession, Security, and Stability in the Gulf: Trends and Prospects. The National Defense University. April 2004.

Program in Near East Studies, Princeton University. March 2004.

Workshop, Islam and Political Regimes. University of California Los Angeles, The von Grunebaum Center for Middle East Studies. May 2003.

Workshop, Re-Considering Regimes: The Middle East in Comparative Perspective. Yale

University, Center for International and Area Studies. May 2003.

Conference Presentations

“The Decay of Family Rule in Saudi Arabia.” American Political Science Association. September 2020. Virtual.

“Ontology and Methodology in the Study of the Resource Curse.” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, 21–24 November 2015.

“The People Want the Fall of the Regime...Or Not.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, 13 October 2013.

“The People Want the Fall of the Regime...Or Not.” American Political Science Association, 31 August 2013.

“Understanding the Politics of Labor Market Policies in the Gulf States.” Middle East Studies Association. 1–4 December 2011.

“Class implications of efforts to reform labor markets in the Gulf monarchies.” Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, July 2010.

“Parliaments, Economic Diversification, and Labor Markets in Kuwait and the UAE.” International Studies Association, February 2008.

“Islamist Movements and the Problem of Democracy in the Arab World.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, November 19–22, 2005.

“Islamist Movements and the Problem of Democracy in the Arab World.” American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1–4, 2005.

“Revisiting Rentier State Theories.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 5, 2004.

“Princes and Parliaments in the Arab world,” presented at a roundtable, “Missing or Coherent Links: Public Opinion, Civil Society, and Institutions in the Arab World,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16, 2004.

“The Parliaments of the Gulf Monarchies in Comparative Perspective.” Middle East Studies Association, Anchorage. November 2003.

“Does Rentierism Prevent Democracy?” American Political Science Association, Boston. 2002.

“Ideas and the democratic deficit in the Arab world: the collapse of the liberal regimes in Egypt and Syria.” Poster presentation, American Political Science Association, San Francisco. 2001.

“Taxation, Collective Action, and the Origins of Representative Institutions.” Poster presentation. American Political Science Association, Atlanta. 1999.

“Princes and parliaments: The emergence of democratic institutions in the Middle Eastern monarchies.” American Political Science Association, Chicago. 1995.

Conference and Workshop Organization

Co-leader, American Political Science Association, 2015 Middle East and North Africa Workshops (funded by the Carnegie Foundation through APSA). Two week-long workshops, one in Qatar and one in Kuwait, mentoring graduate students from leading Arab, American and

European universities.

Panel organizer. "Princes and Parliaments in the Gulf monarchies," Middle East Studies Association, Anchorage. November 2003.

Panel organizer, with Pete Moore, "State of the Field: Comparative Political Economy of the Middle East," a roundtable at the 2002 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Manuscript Discussant

POMEPS (Project on Middle East Political Science) Junior Scholar Book Development Workshop. May 2023. Online.

POMEPS (Project on Middle East Political Science) Virtual Research Workshop. October 2022. Online.

Virtual Book Review Workshop. April 2022. New York University Abu Dhabi. Discussed a book manuscript - Emirati Women Journalists: Bargaining with Patriarchy in Search of Equality

Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Project on Middle East Political Science. April 2021. "Labor Transformation and Regime Transition: Lessons from the Middle East and North Africa." Virtual workshop.

POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop. June 2020. Online.

MENA Research Development Group, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the APSA. August 2019.

MENA Political Science Research and Publication Conference. Sponsored by the APSA. Tunis, Tunisia. July 2017.

Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop. Yale University (sponsored by Yale University, the Project on Middle East Political Science, and George Washington University). November 2013.

Conference Panel Discussant

Discussant. "Gulf State-Society Relations and New Dynamics in the Rentier Debate." Middle East Studies Association, October 2020, virtual.

Discussant. "Chequebooks or Change? Assessing Gulf Rentierism after the Arab Uprisings." Middle East Studies Association, November 2019, New Orleans.

Discussant. "Rentierism and Power Dynamics in the Gulf Countries: Evolving Nexuses." Middle East Studies Association, November 2019, New Orleans.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate courses

- Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Politics of the Middle East and North Africa

- Democratization
- Political Development

Undergraduate courses

- Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
- Palestinians and Israelis (senior capstone seminar)
- Comparative Politics
- Global Issues
- Politics of Developing Countries

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Review

Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University-Qatar. Chair of the external review committee. January-February 2017.

Boards and Committees

Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS). November 2014 - present.

Member of the Advisory Board for the Journal of Comparative Politics. 2011 - 2019.

Chair, Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS) Dissertation and Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2014.

Member, Albert Hourani Book Award Committee, Middle East Studies Association. 2014.

Member, Program Committee for the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, 2013.

Middle East section organizer, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010 annual conference.

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