

# Sharan Grewal

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- RESEARCH INTERESTS Democratization, Security Studies, Religion & Politics  
Middle East and North Africa, Experimental Methods
- EMPLOYMENT **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
*Research Fellow*, Middle East Initiative 2023-24
- William & Mary**, Williamsburg, VA  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of Government 2019-
- The Brookings Institution**, Washington, DC  
*Nonresident Fellow*, Center for Middle East Policy 2019-  
*Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Foreign Policy Program 2018-2019
- EDUCATION **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
Ph.D., Politics 2018  
Committee: Amaney Jamal (chair), Rory Truex, Kris Ramsay, Tarek Masoud  
M.A., Politics 2015  
Subfields: Comparative Politics; Middle East; Formal & Quantitative Methods
- Georgetown University**, Washington, DC 2013  
B.S., Foreign Service; Certificate in Arab Studies. *Summa Cum Laude*.
- BOOKS 1. Grewal, Sharan. *Soldiers of Democracy? Military Legacies and the Arab Spring*. Oxford University Press. July 2023.
- JOURNAL ARTICLES 1. Grewal, Sharan. "Military Repression and Restraint in Algeria." *American Political Science Review*, Firstview, July 2023.  
• 2023 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Paper Award
2. Noh, Yuree, Sharan Grewal, and M. Tahir Kilavuz. "Regime Support and Gender Quotas in Autocracies." *American Political Science Review*, Firstview, July 2023.
3. Grewal, Sharan, and Shadi Hamid. "Discrimination, Inclusion, and Anti-System Attitudes among Muslims in Germany." *American Journal of Political Science*, Firstview, 2022.
4. Williamson, Scott, A.Kadir Yildirim, Sharan Grewal, and Mirjam Kuenkler. "Preaching Politics: How Politicization Undermines Religious Authority in the Middle East." *British Journal of Political Science*, 53(2), 555-574, April 2023.
5. Grewal, Sharan, and Matthew Cebul. "Can Religious Reinterpretations Bridge the Secular-Religious Divide? Experimental Evidence from Tunisia." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 67(2-3), 428-456, February-March 2023.
6. Kilavuz, M. Tahir, Sharan Grewal, and Robert Kubinec. "Ghosts of the Black Decade: How Legacies of Violence Shaped Algeria's *Hirak* Uprising." *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(1), 9-25, January 2023. Special Issue.
7. Cebul, Matthew and Sharan Grewal. "Military Conscription and Nonviolent Resistance." *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(13), 2217-2249, November 2022.  
• 2023 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)

8. Grewal, Sharan and Drew Kinney. "What's in a Name? Experimental Evidence of the Coup Taboo." *Democratization*, 29(7): 1332-1345, November 2022.
  9. Koehler, Kevin, Sharan Grewal, and Holger Albrecht. "Who Fakes Support for the Military? Experimental Evidence from Tunisia." *Democratization*, 29(6): 1055-1076, August 2022.
    - 2020 APSA MENA Politics Best Paper Award
  10. Grewal, Sharan. "Norm Diffusion through US Military Training in Tunisia." *Security Studies* 31(2): 291-317, June 2022.
    - 2022 Perry World House-Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholars Prize
    - Author Exchange with Rachel Tecott and Heidi A. Urben, *Security Studies* 31(3): 533-551, November 2022
  11. Brooks, Risa and Sharan Grewal. "'Twice the Citizen': How Military Attitudes of Superiority Undermine Civilian Control in the United States." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 66(4-5): 623-650, May 2022.
  12. Bishara, Dina and Sharan Grewal. "Political, not Partisan: Tunisia's General Labor Union under Democracy." *Comparative Politics*, 54(3): 453-475, April 2022.
  13. Grewal, Sharan. "Why Sudan Succeeded Where Algeria Failed." *Journal of Democracy* 32(4): 102-114, October 2021.
  14. Grewal, Sharan. "From Islamists to Muslim Democrats: The Case of Tunisia's Ennahda." *American Political Science Review*, 114(2): 519-535, May 2020.
    - 2021 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)
  15. Grewal, Sharan. "Tunisia's Foiled Coup of 1987: The November 8th Group." *Middle East Journal*, 74(1): 53-71, Spring 2020.
  16. Grewal, Sharan, Amaney Jamal, Tarek Masoud, and Elizabeth Nugent. "Poverty and Divine Rewards: The Electoral Advantage of Islamist Political Parties." *American Journal of Political Science*. 63(4): 859-874, October 2019.
  17. Grewal, Sharan and Steve Monroe. "Down and Out: Founding Elections and Disillusionment with Democracy in Egypt and Tunisia." *Comparative Politics*. 51(4): 497-539, July 2019 (lead article).
  18. Grewal, Sharan. "Military Defection During Localized Protests: The Case of Tataouine." *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 259-269, June 2019.
  19. Grewal, Sharan and Yasser Kureshi. "How to Sell a Coup: Elections as Coup Legitimation." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(4): 1001-1031, April 2019.
  20. Grewal, Sharan and Erik Voeten. "Are New Democracies Better Human Rights Compliers?" *International Organization* 69(2): 497-518, Spring 2015.
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1. Grewal, Sharan. "The Islamist Advantage: The Religious Infrastructure of Electoral Victory."
  2. Grewal, Sharan and Risa Brooks. "In Name Only? Military Professionalism and Politicization in Algeria, Egypt, and Tunisia."
  3. Grewal, Sharan and Robert Kubinec. "The Rise of RoboCop: How Kais Saied Won Tunisia's Presidency."
  4. Ferguson, Kimberly,\* Sharan Grewal, and Philip Roessler. "Diaspora Attitudes Towards Sudan's Democratic Transition." \*=W&M student

UNDER  
REVIEW

SELECTED  
POLICY  
ANALYSIS

1. Hamid, Shadi and Sharan Grewal. "An Open Letter to President Biden on Democracy and U.S. Policy towards Tunisia." May 3, 2023. Signed by 21 ambassadors, policymakers, and scholars.
2. Grewal, Sharan, Ian DeHaven, and Salah-Dean Satouri. Will Tunisia's opposition unite against the July 25 referendum?, *The Washington Post*, July 22, 2022.
3. Hammami, Mohamed Dhia and Sharan Grewal. "How much popular support does Tunisia's president really have?" *The Washington Post*, April 26, 2022.
4. Grewal, Sharan. "Kais Saied's power grab in Tunisia." *Brookings Institution*, July 26, 2021.
5. Mighri, Hamza, and Sharan Grewal. "Reforming Tunisia's Military Courts." *The Brookings Institution*, November 7, 2019.
6. Grewal, Sharan. "A Quiet Revolution: The Tunisian Military After Ben Ali." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. February 24, 2016.

SELECTED  
MEDIA  
INTERVIEWS

1. Vivian Yee, "Economic Neglect and Political Instability Unraveled Tunisia's Democracy." *The New York Times*, August 21, 2022.
2. Melissa Harris-Perry, "Tunisia's New Constitution Moves Away from Democracy." *The Takeaway (WNYC radio)*, August 3, 2022.
3. Claire Parker, "Tunisia's president fires prime minister, dismisses government, freezes parliament." *Washington Post*, July 26, 2021.
4. Nadia Massih, "Special Edition: Arab Spring," *France24*, December 17, 2020.

SELECTED  
GRANTS  
& AWARDS

Perry World House-Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholars Prize (\$10,000)	2022
W&M Reves Center for International Studies, Faculty Fellow Award (\$10,000)	2022
John Templeton Foundation, Islam, Science, & Society, co-PI (\$234,000)	2022
Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$300,000)	2018
National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$18,900)	2018
Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)	2018
Global Religion Research Initiative, Project Launch Grant (\$12,000)	2018
Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$400,000)	2017
George Kateb Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton University	2017
Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (\$14,000)	2014-17

TEACHING

- GOVT 403: Political Islam** (senior seminar)
- Fall 2019: 15 students. Evaluation: 4.9/5
  - Fall 2020: 12 students. Evaluation: 5/5
  - Spring 2022: 17 students. Evaluation: 5/5
  - Spring 2023: 18 students. Evaluation: 4.9/5
- GOVT 339: Middle East Political Systems** (lecture)
- Spring 2020: 64 students. Evaluations: 4.7/5 and 4.9/5
  - Spring 2021: 75 students. Evaluations: 4.8/5 and 4.9/5
  - Fall 2021: 68 students. Evaluations: 4.8/5 and 4.8/5
  - Spring 2023: 39 students. Evaluation: 4.9/5
- GOVT 203: Introduction to Comparative Politics** (lecture)
- Spring 2022: 34 students. Evaluation: 5/5
  - Fall 2022: 75 students. Evaluation: 4.4/5 and 4.8/5

ADVISING

**Honors Theses:**

2022-23: Helena Buckman

2021-22: Isabel Conti (won best Government thesis), Maggie Manson, Max Markel

2020-21: Charlotte Mines

2019-20: Seth Fiderer, Heather Rodenberg

**Research Assistants:**

2023-24: Rachel Bartz, Justin Eng, Khaled Maalouf, Jenine Samara

2022-23: Ian DeHaven and Salah-Dean Satouri (GRI Summer Fellows)

2021-22: Gracie Kosco (GRI Summer Fellow), Kimberly Ferguson

2020-21: Nazrin Garibova, Chris Harrington, Hank Hermens, Amy Hilla, Jenna Iskandar, Sarah Joyce, Daniela Lacalle, M. Manson, Mary Trotto, Anouk vanNispen

2019-20: Danielle Batterman, Cassie Heyman-Schrum, Malik Obeidallah

**PhD Students (external):**

Haifa Souilmi (Oregon), 2022-

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Government Department**

Committees: Diversity (2019-20), Merit (2020-22), Curriculum (2022-23)

**University Service**

2021-22 Search Committee, Joint History/IR hire in Modern Middle East History

**Service to Discipline**

Best Article Award Committee (Chair), APSA Democracy & Autocracy, 2022

Editorial Committee, *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 2020-2024

Guest Lectures: Yael Zeira (Syracuse, 2023), Salam Fayyad (Princeton, 2021), Scott Williamson (Bocconi, 2021), Adel El-Adawy (AUC, 2021), Dina Bishara (Alabama, 2019)

**Referee:** *Oxford University Press* (x2); *American Political Science Review* (x5); *American Journal of Political Science* (x2); *Journal of Politics* (x2); *British Journal of Political Science*; *World Politics* (x2); *International Organization* (x2); *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Comparative Political Studies* (x5); *Comparative Politics* (x3); *Journal of Peace Research* (x3); *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Political Research Quarterly* (x3); *Democratization* (x4); *Mediterranean Politics* (x4)

**Book Reviews:**

1. Review of Hicham Bou Nassif, *Endgames* (Cambridge), in *Perspectives on Politics*, 19:4, 1363-4, 2021.
2. Review of Sabina Henneberg, *Managing Transition* (Cambridge), in *Middle East Journal*, 75:3, 494-5, 2021.
3. Review of Albrecht, Croissant, & Lawson, *Armies and Insurgencies in the Arab Spring* (Univ. of Pennsylvania), in *Armed Forces & Society* 45:3, 585-586, 2019.
4. Review of Barany, *How armies respond to revolutions and why* (Princeton); Grawert & Abul-Magd, *Businessmen in arms* (Rowman & Littlefield); and Albrecht, *Raging against the machine* (Syracuse), in *Mediterranean Politics* 23:3, 427-432, 2018.

**US Government Outreach**

Briefed State Department, Congressional staffers on Tunisia: 2016-2023

Briefed State Department, Congressional staffers on Algeria: 2019-2020

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Modern Standard; Egyptian and Tunisian dialects)

FIELDWORK

Egypt (2012, 2014); Morocco (2015); Turkey (2016); Tunisia (2014-2022)