

Marsin Alshamary

Education	<p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. Department of Political Science General Exam Fields (passed with high distinction): Comparative Politics and International Relations</p> <p>Dissertation: <i>Prophets and Priests: Religious Leaders and Protest in Iraq</i> Committee: Roger Petersen (chair), Fotini Christia, Richard Nielsen, and Chappell Lawson</p> <p>Wellesley College B.A. International Relations; French, 2013. Cum Laude and Department Honors in International Relations</p>
Experience, Fellowships	<p>The Brookings Institution Foreign Policy Program Post-doctoral Research Fellow, 2020-2021</p> <p>American University of Iraq – Sulaimani Institute for Regional & International Studies Non-Resident Research Fellow, 2020-2021</p> <p>Harvard Kennedy School Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, 2019-2020</p> <p>International Organization for Migration – Iraq Mission Consultant, September 2019 – January 2020</p>
Publications	<p>“Important Iraqi archives are now back in Baghdad. Where were they, and what happens now?” <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, September 2020.</p> <p>“The Hawza in Protest: what 1920 teaches us about 2020” <i>1001 Iraqi Thoughts</i>, June 2020.</p> <p>“Does the Hawza Preach Forgiveness? Shi’a Clerics and Peacebuilding in Iraq” <i>The Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding</i> (revise and resubmit, special issue)</p> <p>“Iraqi protestors will likely push forward despite violence.” <i>PRI The World</i>, February 2020.</p> <p>“Iraqi protesters are mostly Shiite. And this identity is shaping how they protest.” <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, December 2019.</p> <p>“Iraqi protesters demand constitutional change. Can they make it happen?” (with Safwan Al-Amin) <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i>, November 2019</p> <p>“Reimagining the Hawza and the State” <i>POMEPS Studies 35 Religion, Violence, and the State in Iraq</i>. October 2019.</p>

"The role of Iraq's influential Shiite clerics is changing. Here's how."
The Washington Post Monkey Cage, February 2019

"Authoritarian Nostalgia Among Iraqi Youth: Roots and Repercussions"
War on the Rocks, July 2018

Working Papers

"The Marjayya, the people, and the post-Ba'athist state", London School of Economics, Middle East Centre workshop on *Rethinking Iraqi state and society eighteen years after regime change*.

"A Clerical Dilemma: Reconciling Women's Rights and Tradition in a Democratizing Iraq",
APSA MENA Workshop on *Women and Politics: MENA Experiences*

"Religious Capital: Pilgrimages and the Development of Civil Society"

"The Ideological Transformation of the Da'wa Party (1958-2018)"

"Najaf and the Shi'a Political Movement"
in *The Social Science of the Iraq War* (with Roger Petersen)

Presentations and Selected Talks

"Clerical Developments and Politics in the Howzehs of Iraq and Iran"
Chatham House, September 17 (2020)

Understanding the Protests in Lebanon and Iraq: Why Now?
"The Proximate Causes of the Iraqi Protests: What's New?"
Harvard Kennedy School, November 20 (2019)

Understanding the Iraqi Protests: Critical Conversations
"Causes for Optimism in the Iraqi Protest Movement"
Georgetown University, November 1 (2019)

Religion, Violence, and the State in Iraq
"Re-imagining the Hawza and the State"
POMEPS and Crown Center (Brandeis), April 17-18 (2019)

Building Sustainable Peace in Iraq
"The Marjayya between Conflict and Peacebuilding"
Boston University, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, April 12 (2019)

Shi'i Studies Symposium
"The Ideological Transformation of the Da'wa Party (1958-2018)"
University of Chicago, October 26 (2018)

Explaining Sectarianism: Community, Competition, and Conflict
"The Reconfiguration of Islamist Rhetoric in the 2018 Iraqi Elections"
The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University), October 6 (2018)

Growing up in Contemporary Iraq
"Authoritarian Nostalgia among Iraqi Youth"
Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, March 23 (2018)

Youth in Iraq: Developing Capacities for Active Citizenship
"Iraqi Youth: Between Rising Unemployment and Declining Education"
Peace Research Institute of Oslo (Kyrenia), February 2-4 (2018)

Certifications
and Skills

MIT Teaching and Learning Lab
Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, May 2018

Languages: Arabic (native), French (advanced)

Proficient in R

Awards and
Fellowships

POMEPS Travel Research Engagement Grant
Recipient (2019)
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
Honorable Mention (2015)
Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship
Recipient (June-August 2017 and June-August 2019)
Ida M. Green Fellowship
Recipient (2014-2015)
Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship
Finalist (December 2013)
The Madeline Korbelt Albright Institute for Global Affairs
Fellow (January 2013)
Barnette Miller Grant in Political Science Research
Recipient (2013)
Wellesley in Washington Fellowship
Fellow (Summer 2012)