

CONTACT INFORMATION	30 Wadsworth St. Cambridge, MA, USA 02142	Homepage: biffpm.github.io/ E-mail: ekpm@mit.edu
EDUCATION	<p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 2018–Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science; Graduate Research Fellow, MIT GOV/LAB & MIT Global Diversity Lab • Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology • Committee: Profs. Richard Nielsen (Chair), Fotini Christia, Mai Hassan, & Lily Tsai <p>Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.. 2014-2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.A., Middle East Studies, Conflict Management, & International Economics <p>Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. 2008-2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A., World Politics, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> • Study in Rennes, France & Amman, Jordan 	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Can Media Campaigns Empower Women Facing Gender-Based Violence amid COVID-19?,” with Fotini Christia, Horacio Larreguy & Norhan Muhab, Pre-registration, Working paper, EGAP write-up, <i>Revise & Resubmit</i>, <i>Nature Human Behavior</i>. 2. “Social Media Narratives on Conflict from Northern Syria,” with Erin Walk, Kiran Garimella, Ahmet Akbiyik & Fotini Christia, Working Paper, <i>Under Review</i>. 3. “Repression or Co-optation? Public Employees and Contentious Action Under Authoritarianism” 	
SELECTED POLICY PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Transparency and Repression in Jordan’s Response to COVID-19,” <i>Project on Middle East Political Science</i>, April 2020, Link. 2. “Jordanians see more to worry about in their economy than Syrian refugees,” <i>Lawfare</i>, September 2019, Link. 3. “What a Syrian neighborhood can teach us about the talks to end the civil war,” with Dan Wilkofsky, <i>War on the Rocks</i>, February 2017, Link. 4. “Syria’s currency means big trouble for Bashar al-Assad’s war efforts,” <i>Quartz</i>, October 2016, Link. 5. “U.N. Mediation in the Syrian Crisis: From Kofi Annan to Lakhdar Brahimi,” with Raymond Hinnebusch, I. William Zartman, and Omar Imady, <i>International Peace Institute</i>, March 2016, Link. 	
SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages: Arabic (Modern Standard & Levantine, Proficient), French (Intermediate), English (Native) • Technical: R, Python, Qualtrics 	
TEACHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2021, Evaluations: 6.9/7 • Macroeconomics, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Fall 2015 	
TALKS AND PRESENTA- TIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022: American Political Science Association (<i>Scheduled</i>) • 2021, All remote: Middle East Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Politics and Computational Social Science, Midwest Political Science Association, Harvard Political Violence Workshop, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative • 2020, All remote: Household in Conflict Network, MIT-Harvard-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference 	

LEADERSHIP &
SERVICE

- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Co-Chair**, *MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council*, 2020-2021
- **Mentor**, *MIT GOV/LAB*, 2020-2021.
- **Graduate Resident Advisor**, *Simmons Hall @ MIT*, 2019-2021.
- **Co-President**, *MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council*, 2019-2020
- **Board Member**, *The Amal Foundation*, 2015-2019

SELECTED
PROFESSIONAL
& RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

- **Synaps Network** Feb. - Oct. 2021
Consultant, Syria's economy. Beirut, Lebanon (*Remote*)
- **International Organization for Migration** 2019-2020
Consultant, Iraq - Economic Development Fund. Erbil, Iraq & Cambridge, MA
- **U.S. Department of the Treasury** 2017-2018
Research analyst, Syria's economy. Washington, DC
- **Navanti Group** 2015-2017
Research analyst and team lead, governance in northern Syria (USAID/OTI). Washington, DC
- **Syria Direct** 2013-2014
Reporter, editor, and translator covering the Syrian conflict. Amman, Jordan
- **U.S. Fulbright Program** 2012-2013
U.S. Fulbright Fellow, teacher in a semi-public high school. Amman, Jordan

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

- *Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant*, MIT, March 2022
- *Peace & Recovery Exploratory Grant*, Innovations for Poverty Action, March 2022
- *GOV/LAB Seed Grant*, MIT, October 2021
- *Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant*, MIT, May 2020
- *Christian A. Herter Award for Academic Excellence (Valedictorian)*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, May 2016
- *Conrad Black Fellow*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, AY 2015 – 2016
- *Rosenthal Fellow*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Summer 2015
- *Fulbright Fellowship & Critical Language Enhancement Award for Arabic*, U.S. Department of State, AY 2012-2013
- *Judge John H. Wells Fellow*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Pi Sigma Alpha*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Barrett Seaman Prize for Writing*, Hamilton College, August 2011
- *Dean's List*, Hamilton College, August 2008 – May 2012