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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Utah, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, 2024-present
Faculty Affiliate, Middle East Center, 2024-present
Faculty Affiliate, Asia Center, 2024-present

Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
Fellow, Middle East Initiative, 2019-present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, 2018-2019

Rhode Island College, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, 2019-2024

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Ph.D., Political Science, 2018

Washington University in St. Louis
B.A. (Honors), Political Science and Economics, minor in Arabic, 2011
Todd Lewis Friedman Prize for outstanding senior thesis in international politics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian Politics and Democratic Erosion; Gender and Politics; Repression, Surveillance, and Censorship; Public Opinion and Survey Methods; Middle East and North Africa; East Asia

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Noh, Yuree and Fatimah Saadi. 2026. "The Patriarchal Peace: Violence Against Women in Politics in Authoritarian Contexts." *Politics & Gender* 22 (3): 794-816.

Chung, Eunbin, Youn Ki, and Yuree Noh. 2026. "Gendered Backsliding: Anti-Gender Politics as a Mechanism of Democratic Erosion in South Korea." *Frontiers in Political Science* 8: 1749416.

Alibrahim, Abdullah, Yuree Noh, and Hala Sawas. 2025. "AFYA Crossroads: Balancing Public Expectations With Fiscal Responsibility in Kuwait's Health Insurance for Retirees." *World Medical &*

Health Policy 17: 491-495.

Noh, Yuree, Sharan Grewal, and M. Tahir Kilavuz. 2024. "Regime Support and Gender Quotas in Autocracies." *American Political Science Review* 118 (2): 706-723.

- *Brookings Commentary*

Noh, Yuree and Marwa Shalaby. 2024. "Who Supports Gender Quotas in Transitioning and Authoritarian States in the Middle East and North Africa?" *Comparative Political Studies* 57 (14): 2313-2347.

Cheng, Chao-yo and Yuree Noh. 2024. "Electoral Institutions and Repression in Dictatorships." *Electoral Studies* 89: 102791.

Noh, Yuree. 2024. "Public Opinion and Women's Rights in Autocracies." *Politics & Gender* 20 (1): 241-245.

Cheng, Chao-yo, YuJung Julia Lee, Galen Murray, Yuree Noh, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joseph Van Horn. 2020. "Vested Interests: Examining the Political Obstacles to Power Sector Reform in Twenty Indian States." *Energy Research & Social Science* 70: 101766.

BOOK PROJECT

To Rig the Rules or to Break the Rules: The Politics of Electoral Manipulation in Autocracies

Why do some autocrats resort to outright electoral fraud while others manipulate elections through subtler changes to electoral institutions? Draws on original data on election rule changes in all authoritarian regimes (1945-2015), nearly 200 interviews in Algeria, Jordan, and Kuwait, and survey experiments in Algeria. To be submitted to university presses in Fall 2026.

- APSA Minority-Serving Institution Virtual Book Workshop Award
- Junior Scholar Book Development Workshop, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS)

UNDER REVIEW

Noh, Yuree. "Measuring Democratic Backsliding and Authoritarian Entrenchment: Gendered Strategies of Co-optation and Suppression."

Solo-authored, co-lead paper, Symposium on Gendering Democratic Backsliding, *PS: Political Science & Politics*.

Noh, Yuree and Karl Kaltenthaler. "Religious Authority and the Bounds of Support for Women's Rights."

Noh, Yuree, Bethany Shockley, and Simone Marsilio. "The Performance of Inclusion: State Messaging and the Limits of Direct Attitude Measurement under Authoritarianism."

Funded by the American University of Sharjah.

López Ortega, Alberto and Yuree Noh. "Backlash to the Backlash: Foreign LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Public Opinion."

Noh, Yuree, Tarek Masoud, and Molly Hickey. "Taxation Without Crisis: The Politics of New Fiscal Contracts."

Funded by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

WORKING PAPERS & IN PROGRESS

Noh, Yuree. "Militarized Deservingness: Conscription and the Gendered Politics of Rights." (Pre-Analysis Plan)

For survey experiments in South Korea, Israel, and Norway.

Fariss, Christopher, Nadiya Kostyuk, and Yuree Noh. "Effect of Technology on State Ability to Conduct Surveillance and Censorship."

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Noh, Yuree, Christopher Fariss, Nadiya Kostyuk, and Jie (Jason) Lian. "AI-Driven Monitoring and Context-Adaptive Instrument for Survey Inference."

Project Proposal.

Noh, Yuree and Bethany Shockley. "Interest to Action: Women and Public Leadership in the United Arab Emirates." (Pre-Analysis Plan)

Funded by the American University of Sharjah, 2026-2028. Planned field experiment in partnership with Sheraa (Sharjah Entrepreneurship Center).

Noh, Yuree and Tarek Masoud. "Who Complies with Government Mandates? Trust and Compliance During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Funded by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences.

Noh, Yuree and David Romney. "Gender Reforms and Regime Messaging in Saudi Arabia: A Two-Decade Analysis."

Atkinson, Doug, Yuree Noh, and David Romney. "Costs of Citizenship and Unequal Conscription Policies in Israel."

A study of conscription reform and the citizenship contract in Israel (a conjoint experiment).

Alibrahim, Abdullah, Yuree Noh, and Hala Sawas. "Healthcare reform preferences in Kuwait: a nationally representative survey."

DATASETS

Global Surveillance and Censorship Scores (GSCS). Co-Principal Investigator, with Christopher Fariss and Nadiya Kostyuk. Cross-national, time-series measures of state surveillance and censorship capacities (including actors, targets, and tactics). Funded by the National Science Foundation (SES-2343812). First public release expected in December 2026. *Codebook.*

Electoral Rule Changes in Authoritarian Regimes, 1945-2015. Original data on election rule changes across all authoritarian regimes, compiled using web scraping, text analysis, and archival sources.

SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

One-U Responsible AI Initiative Faculty Fellow, University of Utah, 2027-2029 ($90,000)

American University of Sharjah Research Grant (FRG26-S21), "Interest to Action: Women and Public

Leadership in the United Arab Emirates," with Bethany Shockley, 2026-2028. (446,148 AED, ∼$121,500 USD)

Faculty Fellow Award, University of Utah, 2026. ($15,000)

Digital Matters Faculty Grant, University of Utah, 2026. ($5,000)

National Science Foundation Research Grant (SES: 2343812), "Collaborative Research: Advancing the Study of Repression: The Global Surveillance and Censorship Scores (GSCS) Dataset," with Christopher Fariss and Nadiya Kostyuk, 2024-2025. ($681,588 total, $149,960 to Utah; 2025-2026 funding terminated)

American University of Sharjah Research Grant (FRG24-C-S03), "Pathways to Inclusion in the MENA: Egalitarian Sentiment in Times of Economic and Cultural Globalization," with Bethany Shockley, 2024-2026. (215,000 AED, ∼$59,000 USD)

Carnegie Corporation of New York and the American Political Science Association Collaborative Research Grant, with Fatimah Saadi, 2023. ($6,000)

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Washington University in St. Louis, 14th Comparative Politics Annual Conference, April 2027 (scheduled).

World Bank, Bureaucracy Lab (virtual), November 2026 (scheduled).

UT Austin, Gender and Politics in East Asia (GPEA) Conference, September 2026.

Yonsei University, Gender and Politics in East Asia Mini-Conference, South Korea, July 2026.

Korea Development Institute (KDI) School of Public Policy and Management, Global Strategy and Political Economy (GSPE) Lab, July 2026.

NYU, Taub Center for Israel Studies, April 2026.

Rutgers University, Women's and Gender Studies Symposium, March 2026.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Comparative Politics Seminar, January 2026.

University of Denver/Colorado State University, Gender and Democratic Backsliding Symposium, December 2025.

NYU Tel Aviv, May 2025.

Kuwait University, December 2024.

Brown University, 2024.

Harvard Foreign Policy Conference, 2021.

Internal (University of Utah)

The Office of the Vice President for Research, the Apiary, and the Scientific Computing and Imaging (SCI) Institute, "From Ideas to Impact: AI and New Paths for Research at the U," November 2026 (scheduled).

One-U Responsible AI Initiative, AI and Ethics Workshop, 2026.

The Hinckley Institute of Politics, "Gender and Global Affairs," with Kyleanne Hunter, April 2025.

The Hinckley Institute of Politics, "Future of Authoritarianism," with Ruth Ben-Ghiat, October 2024.

Internal (Harvard University)

Harvard Kennedy School, "Gender Quota Laws in the Middle East and North Africa: Why Bother?" 2019.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

KUTV 2 News Salt Lake City, Iran War, 2026.

KUTV 2 News Salt Lake City, Can Iran, Israel Come to Peace Terms?, 2025.

KUTV 2 News Salt Lake City, Iran-Israel War, 2025.

University of Utah, "Research Groundbreakers," 2024.

University of Utah, "Censorship and Surveillance in the Middle East," 2024.

Gulf International Forum, "How the GCC Views the Algeria-Morocco Rift," 2021.

Interview, Malala, 8(11), 9-14, 2020.

Sharq Wa Gharb (Arabic electronic newspaper), "After One Year of *Hirak*, Where Is Algeria Heading and What Are the Main Obstacles Facing the New Government?," 2020.

Sharq Wa Gharb, "Does International Mediation Pacify Iran-US Tensions?," 2019.

WBEZ Chicago (NPR), "After 20 Years With a Single President, Algeria Looks for a New Leader," 2019.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & POLICY WRITING

The Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, "AI in Policy and Society," October 2026.

"The Role of Women's Rights in Authoritarian Entrenchment and Democratic Backsliding." APSA MENA Newsletter. 2024.

"Kuwait's Suspended Parliament: Where Does the Public Stand?" Arab Barometer. 2024.

"Does Genderwashing Taint the Struggle for Gender Equality?" Commentary, Brookings Institution, with Sharan Grewal and M. Tahir Kilavuz. 2023.

"Economic and Social Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Middle East and North Africa." Policy Brief, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, with Mitsuru Mukaigawara and Sumaya Malas. 2022.

"(Re)thinking Women's Rights Reforms and Public Opinion in the GCC." APSA MENA Newsletter. 2022.

Review of Aili Mari Tripp, "Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights." *The Journal of North African Studies*, Book Review, 2021.

"Protests Are Growing in Algeria. Are These Seeds of a Real Change?" *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, with Caroline Abadeer, 2019.

"Politics and Education in Post-War Algeria." Project on Middle East Political Science Studies 31: Social Policy in the Middle East and North Africa, with Caroline Abadeer, 2018.

"Postwar Reconciliation and Fragile Peace in Algeria." Project on Middle East Political Science Studies 30: The Politics of Post-Conflict Reconstruction, with Caroline Abadeer, 2018.

"The Rise of the Islamic Constitutional Movement in Kuwait." Project on Middle East Political Science Studies 27: Local Politics and Islamist Movements, 2017.

"Kuwaitis Voted Saturday. Opposition Gains Send a Strong Signal About the Economy." *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, with Marwa Shalaby, 2016.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Women in Leadership: Accelerating Development Outcomes (hosted by the World Bank Group, the Gates Foundation, and LSE), London, UK, 2026.

Empirical Study of Gender (EGEN) Working Group Meeting, Stanford, CA, 2026.

Gulf Research Meeting, Gulf Research Centre Cambridge, UK, 2025.

Public Opinion Analysis in the Arab World: Understanding Societies and Shaping Public Policy, Gulf International Forum, Washington DC, 2025.

Asian & MENA PolMeth, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2024.

Visions in Methodology, WUSTL, 2024.

Gender & Political Psychology (GPP), Brandeis, 2024.

Gender, Law, and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, Harvard Law School, 2023.

Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (PEMENA), 2022.

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI) Workshop, NYU Florence, 2019.

Northeast Middle East Politics Working Group (NEMEPWG), Hamilton College, 2019.

The Carnegie Middle East Center & Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Workshop on the Politics of Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Middle East, Beirut, Lebanon, 2018.

Asian Political Methodology Conference, Seoul, South Korea, 2018.

POMEPS & The Program on Governance and Local Development Workshop on Local Islamist Politics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2017.

POMEPS Annual Conference, The George Washington University, 2017.

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference, 2017.

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI) Workshop, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2017.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, various years.

American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, various years.

Gender and Politics in the MENA Conference, various years.

Peace Science Society Conference, various years.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Faculty Affiliate, Democratic Erosion Consortium, 2025-present.

Scholar, Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC), 2024-present.

Country Coordinator and Country Expert (Kuwait), Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), 2016-2020.

UAE Field Visit, 2019. (Invited by the Crown Prince Court.)

12th Doha Forum: *Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future*, Doha, Qatar, 2017.

Regional Security and Cooperation Conferences for the Middle East, Track II Diplomacy, 2017.

TEACHING

University of Utah

Comparative Politics of the Middle East
Gender and Global Politics
Erosion of Democracy (undergraduate/graduate)
Political Change (graduate CP seminar)
AI and Politics (scheduled, Fall 2027)

Rhode Island College

Middle Eastern and North African Politics
Global Politics
Gender and Global Politics
Global Development
Research Methods and Writing in Political Science
International Nongovernmental Organizations and Nonprofits
Evaluating Headline News: Current Events and Political Controversies (first-year seminar)

UCLA

Government and Politics in the Middle East, 2016, 2017
Teaching Political Science, 2017
Data Analysis and Game Theory TA & graduate methods consultant, 2013-2017

MENTORING

APSA MENA Mentorship Initiative Mentor (for early-career scholars in the MENA)

Samar Abdelmageed, The British University in Egypt

Postdoctoral Fellows

Jie (Jason) Lian (University of Michigan & Harvard University)
Simone Marsilio (American University of Sharjah)

Dissertation Committees

Nicole Maalouf (Chair)
Ala Mohsen
Shaarif Sameer
Carolina Cabezas Vidal
Jessica Presch (MA)
Laurie Lawson (Ph.D., University of Colorado Boulder)

Mai Alsuwaidi (MA, American University of Sharjah)

Undergraduate Research, University of Utah

Claire Samuelson, "The Intersection of Democratic Backsliding and Censorship: A Comparative Analysis of Mexico, the United States, and Canada"

Audrey Pan, "Human Trafficking Practices and Human Rights"

Thomas Duggan, "Global Censorship and Surveillance Practices"

Honors Theses, Rhode Island College

Nicholas Lancia (Chair)

Eingel Cuadrado (Chair)

Alison MacBeth

Kazandra Delos Reyes

Nikola Trahan

Genesis Orellana

UCLA

Math Maven (statistics and formal methods consultant for graduate student peers), 2016-2017

SERVICE

Disciplinary

Co-Founder & Executive Committee Member, Network on Gender, Politics, and Policy in the Middle East and North Africa, 2023-present.

Co-Founder & Co-Organizer, Annual Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Conference, 2019-present.

Vice Chair (elected), Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA, 2026-2028.

Co-Organizer, 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth), University of Utah, 2027.

Editorial Board, University of Utah Press, Middle East Studies Book Series, 2025-present.

Co-Leader, APSA MENA Workshop in Amman, Jordan, "Studying Public Opinion in the Middle East: Challenges, Opportunities and Best Practices," 2022.

Referee: *National Science Foundation*, *Cambridge University Press*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Politics & Gender*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *International Political Science Review*, *Research & Politics*, *Democratization*, *Comparative Politics*, *Politics & Religion*, *World Development*, *Mobilization*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Middle East Journal*, *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*, *Israel Science Foundation*.

University of Utah

Comparative Politics Subfield Committee, 2024-present

Graduate Studies Committee, 2026-present
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2024-2026
Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2025-26
Career-Line Search Committee, 2024-25

Rhode Island College (selected)

Chair, Alumni/Student Engagement Committee, 2022-24 (Created a political science fund.)
Chair, Library Advisory Committee, 2022-24
Faculty Advisor, Student Community Government, 2023-24
Faculty Advisor, Positively RIC for Student Mental Health, 2022-24
Faculty Advisor, Northeast Regional Model Arab League, 2021-24

FIELDWORK

Algeria, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, South Korea

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), Duke University, 2016
Summer Arabic School, Middlebury College, 2013
International Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt, 2009
Study Abroad, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 2009

REFERENCES

Barbara Geddes

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Department of Political Science
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Tarek Masoud

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Faculty Director of the Middle East Initiative and the Initiative on Democracy in Hard Places
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