

Attendee Biographies

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Ana Arjona

Ana Arjona is Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University. During 2018-2019, she is the Director of the Center for the Study of Security and Drugs and Visiting Associate Professor at the School of Economics at Los Andes University in Bogota, Colombia. She obtained her PhD in political science from Yale University, and has been a Fellow at the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Her research investigates the dynamics of organized violence (especially civil wars and organized crime) and drug policy. Methodologically, she combines different approaches—statistical analysis, process tracing, and natural experiments, and has conducted fieldwork in Colombia and Kosovo.

She is the author of the award-winning book *Rebelocracy: Social Order in Civil War* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), co-editor of *Rebel Governance in Civil War* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), and author of several articles and book chapters. Her work has been funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, SSRC, the United States Institute of Peace, Yale University, and Columbia University in the U.S.; the International Development Research Centre in Canada; the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden; and the Department for International Development and the Economic and Social Research Council in the U.K.

Leonardo R. Arriola

Leo Arriola is Director of the Center for African Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley. He is an Affiliated Senior Researcher with the Chr. Michelsen Institute in Norway. His research focuses on democratization, governance, and violence in African countries. He has conducted fieldwork in Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, and Zambia. He is author of *Multiethnic Coalitions in Africa: Business Financing of Opposition Election Campaigns* (Cambridge University Press), which received the best book award from the African Politics Conference Group and an honorable mention for the Luebbert Prize for best book in comparative politics. His research has been published in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *World Politics*. He is a current member of the board of directors of the African Studies Association (ASA), and previously served as the chair of the African Politics Conference Group.





Viola Asri

Viola Asri is a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Department of Economics at the University of Konstanz. She is also affiliated with the Laboratory for Effective Anti-poverty Policies at Bocconi University and previously completed her PhD at the University of Zurich. Her research examines the constrained effectiveness of social transfers focusing in particular on challenges to target the poor and on unintended behavioral consequences. In the context of Bangladesh, she is currently working on whether and how state capacity can enhance the implementation of social policies. Before her PhD Viola has worked for the German Development Cooperation and for the Micropension Foundation in New Delhi.

Zeynep Balcioglu

Zeynep Balcioglu is a doctoral student in the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University, specializing in public policy and comparative politics. She has a strong background and research interest in migration and social policy. Zeynep is currently on the Scholars Advisory Board of the Boston Consortium on Arab Region Studies (BCARS) and organizes workshops on the Syrian Refugee Crisis in the MENA Region and the Balkans. Following a workshop Zeynep organized in March 2016 in Istanbul, in partnership with the Migration Research Center at Koc University, Zeynep co-authored a policy report with Prof. Denis Sullivan: *Moving Toward Dignity: Human-Centered Approaches for Displaced Syrians in Turkey, Jordan, and Beyond*.





Sylvia Bergh

Sylvia I. Bergh is an Associate Professor in Development Management and Governance at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands. She completed both her D.Phil. in Development Studies and her M.Phil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Oxford, having obtained an M.A. in Arabic and International Relations from the University of St. Andrews (Scotland). Sylvia has published widely on local state-society relations in the MENA region, including *The Politics of Development in Morocco: Local Governance and Participation in North Africa* (I.B. Tauris, 2017), and edited the book *The Redeployment of State Power in the Southern Mediterranean: Implications of Neoliberal Reforms for Local Governance* (London: Routledge, 2013). She is currently working on social accountability

initiatives in the MENA region and an edited volume on 'The State of Accountability in the Global South: Challenges and Responses' (under contract with Edward Elgar). Before her academic career, she worked at the World Bank, both in the President's Office in Washington DC and in the Morocco Country Office. Sylvia also regularly teaches and consults on evaluations of development projects and programs.

Luis A. Camacho

Luis A. Camacho is a Senior Research Scientist in the International Programs department at NORC at the University of Chicago, where he works on impact evaluations, performance evaluations, and other studies for USAID and other clients. Prior to joining NORC in 2016, Dr. Camacho was a Researcher in the Governance, Statehood and Security Department at the German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn, Germany. He has worked with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the Urban Institute, and the World Bank, among other institutions. With more than twelve years of experience conducting social science research, Dr. Camacho has been involved in numerous academic projects as well as evaluations of development assistance and public programs. His work spans topics such as decentralization and local governance, public opinion and



political behavior, social engagement and civil society organizations, social protection programs, and state building and capacity development. His projects have covered Latin America (Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, and Peru), Africa (Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Malawi, and Uganda), and Asia (Bangladesh). He earned his PhD and MA in Government from the University of Texas at Austin and his BA in Economics from Universidad del Pacífico in Lima, Peru.

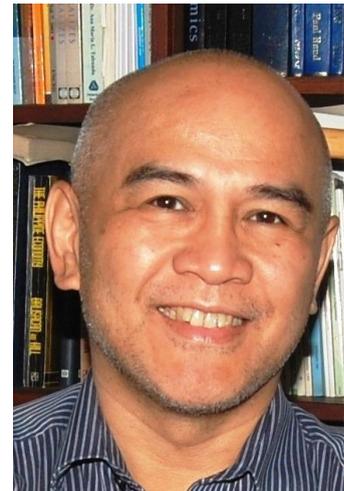


Melani Cammett

Melani Cammett is Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs in the Department of Government and Chair of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies at Harvard University. She also holds a secondary faculty appointment at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Cammett's books include *Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Lebanon* (Cornell University Press 2014), which won the American Political Science Association (APSA) Giovanni Sartori Book Award and the Honorable Mention for the APSA Gregory Luebbert Book Award; *A Political Economy of the Middle East* (co-authored with Ishac Diwan, Alan Richards and John Waterbury, Westview Press 2015); *The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare in the Global South* (co-edited with Lauren Morris MacLean, Cornell University Press, 2014), which received the Honorable Mention for the ARNOVA book award; and *Globalization and Business Politics in North Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). Her current research explores governance and social service provision, identity politics, and the historical roots of economic and social development, primarily in the Middle East. Cammett has published numerous articles in academic and policy journals, consults for development policy organizations, and is the recipient of various fellowships and awards. She currently serves as a Commissioner on the Lancet Commission on Syria.

Joseph J. Capuno

Joseph J. Capuno is Professor at the University of the Philippines School of Economics, where he also obtained his PhD in 1997. He specializes in public economics, health economics, and development economics. His recent published works are on fiscal decentralization, local health service delivery and financing, political economy of local fiscal decision making, health care financing, impact evaluation of water and sanitation interventions, randomized experiment of health insurance interventions and democratic values and political participation of socioeconomic classes.





Ruth Carlitz

Ruth Carlitz is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. Her research looks at government responsiveness from the “top down” (how governments distribute public goods) and the “bottom up” (what citizens and non-governmental organizations can do to promote transparency and accountability). She focuses primarily on East Africa, inspired by her experience living and working in Tanzania from 2006-2008. In addition to her academic research, Ruth has worked on evaluations commissioned by organizations including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Twaweza, the International Budget Partnership, the Institute of Development Studies, and the UK’s Department for International Development.

Christopher Carter

I am a PhD candidate in Political Science and Research Associate at the Center on the Politics of Development at the University of California, Berkeley. My research lies at the intersection of poverty, governance, and ethnicity and seeks to understand the institutional foundations of interethnic inequality, particularly with respect to indigenous groups in both the historical and modern periods throughout the Americas. Collectively, my work seeks to contribute to existing literatures on public goods provision in multi-ethnic societies, the complementarity/substitutability of traditional and state institutions, the institutional foundations of rural poverty, and ethnic voting in low-information contexts.





Marina Caparini

Marina Caparini is Director of the Governance, Society and the State Programme at SIPRI. She focuses on security, governance and rule of law in conflict-affected states and states in transition. She has written recently on policing in peace operations, governance challenges of corruption and organised crime. She holds a PhD in War Studies from King's College London.

Jasper Cooper

Jasper Cooper is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Princeton University's Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science. His research focuses on the role of state and non-state authorities in alleviating or exacerbating interpersonal violence and power inequalities. His projects have looked at police extortion in West Africa, the role of local and religious authorities in countering violence against women in Uganda, support for mob vigilantism across African countries, as well as police reform and state building in Papua New Guinea. Jasper received his PhD in political science from Columbia University in 2018.





Felix Dwinger

Felix Dwinger is a third-year PhD candidate at the University of Gothenburg. His current research broadly focuses on autocratic politics and democratic subversion. In his dissertation, Felix studies how dictators manage their ministers as first front of aides for autocratic rule. He uses formal modeling for theory building and a range of methodological approaches for empirical testing. Felix obtained his MA in 2015 from Heidelberg University. Prior to his affiliation with the University of Gothenburg, he worked as a research assistant at the University of Mannheim from September 2015 to August 2016. This spring semester, he has been visiting Yale University as an assistant researcher.

Noha El-Mikawy

Noha El-Mikawy is representative for the Ford Foundation's Middle East and North Africa office in Cairo. The work concentrates on issues of inclusion in social, economic and cultural rights; independent arts and culture; and the role of local philanthropy in the region. Between 2005-2012 Noha served as team leader for governance at the UNDP regional center for the Arab states and as policy adviser at UNDP' Oslo Governance Center in Norway. Noha supervised UNDP initiatives for governance assessments and legal empowerment, and helped produce and review a number of UNDP regional and national knowledge products on governance. Between 1999-2005, Noha led comparative research on the political economy of MENA at the Centre for Development Research of the University of Bonn (Germany). Before that, she lectured on politics of the Middle East at the American University in Cairo, Free University of Berlin and Erlangen-Nuremberg University in Germany. Noha holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles and has three books and multiple articles on the political economy of MENA.





Karen Ferree

Karen Ferree studies democratization in Africa. Her work sits at the intersection of institutional and behavioral approaches to politics, with a particular focus on how ethnic and racial divisions and formal and informal institutions shape voting behavior and election outcomes in emerging democracies. She has written about South African politics in her book, *Framing the Race in South Africa: the Political Origins of Racial Census Elections* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). She has also written about electoral institutions, electoral integrity, and issues related to survey design in Africa.

Walter Flores

Dr. Walter Flores is the director of the Center for the Study of Equity and Governance in Health Systems (CEGSS), a Guatemalan civil society organization specializing in applied research, capacity building, and advocacy around issues affecting indigenous population health rights and other marginalized populations. He is also a steering committee member of the Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health (COPASAH), a global network of CSOs working towards improving healthcare services for marginalized populations through human rights, accountability, and social mobilization. Dr. Flores holds a PhD and a MCommH from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK. He has carried-out research, teaching, and consultancy work in more than 30 countries of Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe.





Adam Harris

Dr. Adam Harris is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Development Politics in the Department of Political Science at University College London. He received a Ph.D. in Political Science from New York University in the Spring of 2015. He was a post-doctoral research fellow with the Governance and Local Development (GLD) Program at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden from 2015-2017 and is currently an affiliated researcher with GLD-Gothenburg. His research interests focus on development, ethnic, and African politics. His research has been published in *International Organization*, *Comparative Political Studies*, the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and *Political Research Quarterly*. In his book project, he seeks to understand why some voters (up to 52% of African voters) do not vote along ethnic lines. To answer this question, he develops and

measures the concept of ethnic distance that moves beyond the academic convention of co-ethnicity to more fully consider the complex role ethnicity plays in political preference formation. The book manuscript argues that the degree to which ethnic group membership influences political preferences is determined by one's position in her ethnic group, which is in turn determined by her ethnic attributes (her ethnic distance). The book manuscript draws on original panel survey and experimental data to test the effect of ethnic distance on voter preferences in South Africa.

Adam has also conducted research on ethnic identifiability, ethnic and immigrant prejudice, the determinants of political protests, service delivery in weakly institutionalized states, the effects of urbanization and social institutions on governance, and the effects of foreign aid in recipient countries. He uses quantitative methods, survey data, and experimental methods to research these various topics. He has spent more than four years living and conducting research in South Africa, Uganda, Malawi, and Zambia. His research has been supported by the United States National Science Foundation, New York University, Columbia University, the GLD Program at the University of Gothenburg, and the Swedish Research Council.

Felix Hartmann

Felix Hartmann is a PhD student in Political Science at the University of Gothenburg affiliated with the Program on Governance and Local Development. His research is broadly focused on Comparative Politics and Political Economy. His research tries to understand how people make inferences in the context of politics. Especially, he is interested in how voters evaluate the performance of politicians, under which conditions politicians perform well, and how this influences political accountability and electoral selection. Currently, he studies the political consequences of a Community Driven Development Program in the Philippines and a natural disaster in Malawi.





Marja Hinfelaar

Marja Hinfelaar, MA (Leiden), MSc (Edinburgh), PhD (Utrecht), is Director of Research and Programs at the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research (SAIPAR). She has authored and edited books and articles on Zambian history and politics. Most recently she co-authored, *Governing Extractive Industries: Politics, Histories, Ideas* (Oxford University Press, 2018) and co-edited a volume on Democracy and electoral politics in Zambia (Africa Study Centre, Leiden, Brill Publishers, forthcoming). She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Southern African Studies and editor of the Zambia Social Science Journal. She has lived and worked in Zambia since 1997.

Macartan Humphreys

Macartan Humphreys (Ph.D., Harvard, 2003) works on the political economy of development and formal political theory. Ongoing research focuses on political inequality, post-conflict development, identity politics, and democratic development with a current focus on the use of field experiments to study democratic decision-making in post-conflict and developing areas. He has conducted field research in Chad, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Mali, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Uganda, and elsewhere. Recent work has appeared in the American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, the Journal of Development Economics, and elsewhere. He has authored or coauthored books on ethnic politics, natural resource management, and game theory and politics. A former Trudeau fellow and scholar of the Harvard Academy, he is a Professor of Political Science at Columbia University and Director of research on Institutions and Political Inequality at the WZB in Berlin.





Ezgi Irgil

I am a PhD candidate in Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. I work in association with Governance and Local Development (GLD) Program. My research is broadly focused on the relationship between host community members, refugees, and local authorities at the city level. Within these relationships, I particularly focus on how did the use of shared urban spaces by host community members change after the arrival of refugees, how do refugees develop livelihood strategies within these shared urban spaces, their coping mechanisms, their agency, and reflections of this dynamic at the local authority level in re-shaping and re-framing the policy-making process. Prior to pursuing my PhD, I was working as a Research Assistant at the Migration Research Center at Koc University. I got my MA diploma in International Affairs from the

George Washington University, Washington, DC, and my BA diploma in Political Science from Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Prisca Jöst

Prisca Jöst is a PhD candidate in Political Science at GLD. In her PhD thesis, she investigates variation in the political participation of poorer communities in Tunisia. She holds a MA degree in Peace and Conflict Research and International Politics from the University of Tübingen (Germany) and a BA degree in Political Science and Sociology from the University of Frankfurt (Germany). Moreover, she has working experience as a research assistant at the Department of Political Science at the University of Tübingen and the Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt (PRIF). During her time at PRIF, she has worked on the evolution of socioeconomic protests in Tunisia and Egypt since 2011.





Jenna Jordan

Jenna Jordan is a Master's student in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She will be a Data Science Intern at GLD this summer, and is interested in data curation and management of international development, governance, and conflict data.

Kristen Kao

Kristen Kao received her PhD in Political Science in 2015 from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD) at the University of Gothenburg, where she collaborates with a team of researchers in conducting large N surveys (5,000+) in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa. This year, her and her colleagues won a \$2 million grant to conduct a comparative study on the integration of Syrian migrants into Jordan, Turkey, and Sweden over the next six years. She has spent over four years studying and conducting fieldwork in the Middle East in places as diverse as Syria, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, and Egypt. She has also attained working research fluency in Modern Standard Arabic and the Levantine dialect. Her broader research interests include the study of clientelism, survey methodology, social identity politics, survey experiments, local governance, and voter behavior. Her research has received funding from the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Scholar Program, the Swedish Research Council, the Social Science Research Council, and the American Political Science Association, among others.





Happy Mickson Kayuni

Happy Kayuni is Associate Professor and former head in the University of Malawi's Political and Administrative Studies Department. He holds a PhD in Political Science from University of the Western Cape. His PhD research entitled "The Westphalian Model and Trans-Border Ethnic Identity: The Case of the Chewa Kingdom of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia" involved collection of empirical data in three southern African countries of Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. His areas of specialisation include Public Governance and Management, Ethnicity, Gender and Development Policy. Happy has co-edited a book and authored (or co-authored) over forty peer reviewed journal articles and book chapters as well as over eighty research/consultancy reports or conference papers.

Jesper Katomero

Jesper Katomero, PhD, University of Twente, is a Lecturer at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He was a visiting scholar at the ITC Faculty, University of Twente, 2017-2018. His scholarship investigates theoretical and empirical issues on national and local accountability practices in Tanzania, rural water governance, ICTs for development and public policy. His recent works include: Tales of accountability: a Q-method study of discourses amongst Tanzanian members of parliament (2017); Tensions in rural water governance: The elusive functioning of rural water points in Tanzania (2017); The Elephant in the Room: Informality in Tanzania's Rural Waterscape (2018); and a PhD dissertation "Accountability as an element of governmentality: an investigation of national and local executive accountability practices in the water sector in Tanzania" (2017)-which investigated how public officials at national and local governments are held to account. His work has been funded by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research—Science for Global Development (NWO-WOTRO) through the research programme "Sensors, Empowerment and Accountability (SEMA) in Tanzania" His methods are mixed qualitative and quantitative. His normative orientation is "working with the grain" of institutions and organizations in the global South.





Mina Kjellén

Mina is a final-year student at the Master's Programme in Political Science at the University of Gothenburg and was an intern at GLD in 2017. She is currently working on her MA thesis on how the concept of democracy is understood among supporters of AKP and CHP, the two largest parties in Turkey (supervisor: Dr. Kristen Kao). From February to April, she conducted two months of fieldwork in Istanbul.

Verena Knippel

Before joining Sida in 2007, Verena had worked as a development researcher and consultant with a strong focus on method development in East Africa for 15 years. At Sida she joined the Evaluation Department, worked with international evaluations on aid effectiveness and support to statistical capacity building, among others, and became the Deputy Head of the Department. Between 2011 and 2017, Verena worked with Twaweza as Manager for Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Communications, with DfID Tanzania as Manager for Results and Accountability in the General Budget Support Secretariat, and for the World Bank Tanzania Country Office as Senior Governance Specialist with coordinating the support to Open Government and Open Data. When returning to Sida in 2017, Verena became part of the Department for Management Support, where she works as Senior Advisor for Capacity Development and Coordinator for Development Effectiveness. Verena holds a PhD in Economic and Social Geography from the University of Bayreuth, Germany.





Nadine Kreitmeyr

Nadine Kreitmeyr is an Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics and Middle East at the Graduate School of Social Sciences at the Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara, Turkey. She has PhD in Political Science from the University of Tuebingen, Germany. Her main research field is on the interplay of authoritarianism and neoliberalism in the Middle East and North Africa addressing, inter alia, entrepreneurship, youth unemployment, elites and co-optation. Nadine has extensive field research experience in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and the Palestinian Territories and part of her expertise is also on mixed method social network analysis.

Gabrielle Kriks-Wisner

Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner is an Assistant Professor of Politics & Global Studies at the University of Virginia. Prior to joining UVA, she was an Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, and an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Boston College. She received a Ph.D. in Political Science and Masters in International Development & Regional Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology from Swarthmore College. Gabi's research is focused on local governance, citizenship practice, and social welfare provision, examining citizen claim-making practices and the responsiveness of local officials to those claims. A first body of recently completed work (appearing in the journals *World Politics* and *World Development*) investigates the conditions under and pathways through which citizens make demands on the local state for essential services. Her book, *Claiming the State: Active Citizenship & Social Welfare in Rural India*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2018, and was awarded the Joseph W. Elder prize in the Indian Social Sciences by the American Institute for Indian Studies." A second body of work-in-progress examines strategies to increase official accountability and to mobilize more effective citizen action. Current research includes studies of citizen-police relations, grievance redressal, and citizen journalism in India. Her research has been supported by the Fulbright Program, the National Science Foundation, and the Boren Fellowship, and DFID's Economic Development and Institutions program. Gabi has also worked in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa on issues related to economic and social rights, service delivery, disaster risk reduction, environmental sustainability, and local politics.



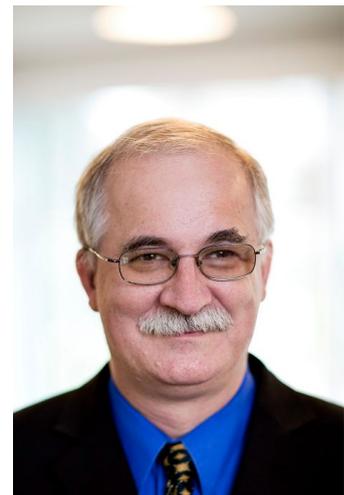


Robert Kristiansen

Robert Kristiansen is a Masters student in International Administration and Global Governance at University of Gothenburg and a previous intern with GLD. Robert is currently writing his Master's thesis which uses spatial data to investigate the relationship between political gender norms and mining on the local level in Zimbabwe.

Pierre F. Landry

Pierre F. Landry is a Professor of Government and Public Administration at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and co-director of the Universities Service Centre for China Studies at CUHK. His training was in economics and law at Sciences-Po in Paris and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan. He is also an alumnus of the Hopkins-Nanjing program. His research interests focus on Asian and Chinese politics, comparative local government, quantitative comparative analysis, and survey research. He has published on governance and the political management of officials in China. Besides articles and book chapters in comparative politics and political methodology, he is a collaborating scholar of the GLD Program in Gothenburg as well as a Research Fellow at the Research Center for the Study of Contemporary China at Peking University. He also collaborates with the Governance and Local Development project as well as the UNDP and the World Bank on developing indicators of the variability of local governance in a variety of countries.





Varja Lipovsek

Varja is a Research Scientist at MIT GOV/LAB. Varja's role is to bridge the academic and practitioner worlds through support to southern-based practitioner (civil society) organizations working on Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP). This includes development and strengthening of organizational learning methods and frameworks, sharpening of theoretical underpinnings of the program, and co-design and implementation of evaluation and research portfolios. Prior to joining GOV/LAB, Varja led the Learning, Monitoring and Evaluation portfolio at Twaweza East Africa, a non-governmental organization focusing on producing evidence for accountability and action in the domains of basic education and open government. Before Twaweza, Varja worked for international non-governmental organizations and the World Health Organization (WHO) focusing on public health in a variety of contexts, including Central and Eastern Europe, South East Asia, and South America. Varja holds a PhD from Tulane University.

Ellen Lust

Ellen Lust is the Founding Director of the Programs on Governance and Local Development at Yale University (est. 2013) and at the University of Gothenburg (est. 2015), and Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg. She also serves as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Project on Middle East Democracy in Washington, DC. She received her M.A. in Modern Middle East and North African Studies (1993) and PhD in Political Science from the University of Michigan (1997). She held faculty positions at Rice University and Yale University, and was a visiting scholar at the Institute of Graduate Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) and the Straus Institute in the Law School at NYU. Ellen has conducted fieldwork and implemented surveys in Egypt, Jordan, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tanzania, Tunisia and Zambia. She has authored numerous books and articles, including most recently, *Trust, Voice and Incentives: Learning from Local Successes in Service Delivery in the Middle East and North Africa* (Washington, DC: World Bank, 2015) in collaboration with Hana Brixi and Michael Woolcock. Her current research is aimed at developing local governance indicators and examining the role of social institutions in governance. She was a co-founder of the Transitional Governance Project, a founding associate editor of *Middle East Law and Governance*, and has served as an advisor and consultant to such organizations as the Carter Center, Freedom House, NDI, UNDEF, UNDP, USAID, and the World Bank. Foundations such as



the Moulay Hicham Foundation, National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and the Swedish Research Council have supported her work.



Ian Madison

Ian is a DPhil candidate in Department of International Development at Oxford University. Originally from Canada, Ian has spent over eight months conducting fieldwork in Kosovo and Serbia around the dynamics of public authority, state-building, and conflict. Apart from his doctoral studies, Ian is also working with a World Bank research team examining the role of small-scale savings groups in increasing resilience to climate shocks in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Janica Magat

Janica is a PhD Student in Political Science at Texas A&M University. Her research focuses on the political economy of redistribution and taxation, specifically the impact of inequality on fiscal policy and competition for government transfers. She is also interested in the political economy of conflict and political methodology, particularly developing models for time series cross-sectional data.



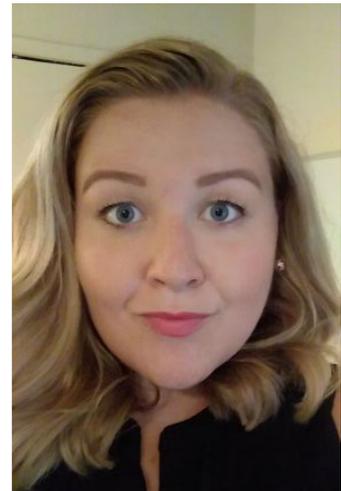


Michael Mbate

Michael Mbate is a PhD candidate at the London School of Economics. His fields of research include public finance, governance, and the evaluation of public policies using quasi-experimental designs. Prior to joining the LSE, he was an economist with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and has previously been with the African Union Commission and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. He has training in both economics, statistics and political science from Egerton University, Paris School of Economics, London School of Economics, Columbia University and the University of California Berkeley

Erica Metheny

Erica is the new database manager for the GLD Program at the University of Gothenburg. She recently finished her PhD in Statistics at Texas A&M University. Her professional interests include data and network analysis.





Awal Mohammed

Awal Mohammed is a Research Analyst and Team Leader for CDD-Ghana's social accountability project interventions and programing and a coordinator for the Center's SDGs advocacy desk. His research, program and policy advocacy work focuses on governmental transparency and accountability, citizen engagement, local government and decentralization reform, politics of public service delivery, cities and slum politics, and the implementation of the UN Agenda 2030 – the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – in Ghana. Mr. Mohammed's research interest is in political accountability, politics of government service delivery, impact of decentralization reform on local/urban governance, politics of cities and slums and the role of the middle class in shaping political and social outcomes. He holds a Master of Philosophy and Bachelor of

Arts degrees in Political Science from the University of Ghana, Legon. He is Afrobarometer Summer School Scholar, Mo-Ibrahim Governance in Africa Scholar and a William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Fellow at the Institute for Quantitative Social Studies (IQSS), Harvard University, USA. Mr. Mohammed has published in peer-reviewed journals.

Henry Mollel

Henry Mollel, PhD, MSc, is a Senior Lecturer, Researcher and Consultant in the Department of Health Systems Management at Mzumbe University. Over the years Mollel has developed expertise through formal education, hands-on training trainings and specific assignment conducted in the areas of: Health Systems Management, Project Design and Development; Health Monitoring and Evaluation, Health Policy Design and Development; Strategic Planning and Management and; HIV and AIDS. He has successfully managed two research projects in Tanzania as part of his postdoctoral studies, the monitoring and evaluation of the Pay for Performance (P4P) Pilot Initiative in Pwani Region and the Support, Train and Empowers Managers (STEM) project. Currently, Mollel works with UCSF as an instructor for the MSc in Health Monitoring and Evaluation, and



Strategic Management in Health at Mzumbe University in a program that focuses in building capacity of health program managers in monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS and health related projects and programs. He is also an instructor for Master of Health Systems Management. As detailed in this CV- Mollel is a stand consultant for the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly

and Children. He is also a member of Human Resources for Health Technical Working group of the MOHCDGEC.



Maxim Fison Mujenja

Fison has nearly two decades of conducting survey research in Zambia and other neighboring countries. His survey research experience spans several fields including education, health, agriculture, and governance, has both quantitative and qualitative research skills. Since 2012, his survey research has increasingly focused on political issues. Between 2012 and 2016, he was the national investigator for the Afrobarometer survey – a public opinion survey that investigates public attitudes and opinions on politically related subjects. Since 2016, he has been involved with Global Integrity where he has been national researcher, then national reviewer, for an annual research project that feeds into the Africa Integrity Indicators. He is currently working with the GLD program at the University of Gothenburg towards fielding a large N survey in

Zambia. He is the founder and director of a Zambian based research firm – Ubuntu Research and Rural Development Company Ltd. Fison holds a Master’s Degree and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from the Copperbelt University, Zambia.

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