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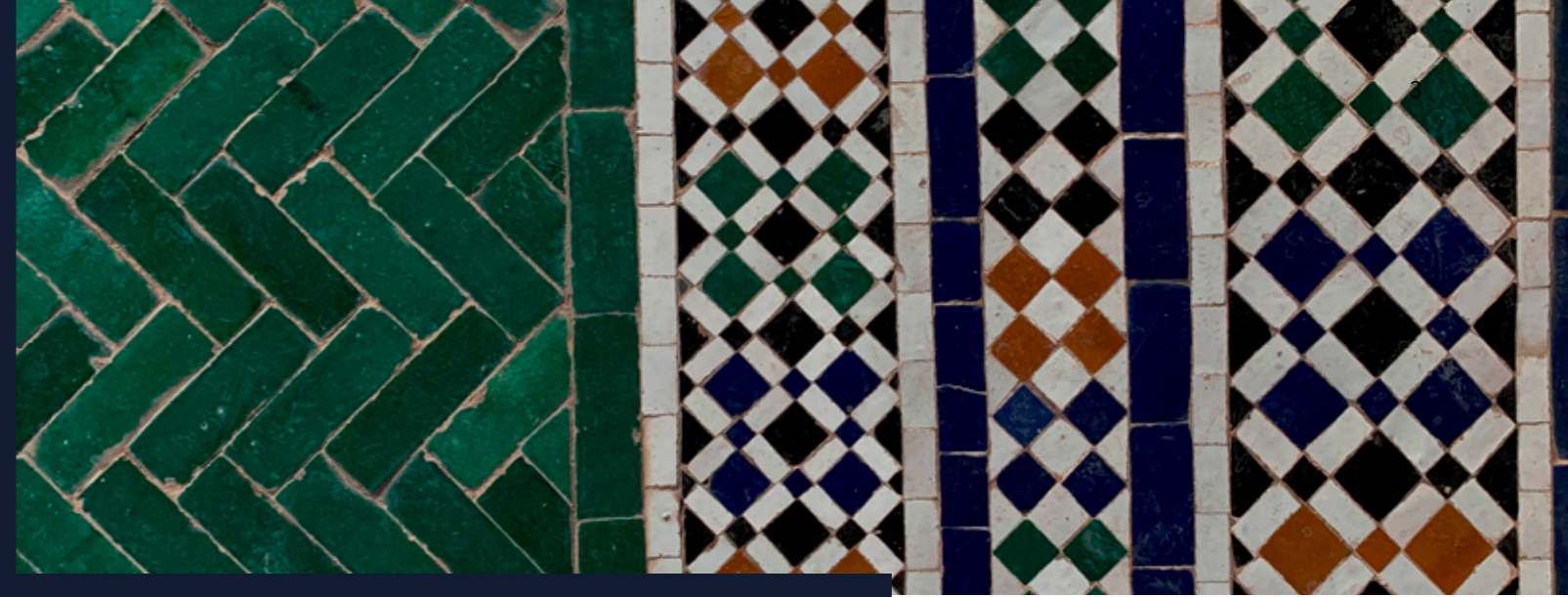


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# ABOUT US



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## ABOUT US

The Governance and Local Development Institute (GLD) is a research institute at the University of Gothenburg, originally founded in 2013 at Yale University by Professor Ellen Lust. GLD focuses on the local factors driving governance and development. The institute is dedicated to international collaboration and scientifically rigorous, policy-relevant research to promote human welfare across the globe. Findings are made available to the international and domestic communities through academic publications, policy briefs, public presentations, social media, and on-the-ground workshops in cooperation with local partners.

## OUR MISSION

Our research focuses on answering a fundamental question: why are some communities able to provide secure environments, good education, adequate healthcare, and other factors that encourage human development, while others fail to do so? We engage with communities across the world, develop methodological tools, gather data, undertake analyses of major issues affecting societies today, and disseminate findings to the communities in which we work, relevant policymakers, and other academics.



# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Governance and Local Development Institute's 2023 Annual Report. This year finds us in the middle of complex global challenges. The Russian-Ukrainian war persists, and political turmoil, armed conflicts, and crises have unfolded across several African nations. In October, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict escalated, leading to devastation and regional instability. Natural disasters, including deadly earthquakes and devastating cyclones, have shaken communities in Afghanistan, Libya, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Syria, and Turkey.

In the face of these challenges, understanding the dynamics of governance and local development gains even greater significance. At GLD, we recognize the interconnectedness of global events and the communities in which we engage. We aim to develop meaningful partnerships, undertake rigorous research, and engage with those working with and within communities facing adversity.

In 2023, we sought to achieve these goals by facilitating 30 seminars and workshops, three policy roundtables, and two conferences, encouraging meaningful conversations and shared insights. Our *Governance Uncovered* podcast, with 11 new episodes, remained a platform for in-depth discussions on vital issues. We also welcomed five new staff members, who enriched our intellectual community and fostered diversity of thought and expertise.

We continued to promote GLD-related research. GLD launched two new research projects this year: *Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa* and *Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities*, which you can read about on pages 20-21. GLD also supported five other projects with short-term research grants (see pages 14-15). Furthermore, GLD's Research Seminars, available on YouTube with Arabic subtitles, provide educational material tailored for scholars and practitioners working in governance and local development. These developments align with our commitment to making knowledge accessible and applicable.

You can find the educational materials, and much else, on our new and improved website. The enhanced platform provides better access to our datasets, working papers, podcasts, publications, and other materials. You can also sign up for our newsletter, staying on top of our news and opportunities.

We invite you to engage with us as we move ahead in the coming year. We will continue to release GLD datasets and expand our educational material, offering a broader array of



resources. We will further refine the Local Governance Process Indicators (LGPI), validating measures and taking steps to globalize the indicators. Embracing complexity science, we will initiate a project taking a complex systems approach to governance, pushing the boundaries of our research methodologies.

The work ahead, as in the past, relies on an excellent team and generous support. I extend my deepest gratitude to all members of the GLD team - our dedicated staff, collaborators, and invaluable funders - and to the Department of Political Science and University of Gothenburg, which house us. Your ongoing support is instrumental in our ability to make a meaningful impact.

And finally, as always, if you have any questions or comments on this report's content or our work more generally, do not hesitate to reach out to us. You can best reach us at [contact@glld.gu.se](mailto:contact@glld.gu.se).

Warm regards

# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

225 EVENT PARTICIPANTS

36 CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

35 PUBLICATIONS

27 PRESENTATIONS

11 PODCAST EPISODES

6 POLICY BRIEFS

3 POLICY ROUNDTABLES

2 NEW PROJECTS



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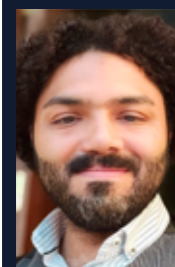


# GLD IN THE MENA INTERNS



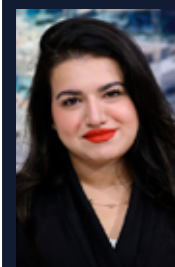
**Abdulrahman Abohajeb**, MSc in Conflict Management and Humanitarian Action, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar.

**Project Title:** *Contemporary Practices of Social Engineering: Gender Roles, Women's Participation in the Public Sphere, and States' Efforts toward Gender Justice in the Middle East*



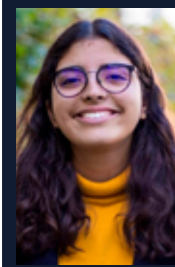
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**Project Title:** *Vision 2030 Secularization Politics: Creating a New Saudi Citizen*



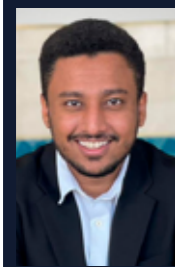
**Mryam AlSaad**, MSc in Sustainable Cities, University of Leeds, UK.

**Project Title:** *Climate Change Vulnerability and Green Grassroots Activism in Kuwait.*



**Mariam Ben Slama**, MA in International Security with Honors, Sciences Po Paris, School of International Affairs, France.

**Project Title:** *Mapping Out the Extent to Which Social Engineering Occurs across the Region and Examining What Drives Changes and Effectiveness at a Local Level*



**Bassam Nasser**, MA in Philosophy, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar.

**Project Title:** *The Formation of Modern Citizenship in Yemen: A Study of Yemeni Nationalism*

Together with Alternative Policy Solutions (APS) at The American University in Cairo, GLD offered a paid internship for five junior scholars based in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region between June and December 2023. This effort was supported by the Carnegie Cooperation of New York.

This internship was linked to the project *Governance and Local Development in the MENA* (which you can read more about on page 22) and divided into two sub-categories:

- **Social Engineering:** Mapping out the extent to which social engineering occurs across the region and examining local-level drivers of change and effectiveness.
- **Climate Change and Sustainability:** Examining the uneven effects of water shortages and other climate change impacts on societies and how local communities embrace or reject sustainability efforts and local adaptations to climate change in the region.

The selected scholars are from Yemen, Tunisia, Kuwait, Jordan, and Syria. They attended weekly research seminars to learn more about different research methods while developing individual research papers.





# OUR RESEARCH



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## GLD PROJECTS

1. Combining Satellite Images and Artificial Intelligence to Measure Poverty between 1982-2020: Explaining the Effects of the World Bank and Chinese Development Programs in Africa  
*Malawi and Zambia*
2. Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa  
*Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, and Tunisia*
3. Governance and Local Development in the Middle East and North Africa  
*Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, and Türkiye*
4. Local Governance Process Indicators (LGPI)  
*Kenya, Malawi, Tunisia, and Zambia (so far)*
5. Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities  
*Brazil, Ghana, and Tunisia*
6. Survive, Thrive, or Deprive? Drivers and Outcomes of Resilience During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Malawi  
*Malawi*



# RESEARCH SUPPORTED BY GLD SHORT-TERM GRANTS

GLD supports researchers around the world through our bi-annual Short-Term Grant Program. This year, we awarded five grants to scholars from Egypt, India, the Netherlands, and the US, conducting research in Colombia, Egypt, India, Lebanon, and Mexico.

## SPRING 2023



**Feyaad Allie**, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Government, *Harvard University*

**Rahul Verma**, Fellow, *Centre for Policy Research*, New Delhi

**Project Title:** *Political Representation of Marginalized Groups in India's Local Government.*

**Research Country:** India

“ Our project aims to study Muslim political representation in India, focusing on Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state. In India, certain marginalized groups have reserved political seats, while Muslims do not. We seek to understand how representation at the state level impacts Muslim candidacy and success in village councils, as well as the conditions for improved representation. This research addresses the challenge of creating inclusive local governance, particularly for groups without government mandated quotas. Uttar Pradesh, with its significant Muslim population, provides a diverse context to examine the impact of ruling parties and demographics on political representation dynamics.



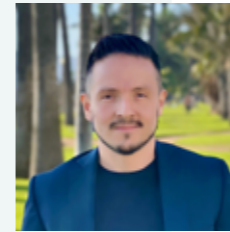
**Sebastian Pantoja-Barrios**, PhD candidate in Political Science, *University of Amsterdam*

**Project Title:** *Testing Relationships Between Local State Capacity and Citizens' Political Engagement in Colombia*

**Research Country:** Colombia

“ My project aims to understand how state capacity affects citizen engagement in local governance in Colombia's conflict-affected regions. I will examine citizen participation in elections, communal boards, marches, and demonstrations in these areas and assess the influence of state administrative and coercive capacities. This research is crucial for enhancing our understanding of local governance in conflict and post-conflict scenarios and its relationship with state-building efforts. I'll focus on 78 Colombian municipalities in peripheral regions where the government has implemented capacity-building programs since 2011, aligning with my research objectives in areas marked by varying state capacity and essential citizen engagement for peacebuilding.

## FALL 2023

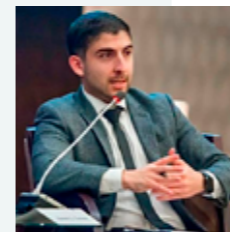


**Cesar B. Martinez-Alvarez**, Assistant Professor, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

**Project Title:** *Acting Collectively Prompts Long-Term Collective Action: Path Dependence in Mexican Rural Communities' Efforts to Preserve Forests*

**Research Country:** Mexico

“ In this project, we provide causal evidence about the path dependence of collective action for natural resource management, particularly related to forests and other ecosystems. We will demonstrate that governments can instigate long-term collective action by incentivizing communities to work together. We show that communities in Mexico accepted into a payment for an ecosystem services program (a subsidy to avoid deforestation) are much more likely to engage in long-term collective action many years after the program than those rejected. We have collected data on all the applications to the program for ecosystem services in Mexico from 2003 to 2019. To construct a database of beneficiary groups, we match these to the universe of rural communities, known as *ejidos* and *comunidades agrarias* in Spanish. For the next part of the project, we aim to conduct fieldwork in Mexico to collect qualitative information about the mechanisms behind these findings.

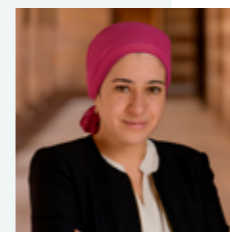


**Daniel Tavana**, Assistant Professor, *Pennsylvania State University*

**Project Title:** *From Protest to Parliament: Local Mobilization and Lebanon's New Opposition*

**Research Country:** Lebanon

“ How does local protest shape voter behavior in cases where identity is politically salient? Can exposure to protests limit identity-based polarization in these contexts? Our proposed study explores these and related questions in Lebanon, where sustained protests during the “October Revolution” in 2019 resulted in the prime minister's resignation and the rise of new opposition groups and elites with roots in prior social movements. Our research design pairs a detailed comparison of results from the 2018 and 2022 legislative elections with a survey designed to uncover mechanisms by which exposure to protest limits polarization along identity-based lines and facilitates electoral support for non-identitarian challengers. Our design exploits a unique feature of Lebanon's electoral system, whereby small numbers of voters are assigned to polling stations based on sect and gender.



**Noura Wahby**, Assistant Professor, *The American University in Cairo*

**Project Title:** *Governance by Guess-timation - Urban Water Service Delivery and Frontline Bureaucrats*

**Research Country:** Egypt

“ My research explores the construction of infrastructure in Middle Eastern cities in the face of rising urban inequalities and privatisation of common goods. National governments and international donors provide apolitical technical explanations to infrastructural failures, and advocate for a transition to an urban infrastructural linearity. Critical urban research has dispelled these myths and emphasises the nature of heterogeneous and hybrid infrastructural systems in Global South cities. The commodification of these public commons, however, has obfuscated structural inequalities and everyday grassroots negotiations that shape physical infrastructure. The Middle East in particular boasts of a spectrum of privatisation efforts, as states gradually devolve their monopolistic control over infrastructure. However, grounded case studies can further underline how these privatisation efforts impact rights and citizenships.



# NEW PROJECTS



## Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa

2023-2026

**C**ompeting Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa gathers an interdisciplinary group of scholars to explore how various authorities, within and outside the state, influence political behavior and development outcomes in the MENA region.

This project draws upon a theoretical framework presented in Professor Ellen Lust's Cambridge Element: *Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). The framework presented in *Everyday Choices* describes how individuals' memberships in multiple, often competing, communities affect politics and development. It highlights that individuals are members of multiple communities – religious orders, family or kinship groups, ethnic communities, etc. – that claim them and create additional incentives that shape individual actions.

Competing Authorities, therefore, aims to understand the variation in the influence of these authorities (e.g., state, religious, ethnic). Scholars in this project draw on their original research to collaborate and develop a unified understanding of how

various authorities compete to maintain or expand power over multiple communities, and understand why and when some authorities play a more significant role in governance in the MENA region.

This project, supported by the *Hicham Alaoui Foundation*, held its first workshop in Gothenburg in June 2023 (which you can read more about on page 28). A second workshop is planned for 2024.

You can find more information about Professor Ellen Lust's book *Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development* on GLD's website. The book is available both open-access and as an audiobook!



### FUNDING IN SEK

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This project is supported by the Hicham Alaoui Foundation. PI: Ellen Lust.



## Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities

2023-2026

**B**y 2050, more than two-thirds of the world's population will be living in cities, and the future of 7 billion people will depend on urban governance and development. Most of our knowledge about how cities work comes from the world's largest and most established cities. Yet, most people live in emerging cities: urban areas of less than one million people that are rapidly adding population, re-defining territorial boundaries, and shifting away from an agricultural economy. They are critical spaces to reduce poverty and leverage public resources to support equitable, local-level growth and development. Within these cities, there are sites of intense conflict, but also examples of successful governance and equitable development. What explains these differences?

The project *Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities* examines inclusive governance, political participation, and equitable development in small urban centers across the world. Emerging Cities develops a new and collaborative research environment to explain inclusive decision-making, urban claim-making, peaceful co-existence between host populations and migrants, and equitable development. Researchers based at institutions in three continents will conduct multi-method field research in Brazil, Ghana, and Tunisia. The project completed its first year 2023, during which researchers conceptualized emerging cities, made progress on their research designs, and began exploratory research in all three countries.

### Researchers

George Bob-Milliar, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology*  
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Ellen Lust, *GLD, University of Gothenburg*  
Jeffrey Paller (PI), *GLD, University of Gothenburg and University of San Francisco*  
Alison Post, *University of California, Berkeley*

### Project Publications in 2023

Post, A. (2023). "City Size and Public Service Delivery: Evidence from Brazil and Indonesia," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 21, Issue 3, pp. 811-830.

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# ONGOING PROJECTS

## Local Governance Process Indicators (LGPI) - Flagship Project

2015 -

During 2023, GLD made improvements to the computational methodology of the LGPI Indicators. This resulted in a new and improved set of individual and community-level estimates. With the new version of the estimates completed, GLD began to create a validation strategy for the measures. The validation exercise, which will be completed in 2024, will consist of three phases: face validity testing, content validity testing, and construct/criterion validity testing. We look forward to seeing how the measures perform and how they can be improved to provide even better metrics of local governance.

### What is the LGPI?

The LGPI is a new approach to the measurement, analysis, and improvement of local governance. To obtain the LGPI indicators, we employ a household survey, clustered at the community level. This survey gathers information that allows us to create indicators of Authority, Corruption, Extraction, Participation, and Transparency.

### What is important about the LGPI?

The LGPI incorporates state and non-state governance, providing a more comprehensive understanding of how communities are governed. It emphasizes experiences, in contrast to surveys based on satisfaction or perception. It is a locally representative survey, including both those who obtain services and those who fail to do so. It also measures local variation in governance and outcomes at the community level. Finally, the LGPI can be implemented anywhere, customized to local contexts.

### How can one use the LGPI?

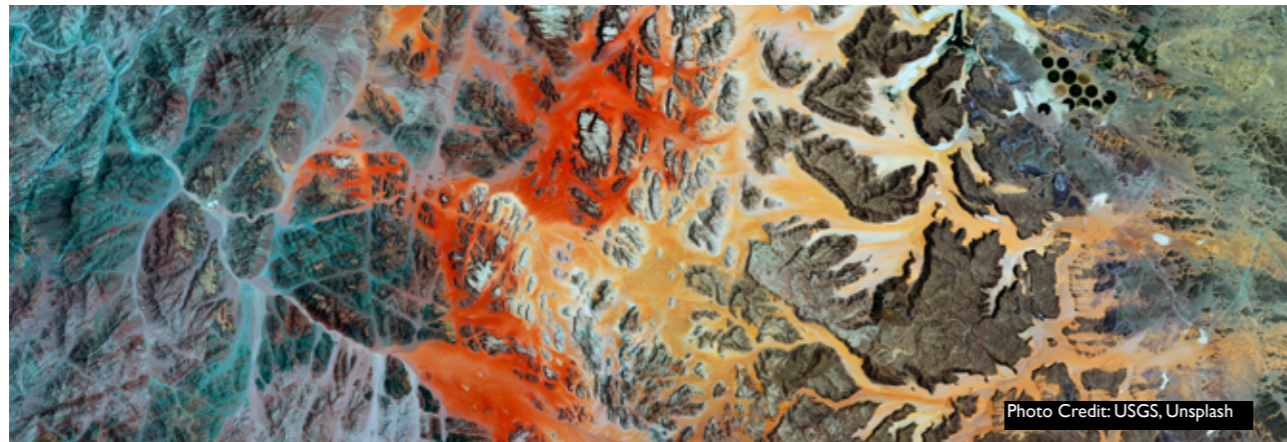
Researchers can use existing indicators to support their research process, or they can implement the LGPI in collaboration with GLD. This helps make the LGPI a global record of local governance; governments, development specialists, donors, and other policymakers can use the LGPI indicators to identify community needs, design programs and policies, and evaluate outcomes. Business communities, civil society activists, and other citizens can use the LGPI in advocacy efforts to improve governance and access to public services.

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## Combining Satellite Images and Artificial Intelligence to Measure Poverty in 1982-2020: *Explaining the Effects of World Bank and Chinese Development Programs in Africa.*

2021 - 2026

About 300 million people in Africa live in extreme poverty. Given that living in impoverished communities can trap people in cycles of deprivation (i.e., poverty traps), major development actors such as China and the World Bank have deployed a stream of projects to break these cycles (i.e., poverty targeting). However, as scholars are held back by a data challenge, research has been unable to answer fundamental questions, such as the extent to which poverty traps exist, and evaluate whether interventions can release communities from such traps.

### Project Aim

The aim of this project is to identify to what extent African communities are trapped in poverty and examine how competing development programs can alter these communities' prospects to free themselves from deprivation. To address this aim, we will (i) train image recognition algorithms—a form of AI—to identify poverty from satellite images, captured between 1984-2020; (ii) use these data to analyze how

development actors affect African communities; (iii) use mixed methods to develop theories of the varieties of poverty traps; (iv), develop an R package to produce poverty estimates from new satellite images.

In June 2023, GLD hired postdoctoral researcher Michael Chanda Chiseni to work on this project. He has been conducting a comprehensive literature review on poverty traps and reviewed studies of the World Bank's work and China's aid presence in Africa. The aim for 2024 is to do fieldwork in Malawi and Zambia, and have the first paper ready for publication.

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Devdatt Dubhashi, *Chalmers University*  
Peter Hedström, *KTH Royal Institute of Technology*  
Fredrik Johansson, *Chalmers University*  
Ellen Lust, *GLD, University of Gothenburg*  
Xiao-Li Meng, *Harvard University*

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PIs: Adel Daoud (Primary); Maria Brandén; Devdatt Dubhashi; Peter Hedström; Fredrik Johansson; Ellen Lust; Xiao-Li Meng.



## Survive, Thrive, or Deprive? Drivers and Outcomes of Resilience During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Malawi

2022-2024

The project *Survive, Thrive, or Deprive? Drivers and Outcomes of Resilience During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Malawi* examines why some individuals and communities respond better than others to crises, and the longer-term effects of crises on governance and welfare. With one of the poorest populations in the world and clearly defined, gendered local authority structures, Malawi is particularly well-suited to provide insights into crisis response at individual and community levels. Moreover, GLD can draw on its previous research, including face-to-face surveys with households and elites conducted in 2019 and three telephone surveys implemented during the Covid crisis.

In 2023, we focused on preparing the study and recruiting a post-doctoral researcher, whom we look forward to welcoming to Gothenburg in early 2024. We are excited to undertake fieldwork next year in what we anticipate will be pathbreaking research - to our knowledge, this is the most

rigorous, sustained examination of crisis response. We hope the findings expand theoretical understandings of resilience, health crisis response, and authority, supporting policymakers and development specialists to address pandemics, climate change, and other crises.

### Project Publications in 2023

Ferree, K. E., Dulani, B., Harris, A. S., Kao, K., Lust, E., Ahsan Jansson, C., and Metheney, E. A. (2023) "Symptoms and Stereotypes: Perceptions and Responses to Covid-19 in Malawi and Zambia," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 56, Issue 12, pp. 1795-1823.

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## Governance and Local Development in the Middle East and North Africa

2022-2023

This project aims to promote scholarly collaboration and strengthen the community of scholars working on governance and local development issues in the MENA, Europe, the US, and elsewhere by providing capacity-building opportunities. The project also aims to create a sustainable bridge between scholars and policy practitioners working in and/or on the MENA region. It thereby provides policymakers, practitioners, and the general public in the MENA, Europe, and the US with a better understanding of key local governance and development issues.

Part of this project is implemented in collaboration with *Alternative Policy Solutions* (APS) at The American University in Cairo (AUC). It convenes researchers from Gothenburg, AUC, and across the MENA to focus on governance, social engineering, climate change, and sustainability in the region.

In 2023, GLD organized a six-month capacity-building program for junior scholars based in the MENA region. The selected scholars were from Kuwait, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen. During this period, they each worked on a research paper; five worked on social engineering, including gender, nation-building, and state-led development agendas in the region, and one on climate change policies.

As part of this project, GLD organized a weekly Research Seminar Series, which you can read more about on pages 28-29. Three policy roundtables were also organized in 2023, all with a MENA-related topic: (1) Women's Rights and Activism in the MENA, (2) The Economic Crisis in Egypt, and (3) Local Responses to Conflict and Displacement.

### MENA-RELATED PODCAST EPISODES IN 2023:

- Youth Engagement in the MENA and Politics of Peacebuilding in Lebanese Municipalities
- Political Turmoil in Tunisia, The Political Legacy of the 2022 World Cup, and the Effect of Economic Shock on Male Marriage in the West Bank
- Navigating Crises: Understanding the Impact and Road to Recovery
- Breaking Barriers: Women's Political Participation and Activism in China, Iran, and Egypt
- Between Borders: Refugee Return Dynamics and Integration Realities
- Understanding Ceasefires: A Conversation with Marika Sosnowski
- Diaspora Mobilization in Times of Crisis: Lessons from the MENA Region
- The Civil War in Sudan: History and Current Political and Humanitarian Implications

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## Governance and Local Development in the Middle East and North Africa - Edited Volume

2017-2023

Many scholars, policymakers, and development practitioners view decentralization as a way to increase participation, strengthen political representation, and improve social welfare; yet, little is known about the experiences of communities in the context of decentralization – particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. This project, and its resultant edited volume, direct our attention to the ways in which decentralization is “lived locally” by citizens of the MENA region, underscoring the simultaneous influences of individual-level factors (e.g., gender, education) and local context (e.g., development levels, electoral institutions) on governance processes and outcomes. A group of international scholars brings together original research in Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, and Tunisia to ask three questions:

- How do local factors influence the implementation of decentralization and citizens' reactions to it?
- How do decentralization processes shape political representation and engagement with service providers within local communities?
- How are decentralization processes exacerbating (or ameliorating) local-level inequalities?

The project and volume extend existing research on decentralization, but also depart from the few studies of decentralization in the MENA region, as those tend to focus on how decentralization has been implemented—and how it generally upgrades rather than diminishes authoritarianism in the region. Only by unpacking perspectives and governance experiences at the micro-level can we understand how decentralization policies affect citizens' everyday lives.

The resultant volume, entitled *Decentralization, Local Governance, and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa*, is slated for publication Fall 2024.

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# GLD DATA

**G**LD Data had a strong and exciting 2023. In June, we welcomed Victor Saidi Phiri (MA in Social Scientific Data Analysis) as a new data analyst. Throughout the year, the data team made 5 datasets publicly available on the *Harvard Dataverse*, with two accompanying *Data in Brief* articles. The data team also spent the year assisting GLD researchers and associates on various projects by helping develop analysis plans, preparing datasets, writing code, and interpreting results. This year, GLD Data also invited students and staff to join us for weekly Data Breakfast where we discuss data related issues, share skills, socialize, and solve problems.

## Additional Fieldwork Support

In 2023, GLD Data also provided external data and survey support to colleagues and collaborators at the University of Gothenburg and beyond. This included providing assistance with the coding and implementation of a large, three-round panel survey in Zimbabwe and sampling and survey coding assistance for a focus group study in Malawi.

GLD can provide assistance with survey development, coding, and implementation. Please contact us at [contact@gld.gu.se](mailto:contact@gld.gu.se) for more details.

## Data Access

GLD has a rich set of data on issues relating to governance and local development from countries in the Middle East, North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Our goal is always for our datasets to be available and used by those who work on similar topics.

### We currently have data from:

Jordan, Kenya, Libya, Malawi, Morocco, Tunisia, Zambia

### Between the years of:

2012-2022

### Topics include:

Covid-19  
Dispute Resolution  
Elections  
Local Elites  
Local Governance  
Members of Parliament  
Service Provision



## How to access GLD Data

GLD has two types of data:

1) publicly available and 2) still under embargo.

You can access GLD's publicly available data via the *Harvard Dataverse* ([dataverse.harvard.edu](https://dataverse.harvard.edu)) by searching for "Governance and Local Development Institute". It is also possible to request access to a dataset (or a piece of a dataset) that has not yet been made publicly available. To do so, follow the instructions below.

Download GLD's Data Use Agreement (DUA) using the QR code.



**2** Determine which dataset(s) you would like access to for research or teaching. You can do this by:

- A.** Reviewing the list of datasets in the DUA
- B.** Coming soon - Review the Datasets page on GLD's website

**3** Email a completed and signed DUA to [data@gld.gu.se](mailto:data@gld.gu.se).

**4** A member of GLD's team will review your request and get back to you as soon as possible with next steps.

- A.** If your request is approved, we will provide you with details to access the data.
- B.** Otherwise, we will try to figure out a different agreement.

## Datasets Made Public in 2023!

*Local Governance and Performance Index, Malawi 2016*

*Zambia Election Panel Survey*

*GLD Member of Parliament Survey*

*GLD-Saipar Covid-19 Survey in Zambia*

# GLD EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

**A**t GLD, we have long been committed to disseminating our data and results to academics, policymakers, and communities. The GLD podcast, *Governance Uncovered*, our policy brief series, and our policy roundtables are all examples of how we engage with different audiences to share research insights on critical governance and local development issues.

In 2023, we expanded our dissemination activities by creating in-house produced educational material. GLD Educational Materials include ready-to-use videos, examples, and notes for political science topics and quantitative methods based on data collected by GLD. For instance, in 2023, we published 15 videos that provide an introduction to the research process in three stages: (1) defining a research question, (2) selecting methodology, and (3) presenting findings. (You can read more about the videos on pages 28-29).

We also provide handouts on professional development topics, such as Tips & Tricks for Chairing Seminars, and we are currently producing a series of research memos detailing lessons learned from GLD's research activities. These will be added to [gld.gu.se/en/educationalmaterial](https://gld.gu.se/en/educationalmaterial) throughout 2024, so check back often to see what's new!

Have a topic you would like to suggest? Submit your request by scanning the QR-code:



## Did You Know?

... that a majority of the GLD Educational Materials are available in both English and Arabic?

## GLD Educational Material is Divided into Three Topics:

- Governance and Local Development
- Data Science
- Professional Development

## GLD Educational Material Offers:

- Handouts
- Podcasts
- Videos
- Policy Briefs



# OUR EVENTS



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## GLD CONFERENCES

**GLD's 6th Annual Conference – Contested Authority at the Local Level: Implications for Governance, Policy Outcomes, and Service Provision**

**Date:** 22-25 May 2023

**Location:** Nääs Fabriker, Tollered, Sweden



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## Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa

**Location:** Aspenäs Herrgård, Aspenäs Sweden

**Date:** 12-15 June 2023

In June 2023, GLD held a workshop on *Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa* in Aspenäs, Sweden. This conference was part of the Competing Authorities Project, supported by the Hicham Alaoui Foundation. It brought together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to examine how and when different authorities, both within and outside the state, shape political behavior and development outcomes in the Middle East and North Africa.

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# SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

## GLD Research Seminar Series

Between June 7 and November 8, GLD arranged a Research Seminar Series as part of the GLD in the MENA internship, which you can read more about on page 10.

The GLD Research Seminar Series provides an introduction to the research process. Guest speakers were invited to bring their own experiences and expertise to discuss three pivotal stages of research:

- Refining a research question
- Selecting a methodological approach
- Disseminating findings

Many of the sessions in this series were recorded and are now available on our website, under GLD Educational Material (page 25), allowing users to explore the content anytime. It is free to use, making it a valuable resource for junior scholars, seasoned lecturers, and anyone wanting to learn more about the research process.

English and Arabic subtitles are provided for all videos.

### VIDEOS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

#### Research Safety and Ethics

Isabell Schierenbeck, Professor of Political Science at the School of Global Studies, *University of Gothenburg*.

#### Framing a Research Project

Lauren Honig, Assistant Professor of Political Science, *Boston College*.

#### Literature Review Strategies

Ellen Lust, Director and Founder of the *Governance and Local Development Institute* and Professor of Political Science, *University of Gothenburg*.

#### Introduction to Quantitative Thinking

Erica Ann Metheney, Statistician and Head of Data, *Governance and Local Development Institute*.

#### Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis Testing, and Linear Regression

Erica Ann Metheney, Statistician and Head of Data, *Governance and Local Development Institute*.

#### Assessing Quantitative Results

Erica Ann Metheney, Statistician and Head of Data, *Governance and Local Development Institute*.

#### Conducting Interviews

Marwa Shalaby, Assistant Professor in the Departments of Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.

#### Experimental Research

Daniel Masterson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, *University of California, Santa Barbara*.

#### Archival Research

Yusuf Magiya, Postdoctoral Associate in Social Science, *New York University - Abu Dhabi*.

#### Participant Observation

May Tamimova, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs, *Leiden University*.

#### Concepts and Measurements

Robert Kubinec, Assistant Professor of Political Science, *New York University - Abu Dhabi*.

#### Survey Research

Michael Robbins, Director and Co-Principal Investigator, *Arab Barometer*.

#### Process Tracing

David Waldner, Associate Professor of Politics, *University of Virginia*.

#### Academic Writing

Greg Soulliere, Language Advisor, *University of Gothenburg*.

#### Presentation Skills

Christina El Saidi, Language Advisor, *University of Gothenburg*.



## Recruiting and Incentivizing Community Service Providers: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone

**Date:** 31 October

**Location:** Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg and via Zoom.

GLD and the Quality of Government Institute co-hosted a seminar, featuring Peter Van der Windt, Associate Professor of Political Science at New York University – Abu Dhabi. We were pleased to have Peter visit us in Gothenburg and present his research, "Recruiting and Incentivizing Community Service Providers: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone."

## Public Policy: From Research to Impactful Policy Briefs

**Date:** 7-8 November

**Location:** Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Knowing how to efficiently disseminate your research is a crucial step of the research process. Clarity and consistency in sharing findings with the general public is vital for researchers.

To gain skills in translating academic knowledge into impactful policy recommendations, GLD arranged a two-day policy brief writing workshop with Azita Berar Awad. Azita has extensive expertise in advising senior policymakers, governments, and various stakeholders in the development field. She serves as the Chair of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) and the Board of Trustees on Technical Cooperation in Human Rights. She is also Policy Director at the Global Labour Organization (GLO).



## Work-in-Progress Series

At GLD, we wish to promote and strengthen a scholarly network that supports scholars working on governance and local development issues worldwide. In 2021, GLD initiated the Work-in-Progress Virtual Workshop Series as one way to approach our goal of promoting such a network, and we have hosted two series per year since.

The GLD Work-in-Progress Workshop Series is designed to help scholars with ongoing papers or projects by providing feedback, suggestions, and advice during an hour-long workshop session.

Thank you to all who participated and engaged in the Spring and Fall Series in 2023!



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### SPRING 2023, 26 JANUARY - 4 MAY

**Silvia Otero Bahamón**, *Universidad del Rosario*. "Dependent Elites: The Role of Elite-Citizenship Linkages in Inequality Reduction at the City Level."  
Discussant: Vicky Murillo, *Columbia University*.

**Adam Harris**, *University College London*, **Lauren Honig**, *Boston College*, and **Ellen Lust**, *University of Gothenburg*. "Social Institutions and State Reach: Examining Change in Gendered Land Rights in Southern Africa."  
Discussant: Vanessa van den Boogaard, *University of Toronto*.

**Michel Wahman**, *Michigan State University*. "Political Participation and Urban Election Violence: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Zambia."  
Discussant: Steven Rosenzweig, *Boston University*.

**John Quattrochi**, *Georgetown University*. "Violence and Voting: Evidence from the 2006, 2011, and 2018 Presidential Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo."  
Discussant: Michael Wahman, *Michigan State University*.

**Angie Torres-Beltran**, *Cornell University*. "Violence Against Women and Political Participation in Mexico."  
Discussant: Kim Mannemar Sønderskov, *Aarhus University*.

**Emily Warwick**, *University of Virginia*. "Tracing the Origins of Mobilization: Informal COVID-19 Governance in Rio de Janeiro."  
Discussant: Adam Auerbach, *American University*.

### FALL 2023, 12 SEPTEMBER - 21 NOVEMBER

**Rose Camille Vincent** (*ETH Zürich*) "Shine a (Night)Light: Decentralisation and Economic Development in Burkina Faso."  
Discussant: David Dow, *University of Arizona*.

**Jesper Katomero**, *University of Dodoma*. "The Nexus between Water Tenure and Accountability: A Tale of Three Livelihood Groups in Tanzania."  
Discussant: Ruth Carlitz, *University of Amsterdam*.

**Gabriel Koehler-Derrick**, *NYU Abu Dhabi*. "Elite Identity, Land Inequality, and Local Development: Evidence from Colonial Ireland."  
Discussant: Johannes Lindvall, *University of Gothenburg*.

**Keyi Tang**, *Johns Hopkins University & Boston University Global Development Policy Center*. "Democracy, Distributive Politics, and Development Finance: Evidence from Africa."  
Discussant: Michael Chanda Chiseni, *University of Gothenburg*.

**Emilian Berutti**, *Geneva Graduate Institute*. "Conceptualising Urban Political Settlements."  
Discussant: Tom Goodfellow, *University of Sheffield*.

**Sabine Franklin**, *Wellesley College*. "Institutional Transplant and Nigerian Elections."  
Discussant: Peter Van der Windt, *NYU Abu Dhabi*.

**Ying Gao**, *Poverty Action Lab*. "Slum Leaders, Participatory Development, and State-Oriented Social Cohesion: Evidence from Indonesia's Urban Informal Settlement Upgrading."  
Discussant: Nico Ravanilla, *University of California, San Diego*.

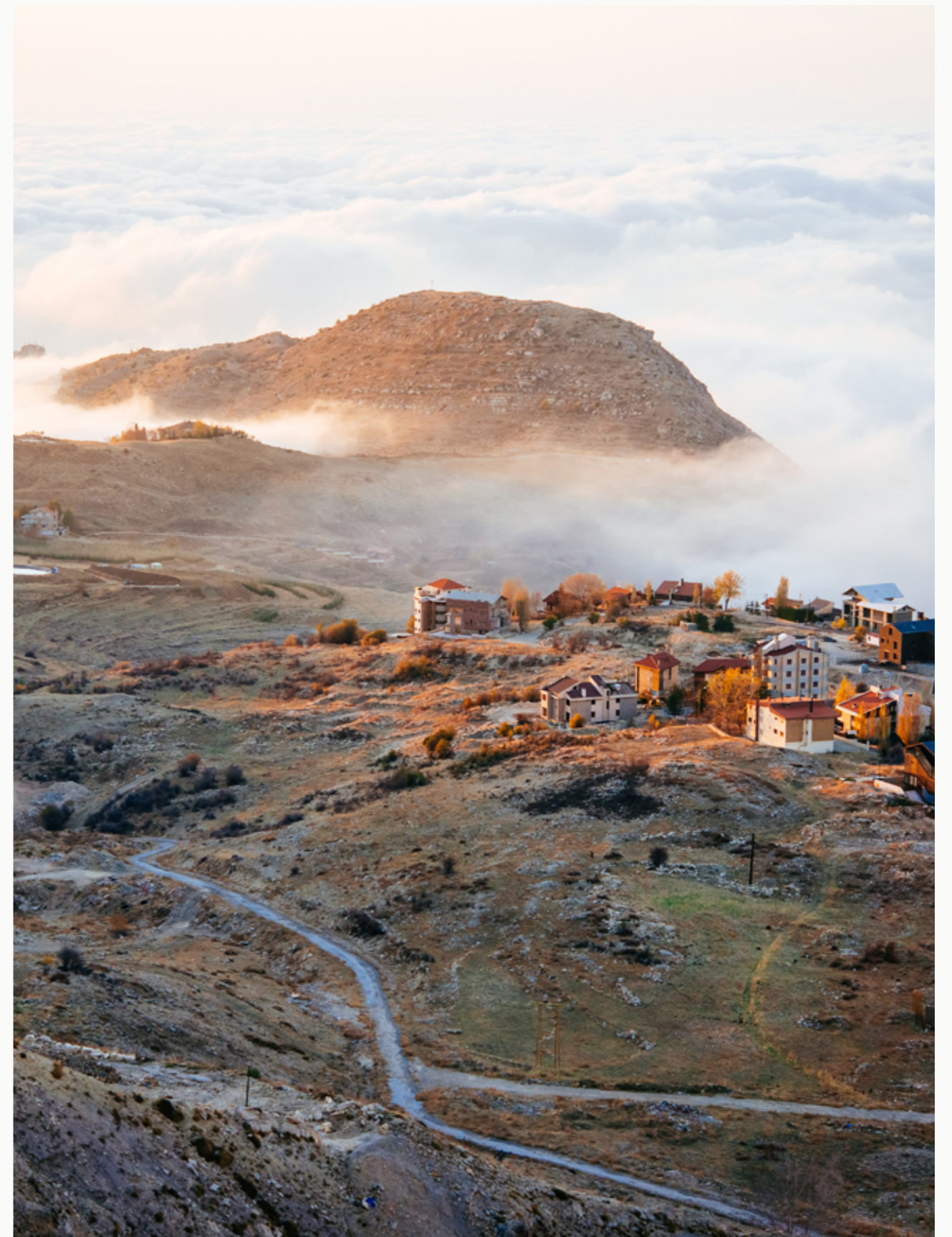


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# POLICY ROUNDTABLES

## Women's Rights in the MENA

**Date:** 8 March

This roundtable focused on women's rights in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The speakers discussed what progress has been made in the MENA since the Arab Uprisings, and the remaining challenges for women in North Africa, Iran, and the Gulf region. The roundtable also explored the shifting attitudes towards women's participation in the public sphere, gender activism, and women's political participation, highlighting regional and/or subnational variations.

### PANELLISTS

**Dalal Alfares**, Assistant Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, *Kuwait University*.

**Nermin Allam**, Assistant Professor of Politics, *Rutgers University-Newark*.

**Yasmine Berriane**, Researcher, *French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)*.

**Shirin Saeidi**, Assistant Professor of Political Science and the Director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, *University of Arkansas*.

### MODERATOR

**Marwa Shalaby**, Assistant Professor in the Departments of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.



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## The Economic Crisis in Egypt

**Date:** 25 May

This policy roundtable focused on the economic crisis in Egypt, including the devaluation of the Egyptian pound, the decrease of foreign currency coming into the market, and soaring inflation. It considered the 2011 Uprisings, Covid-19, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The roundtable also touched on the impact of government mismanagement, failed export policies, industrial development, the tight control of the state, and military-owned enterprises on the economy.

Discussions revolved around such questions as: What does the future hold for Egypt's economy? How have Egypt's local businesses and industry been affected? What are the long-term effects of the ongoing economic crisis on Egypt's most vulnerable populations?

### PANELLISTS

**Timothy Kaldas**, Deputy Director of the *Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy* and Adjunct Professor of International Relations, *Autonomous University of Barcelona*.

**Mirette F. Mabrouk**, MEI Senior Fellow and Founding Director of the Egypt Program, *Middle East Institute*.

### MODERATOR

**Marwa Shalaby**, Assistant Professor in the Departments of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.

## Local Responses to Conflict and Displacement in the MENA Region

**Date:** 16 October

In this roundtable, we explored local responses to conflict and displacement in Syria, Yemen, and Sudan. It addressed how these war-torn nations experience conflict and offered a unique lens into the intricate dynamics of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The panelists discussed the nuances of conflict's impact on various communities and shed light on the resulting social, economic, and humanitarian challenges.

### PANELLISTS

**Khalid Medani**, Associate Professor in Political Science and Islamic Studies, *McGill University*.

**Dina Melhem**, Program Management Officer - Leading the National Agenda for the Future of Syria, *UNESCWA*.

**Shibley Telhami**, Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, *University of Maryland*. Nonresident Fellow, Center for Middle East Policy, Foreign Policy program, *Brookings Institute*.

### MODERATOR

**Marwa Shalaby**, Assistant Professor in the Departments of Gender and Women's Studies and Political Science, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*.



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Watch Them on our Youtube Channel!





# OUR DISSEMINATION



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## Reports

### The Economics of Social Science in the Middle East and North Africa: Analysis of Social Science Research and Knowledge Production in the MENA Region

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### Report on Youth Survey: Gender and Electability in the Arab World

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\*This report is also available in Arabic

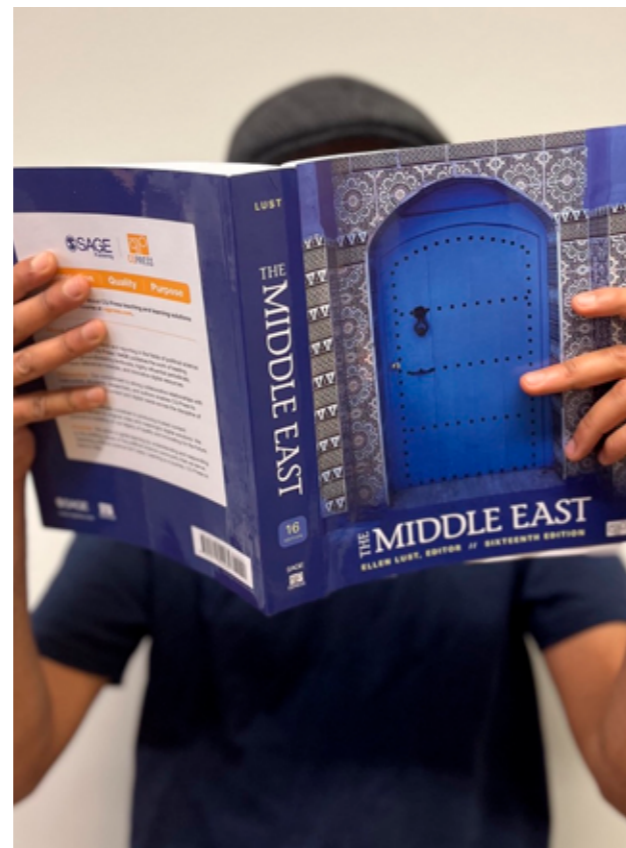


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## GLD Working Papers



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**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *ACRPS International Winter School*, Qatar, 8 January

**Paller, J.** "Growing Pains: Contentious Urbanization in Africa's Emerging Cities," *Nordic Africa Institute*, Sweden, 8 February

**Shalaby, M.** "How Opposition Movements Use Legislative Powers in Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Islamist Groups in the Arab World," *Measuring Muslim Publics Conference*, Michigan State University, US, 23 February

**Lust, E., Toukan, D., and Amer, N.** "The Landscape of Research Funding," *REMENA Workshop*, Egypt, 3 March

**Post, A.** "City Size and Public Service Delivery," *Political Economy Group (PELG), School for Global Policy and Strategy*, University of California, San Diego, US, 7 March

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Deakin University*, Australia, 27 March

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *University of Melbourne*, Australia, 28 March

**Lima, V. and Heilnet, M.** "Analysing the Outcomes of Anti-Dam Movements: The Case of Brazil and Chile," *Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) Annual Conference*, Queen's University, Ireland, 30-31 March

**Shalaby, M.** "Ask and You Shall Receive: Executive Compliance with Parliamentary Queries in Jordan's Authoritarian Regime," *Harvard's Center of Middle East Studies*, 12 April

**Post, A.** "Why Are Urban Services Still So Bad in Large Cities?" *David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies*, Harvard University, US, 25 April

**Lust, E.** "The Political Economy of Embarking on a New Path," *Economic Research Forum 29th Annual Conference*, Egypt, 4 May

**Otero-Bahamon, S.** "Dependent Elites. The Role of Elite-Citizen Linkages in Income Inequality at the City-Level," *Latin America Studies Association*, Canada, 25 May

**Metheney, E.A.** "Better Survey Wording with ChatGPT," *MiMac Conference, Life after ChatGPT: Impact of Generative AI on the Social Sciences*, Sweden, 13 June

**Lust, E.** "How Do Boundaries and Barriers in Domestic Migration Influence Political Participation?" *EPSA Annual Meeting 2023*, UK, 22 June

**Lust, E.** "Is the Future Female? A Conjoint Experiment on Arab Preferences in Six Arab Countries," *EPSA Annual Meeting 2023*, UK, 24 June

**Lust, E.** "Meet the Authors – Civil Society, Social Movements and Participation," *IPSA Annual Meeting 2023*, Argentina, 17 July

**Lust, E.** "How Do Boundaries and Barriers in Domestic Migration Influence Political Participation?" *IPSA Annual Meeting 2023*, Argentina, 19 July

**Hussein, G.** "Business in Transit: Entrepreneurship and Integration of Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Turkey," *SWEMENA 2nd Annual Conference*, Sweden, 25 August

**Lust, E.** "Ethnicized Social Institutions: Measuring the Political Influence of Ethnicity," *APSA Annual Meeting 2023*, US, 1 September

**Jöst, P. and Lust, E.** "Unpacking the Power of Local Mobilizers: The Role of Social Influence and Shared Identity in Mobilizing Election Campaign Participation in Zambia," *European Consortium for Political Research*, Charles University, Czech Republic, 5 September



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**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *University of California, Berkeley*, US, 7 September

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Asian Institute of Management*, Philippines, 11 September

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *University of Pennsylvania*, US, 19 September

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Harvard University*, US, 21 September

**Paller, J.** "Growing Pains in Emerging Cities," *Institute for Housing and Urban Research (IBF)*, Uppsala University, Sweden, 26 September

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *University of Michigan*, US, 27 September

**Honig, L., Harris, A., and Lust, E.** "Social Institutions and State Reach," *Institute for Advanced Studies*, France, 29 September

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Northwestern University*, US, 3 October

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *University of Chicago*, US, 4 October

**Lust, E.** "The Role of Religion, Autocrats & Social Institutions in Today's Middle East," *Renaissance Weekend*, US, 7 October

**Lust, E.** "On the State of Israel," *Renaissance Weekend*, US, 7 October

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**Lust, E.** "Why Aid Fails," *Renaissance Weekend*, US, 8 October

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *CSIS*, US, 10 October

**Jöst, P.** "Local Social Context and Outsider Perceptions in Africa," *Bridging the Divide: Exploring the Local in Social Cohesion*, *Research Institute Social Cohesion*, Germany, 12 October

**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Yale University*, US, 17 October

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**Lust, E.** "Everyday Choices: The Role of Competing Authorities and Social Institutions in Politics and Development," *Cornell University*, US, 20 October

**Hussein, G.** "Business in Transit: Entrepreneurship and Integration of Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Turkey," *OMICS Conference, Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 24 November



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## Podcast Episodes 2023

### EPISODE 44, JANUARY 2023

#### Youth Engagement in the MENA and Politics of Peacebuilding in Lebanese Municipalities

Marwa Shalaby, Dina Shehata, and Hanna Leonardsson

This episode covered political participation and activism among MENA youth, focusing on local perspectives from Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Iraq. We also interviewed Senior Lecturer Hanna Leonardsson, whose book on local peacebuilding in Lebanon was published in January 2023.

### EPISODE 45, FEBRUARY 2023

#### Political Turmoil in Tunisia, the Political Legacy of the 2022 World Cup, and the Effect of Economic Shocks on Marriage in the West Bank

Mohammed Dhia Hammami, Danyel Reicheto, and Ayhab Saad

First, Mohammed Dhia Hammami discussed the current political situation in Tunisia and the discontent with President Kais Saied. Then, Dr Danyel Reicheto spoke about the impact the 2022 FIFA World Cup might have had on domestic politics in Qatar and beyond. Finally, Ayhab Saad talked about his study on decreased marriage rates in the West Bank, as one result of the economic shock caused by closing the Israeli labour market to Palestinian commuters in 2001.

### EPISODE 46, MARCH 2023

#### Navigating Crises: Understanding the Impact and Road to Recovery

Will Todman, Rabia Polat, and Mohamad Al-Ashmar

In times of crisis, societies are forced to confront difficult challenges and make tough decisions. This episode delved into the complexities of crises and explored different aspects of how crisis impact societies and the ways in which communities recover and rebuild.



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### EPISODE 47, APRIL 2023

#### A Conversation with Prince Guma, Astrid Haas, and Patience Mususa on Urban Africa

Prince Guma, Patience Mususa, Astrid Haas, Kim Yi Dionne, Rachel Beatty Readl, and Jeffrey Paller.

It's a mashup! GLD's Jeffrey Paller joins the Ufahamu Africa podcast to talk to Prince Guma, Astrid Haas, and Patience Mususa. Each is an expert on the urbanization of the African continent.

### EPISODE 48, MAY 2023

#### Breaking Barriers: Women's Political Participation and Activism in China, Iran, and Egypt

Minglu Chen, Shirin Saeidi, and Nermin Allam

In this episode, we focused on gender activism and women's political participation in three different countries. First, we spoke to Minglu Chen about the current state of women's representation in Chinese politics. Then, Shirin Saeidi and Nermin Allam spoke about gender activism in Iran and Egypt, how it has evolved during the past decade, and what progress has been made.

### EPISODE 49, JUNE 2023

#### Between Borders: Refugee Return Dynamics and Integration Realities

Daniel Masterson, Isabell Schierenbeck, and Andrea Spehar

The 49th episode focused on refugee migration and integration in honour of World Refugee Day, which falls each year on the 20th of June. Daniel Masterson discussed his recently published article, "Dynamics of Refugee Return: Syrian Refugees and Their Migrant Intention" (*British Journal of Political Science*), followed by a conversation with Isabell Schierenbeck and Andrea Spehar about street-level bureaucrats and Syrian refugee interactions in Sweden, Jordan, and Turkey.

### EPISODE 50, JULY 2023

#### Global Value Chains, Multiculturalism, and Civil Service Exams: Insights for Societal Progress

Oliver Harman, Riccardo Crescenzi, Rebecca Grace Tan, and Nicholas Kuipers

This episode starts with an interview with Oliver Harman and Riccardo Crescenzi on their book *Harnessing Global Value Chains for Regional Development: How to Upgrade through Regional Policy, FDI, and Trade* (Routledge, 2023). Next, Rebecca Grace Tan talks about Singaporean politics, migration, citizenship, multiculturalism, and nationalism. And finally, Nick Kuipers, discusses his study on civil service exams and their impact on representation in municipalities, as well as individuals' attitudes.

### EPISODE 51, SEPTEMBER 2023

#### Understanding Ceasefires: A Conversation with Marika Sosnowski

Marika Sosnowski

In this episode, host Ellen Lust discusses Marika's new book *Redefining Ceasefires: Wartime Order and State Building in Syria* (Cambridge University Press, 2023). The book challenges traditional notions of ceasefires and examines their effects on governance beyond just halting violence. The interview sheds light on the multifaceted nature of ceasefires, their impact on governance, and the importance of considering local perspectives and needs when analyzing their effects.

### EPISODE 52, OCTOBER 2023

#### Controlling Voters, Controlling Territory: Book Interview with Michael Wahman

Michael Wahman

Ellen Lust and Michael Wahman discuss his new book *Controlling Territory, Controlling Voters* (Oxford University Press, 2023). The discussion focuses on the concept of electoral violence, examining its manifestations and broader impacts on the electoral process. Michael's research highlights the significance of low-scale violence and the fear it instills among voters, especially women.

### EPISODE 53, NOVEMBER 2023

#### Diaspora Mobilization in Times of Crisis: Lessons from the MENA Region

Dalia Abdelhady and Hamza Ouhaichi

With Dalia, we discuss how events back home, whether natural disasters or political crises, affect diaspora communities and how they engage with their homelands. Hamza Ouhaichi then gives us insight to their work with community support at the Moroccan Association in Malmö, and recent emergency response efforts following the devastating earthquake in Morocco.

### EPISODE 54, DECEMBER 2023

#### The Civil War in Sudan: History and Current Political and Humanitarian Crises

Munzoul Assal, Khalid Mustafa Medani, and Iman Ahmed

This episode focuses on the Sudanese Civil War. Our first guest, Munzoul Assal, gives insight into Sudan's complex history. Then, Dr. Iman Ahmed discusses healthcare challenges doctors face in Sudan. Finally, Dr. Khalid Mustafa Medani emphasizes the need for international attention to address humanitarian aid delivery challenges and political solutions. The guests provide a comprehensive overview, highlighting the war's roots in political struggles and offering perspectives on healthcare issues and diaspora initiatives.





# LOOKING FORWARD



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## GLD IN 2024

GLD's mission is to promote human welfare by conducting scientifically rigorous research across the globe. To do so, we engage with communities worldwide, develop methodological tools, gather data, undertake analyses on issues affecting societies today, and disseminate findings to academics, relevant policymakers, and the communities in which we work. We are excited to continue this work in 2024!

### Launching New Projects

We at GLD believe social scientists studying local governance have much to learn from complexity science. Thus, in 2024, we plan to launch a new project exploring the application of complexity science to questions of governance.

We also look forward to expanding our work on Governance and Local Development in the Middle East and North Africa. We are grateful to the Carnegie Corporation of New York for the new core support funding that makes this possible.

### Conducting Fieldwork

Next year will find us busy with fieldwork! We plan to do fieldwork in Brazil, Ghana, and Tunisia for *Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities*, in Malawi for *Survive, Thrive, or Deprive? Drivers and Outcomes of Resilience During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Malawi*, and in Malawi and Zambia for *Combining Satellite Images and Artificial Intelligence to Measure Poverty in 1982-2020*.

### Organizing Conferences and Workshops

#### Local Governance Process Indicators (LGPI) Workshop

On May 16-17, we will bring together experts in governance to workshop the LGPI. We look forward to input from scholars focused on various regions across the world as we seek to make the LGPI a global tool for local governance.

#### Annual Conference

GLD's 7th Annual Conference, *The Dynamics of Change in Governance and Local Development*, will be held May 20-23 at Nääs Fabriker in Tollered, Sweden. The conference aims to bring together a global community of scholars to examine changes in governance and local development over time.

#### Competing Authorities Workshop

The second *Competing Authorities in the Middle East and North Africa* workshop will take place 24-26 June at Aspenäs Herrgård in Lerum, Sweden. This workshop will bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to discuss and finalize their papers on how and when different authorities, both within and outside the state, shape political behavior and development outcomes in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

### Emerging Cities Conference

24-25 May, an internal conference for the project *Political Change and Local Governance in Emerging Cities*. The aim is to discuss the findings from preliminary fieldwork and focus group discussions while making plans for fielding the large-scale household surveys.

### Disseminating Findings

We are pleased to announce that the University of Michigan Press has scheduled the publication of *Decentralization, Local Governance, and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Kristen Kao and Ellen Lust, for 2024. The volume is the culmination of our project on *Governance and Local Development in the MENA*, supported by the Hicham Alaoui Foundation. We're grateful to the foundation and our collaborators for their support, stimulating research, and thoughtful discussions. We hope this volume fosters the thinking of scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and others on the relationship between politics under decentralization and inequalities.

We will also continue publishing other research, producing podcasts, hosting policy roundtables, releasing policy briefs, and disseminating working papers and other findings to academics, policymakers, development specialists, NGOs, and others interested in governance and local development.

### Extending Networks and Strengthening GLD Research

Extending our networks, strengthening research, and fostering dialogue on GLD issues will remain goals for 2024. One key element is our newly launched educational material (described on page 25), which we aim to expand it significantly in 2024.

Furthermore, we look forward to engaging with the 12 new GLD Fellows joining us for their one-year fellowship. We will also offer internships in research and data for the spring, summer, and fall, provide opportunities for scholars to present their research in GLD's Work-in-Progress Workshop, offer Short-term grants, and continue inviting scholars to submit working papers and guest on our podcast.

As always, we will post new opportunities to engage with GLD and our network on our website, social media, and newsletter. If you haven't already, we invite you to subscribe, reach out, and join the GLD network!



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**F** = Fellow  
**I** = Intern  
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