



2020

THE PROGRAM ON  
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MIDTERM REPORT  
ADDENDUM



The Program on Governance  
and Local Development  
at Gothenburg

## **1. New GLD Research Projects**

### **From Revenge to Forgiveness: Strengthening Durable Peace in Post-Conflict Societies**

(2020 - 2023)

This project develops and tests a novel framework, integrating political science theories of legitimacy with psychological theories of forgiveness, feelings of (in)justice and desire for revenge. To test this framework, we conduct in-depth interviews, hold focus groups and implement three large-scale surveys with embedded experiments (N=3,600) in Iraq, a country that has endured a series of civil conflicts culminating in the recent confrontation with the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS). This project employs innovative tools to identify both the subnational drivers of violent resentment towards the state and the drivers of reconciliation. It provides policymakers with the information necessary to design successful strategies for reconciliation, re-establishment of state legitimacy, and lasting peace. The findings of this project will have lasting impacts in Iraq and beyond. Collaboration with local Iraqi institutions will create lasting international linkages between the project team and Iraqi researchers, policymakers and development practitioners.

**Funded by:** Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (P19-0761) and Folke Bernadotte Academy (20-00312)

### **To Punish or to Pardon? Attitudes Towards Justice and Reintegration for Europeans who Cooperated with the Islamic State**

(2020 - 2021)

This project integrates political theories of state legitimacy with psychological theories of punishment, justice, and forgiveness. We will run a nationally representative survey in Sweden with booster samples of areas characterized by high densities of socially disadvantaged and foreign-born inhabitants. Within the survey, embedded conjoint experiments are employed to identify variations in drivers of desire for retribution or reconciliation. These experiments will also allow us to test the effects of misalignments between punishments that Europeans see as just and those that the state may implement on willingness to forgive accused IS collaborators, with broader implications for others accused of terrorist behaviors. In this age of international terrorism, this project provides policymakers with information needed to create safe, secure, and inclusive societies.

**Funded by:** Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond (2020-3643)

### **Developing a Locally Rooted Approach to Covid-19 Response in Malawi and Zambia**

(2020 - 2021)

In March 2020 Zambia and Malawi each reported their first cases of Covid-19, with both governments restricting non-essential travel, banning large public gatherings, and establishing emergency committees to spearhead efforts to contain the pandemic at a national level. These national level responses are important, but they do not fully reflect how individuals, and the communities in which they reside, respond to Covid-19. The primary objective of this study is to generate a greater understanding of these responses in Zambia and Malawi. We will examine such issues as: knowledge of Covid-19; attitudes and fears surrounding health and economic impacts; social, economic and health vulnerabilities; and social distancing practices and other preventative measures. We pay particular attention to the local variation in concerns over social stigma, levels

of enforcement (e.g., curfews, market-place closures, social assistance programs), and engagement of different authorities (e.g., religious leaders, local chiefs).

This study has two primary objectives: 1) To generate information and actionable insights for government officials, CSOs, donors, other stakeholders and the public and 2) To provide insights for academics and practitioners concerned with understanding the relationships between individual, household, and community vulnerabilities and resilience in the face of crises.

**Funded by:** Vetenskapsrådet (Recruitment Grant E0003801) and Formas (2016-00228)

## **2. Publications**

### **a. Books**

Grimm, Jannis, Kevin Koehler, Ellen Lust, Ilyas Saliba, and Isabell Schierenbeck (2020). *Safer Research in the Social Sciences: A Systematic Handbook for Human and Digital Security*. London: Sage.

### **b. Articles & Other publications**

Benstead, Lindsay, Kristen Kao, and Ellen Lust (2020). “Does it Matter what Observers Say? The Impact of International Election Monitoring on Legitimacy,” *Mediterranean Politics*.

Benstead, Lindsay (2020). “Conceptualizing and Measuring Patriarchy: The Importance of Feminist Theory,” *Mediterranean Politics*.

Dahlum, Sirianne, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Valeriya Mechovka (2020). “Female Empowerment and Economic Growth,” *Varieties of Democracy Institute Working Paper* No. 103, University of Gothenburg.

Dulani, Boniface, Adam Harris, Jeremy Horowitz, and Happy Kayuni (2020). “Electoral Preferences among Multi-Ethnic Voters in Africa,” *Comparative Political Studies*.

Irgil, Ezgi (2020). “Broadening the Positionality in Migration Studies: Assigned Insider Category,” *Migration Studies*.

Jöst, Prisca (2020). “Unemployed Mobilization without Organization. Grievances and Group Solidarity of the Unemployed in Tunisia,” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, 25(2), pp. 265-283.

Kao, Kristen, Ellen Lust, Boniface Dulani, Karen Ferree, Adam Harris, Erica Metheney (2020). “The ABCs of Covid-19 Prevention in Malawi: Authority, Benefits and Costs of Compliance,” *World Development*.

Kavasoglu, Yaman Berker (2020). “Autocratic Ruling Parties During Regime Transitions: Investigating the Democratizing Effect of Strong Ruling Parties,” *Varieties of Democracy Institute Working Paper* No. 102, University of Gothenburg.

Lust, Ellen and David Waldner (2020). “Democracy Promotion in an Age of Democratic Backsliding,” *Democracy and Autocracy*, 18(1), pp. 16-22.

Lührmann, Anna, Kyle Marquardt, and Valeriya Mechkova (2020). “Constraining Governments: New Indices of Vertical, Horizontal, and Diagonal Accountability,” *American Political Science Review*, 114(3), pp. 811-820.

Mechkova, Valeriya and Ruth Carlitz (2020). “Gendered Accountability: When and Why do Women’s Policy Priorities Get Implemented?” *European Political Science Review*, Online Only.

Mechkova, Valeriya and Steven Wilson (2019). “Does Gender Still Matter for Politics? The Case of the 2018 U.S. Elections on Twitter,” *Digital Society Project Working Paper No. 2*.

Shalaby, Marwa and Abdullah Aydogan (2019). “Elite-Citizen Linkages and Issue Congruency under Competitive Authoritarianism,” *Parliamentary Affairs*, 73(1), pp. 66-88.

Shalaby, Marwa (2020). “Introducing a New Dataset on Legislators’ Activities in Arab Parliaments,” *APSA – The Legislative Scholar*, 4(1).

Tannenbergs, Marcus and Darrel Robinson (2019). “Self-Censorship in Authoritarian States: Evidence from list experiments in China,” *Research and Politics*, 6(3).

Tannenbergs, Marcus, Michael Bernhard, Johannes Gerschewski, Anna Lührmann, and Christian von Soest (2019). “Regime Legitimation Strategies (RLS) 1900-2018,” *Varieties of Democracy Institute Working Paper No. 86*, University of Gothenburg.

Tannenbergs, Marcus (2019). “Autocratic Aid and Democratic Attitudes,” *APSA Annals of Comparative Democratization*, 17(2).

Xezonakis, Georgios, and Felix Hartmann (2020). “Economic Downturns and the Greek Referendum of 2015: Evidence Using Night-Time Light Data,” *European Union Politics*, 21(3), pp. 361-382.

### **c. Book chapters**

Jöst, Prisca and Jan-Philipp Vathauer (2020). “Socioeconomic Contention in Post-2011 Egypt and Tunisia: A Comparison” in I. Weipert-Fenner and J. Wolff (eds.) *Socioeconomic Protests in MENA and Latin America*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 71-103.

Kao, Kristen, Ellen Lust, and Gibran Okar (Forthcoming). “Historical Legacies, Social Cleavages, and Support for Political Islam.” in M. Cammett and P. Jones (eds.) *The Oxford University Press Handbook on Politics of Muslim Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Shalaby, Marwa and Laila Elimam (2020). “Examining Female Membership and Leadership of Legislative Committees in Jordan.” in D. Dahlerup and H. Darhour (eds.) *Double-Edged Politics on Women’s Rights in the MENA Region*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 231-255.

Shalaby, Marwa (Forthcoming). “Toward Understanding the Link between Good Governance and Support for Female Politicians in the Arab World.” in I. Kubbe and A. Varriach (eds.) *The Politics of Corruption in the Middle East and North Africa*. Routledge: Development Studies Series.

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Esaiasson, Peter and Jacob Sohlberg (2020). *Caulking the Social Fabric: How National and Local Identities Promote Pro-Social Attitudes in European Diverse and Disadvantaged Neighborhoods*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 29, University of Gothenburg. Available at: <https://gld.gu.se/media/1693/gld-working-paper-29-final.pdf>

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Mousa, Salma (2019). *Building Tolerance: Intergroup Contact and Soccer in Post-ISIS Iraq*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 26, University of Gothenburg. Available at: <https://gld.gu.se/media/1631/gld-working-paper-26-final.pdf>

Shalaby, Marwa, Chagai Weiss, Ellen Lust, Kristen Kao, Erik Vollmann, Sylvia I. Bergh, Ezra Karmel, Miriam Bohn, Intissar Kherigi, and Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu (2020). *The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Processes, Outcomes, and Obstacles*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 31, University of Gothenburg. Available at: <https://gld.gu.se/media/1738/gld-working-paper-31.pdf>

van Baalen, Sebastian (Forthcoming) *Reconceptualizing Rebel Rule: The Responsiveness of Rebel Governance in Man, Côte D'Ivoire*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 34, University of Gothenburg.

Worrall, James (2020). *Power and Process: Decentralisation in Oman*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 32, University of Gothenburg. Available at: <https://gld.gu.se/media/1861/gld-working-paper-32.pdf>

Yasun, Salih (2020). *Bureaucrat-Local Politician Linkages and Hierarchical Local Governance in Emerging Democracies: A Case Study of Tunisia*. The Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 30, University of Gothenburg. Available at: <https://gld.gu.se/media/1724/gld-working-paper-30.pdf>

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Metheney, Erica, Ellen Lust, Boniface Dulani, Cecilia Ahsan Jansson, Karen Ferree, Adam, Harris, and Kristen Kao (2020). "Covid-19: Fears." *The First GLD-IPOR Covid-19 Survey in Malawi*. Available [here](#).

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**f. [GLD eJournal](#)**

Clientalism and African Elections, *University of Gothenburg Program on Governance & Local Development Research Paper Series*, Vol. 1.

Non-State Actors and Peace Building, *University of Gothenburg Program on Governance & Local Development Research Paper Series*, Vol. 2.

Gender, *University of Gothenburg Program on Governance & Local Development Research Paper Series*, Vol. 3.

**g. Awards**

Kristen Kao and Mara Revkin (2020). *Franklin L. Burdette Pi Sigma Alpha Award*, "Retribution or Reconciliation? Attitudes Toward Rebel Collaborators in Iraq." APSA 2020.

### **3. Presentations & Podcasts**

#### **a. Presentations**

#### **2019**

Felix Hartmann. "Political Selection under Economic Distress." 2019 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Washington DC, USA, Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

Felix Hartmann. "Political Selection under Economic Distress." CCCP Workshop, Cologne, Germany, Sept. 24.

Jannis Grimm and Kevin Köhler. "SAFEResearch in the Social Sciences: A Systematic Handbook for Human and Digital Security." DAVO 2019, Universität Hamburg, Germany, Oct. 3-5.

Lindsay J. Benstead. "Religious Ideology or Networks? Explaining Ennahda's Electoral Success in Tunisia." Program on Arab Reform and Democracy Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA, Oct. 10-11.

Felix Hartmann. "Political Competition, Legislative Division, and Public Spending." School of Economics, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines, Oct. 25.

Kristen Kao and Josepha Wessels. "From Apathy to Empathy? The Effects of Face-to-Face Dialogue and Virtual Reality Immersion on Attitudes towards Refugees of War in Sweden, Turkey, and Jordan." Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies Conference, Centre of Global Migration, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Nov. 7.

Ezgi Irgil. "Natives' Use of Urban Public Spaces Following the Large Refugee Influx." PhD Forum Workshop on International Migration and Human Rights, Uppsala University, Sweden, Nov. 14-15.

Valeriya Mechkova. "Gendered Accountability." Comparative Politics Seminar at Harvard Department of Government, USA, Nov. 21.

Felix Dwinger. "Servicing a Dictator: Question Times and Dictatorial Survival." Autocracy Workshop, University of Konstanz, Germany, Dec. 3-5.

Kristen Kao. "Historical Legacies, Social Cleavages, and Support for Political Islam." Workshop on Muslim Societies, School of Government, Harvard University, USA, Dec. 6-7.

Kristen Kao. "Retribution or Reconciliation? Attitudes Toward Rebel Collaborators in Iraq." Middle East initiative, Harvard Kennedy School, USA, Dec. 9.

Marcus Tannenberg. "Autocratic Aid and Democratic Attitudes." Comparative Politics Workshop, University of California, San Diego, USA, Dec.

#### **2020**

Yaman Berker Kavasoglu. "Autocratic Ruling Parties During Regime Transitions: Investigating the Democratising Effect of Strong Ruling Parties." Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Jan. 10.

Ellen Lust. "Poverty and Clientelism: Do the Poor Embrace Handouts?" Severyns Ravenholt Talk, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, Jan.17.

Prisca Jöst and Kristen Kao. "Poverty & Participation: The Role of Social Ties Across Individuals and Contexts." QoG Annual Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 27-29.

Anna Persson and Elise Tengs. "Who Pays for Distributive Politics?" Rethinking the Patronage State in Sub-Saharan Africa." QoG Annual Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 27-29.

Felix Dwinger. "Matters of Precaution: Reshuffles in Dictatorships." Brownbag Seminar, University of Konstanz, Germany.

Kristen Kao. "From Revenge to Forgiveness: Attitudes Toward Rebel Collaborators in Iraq and Islamic State Returnees to Sweden." Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 6.

Ellen Lust. "Poverty and Clientelism: Do the Poor Embrace Handouts?" Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, Feb. 12.

Ellen Lust. "What's Most Curious, Confusing &/or Perilous on the Geopolitical Horizon?" Renaissance Weekend, Amelia Island, FL, USA, Feb. 14-17.

Ellen Lust. "The Next Tinderboxes & Terrorist Threats - What Might Appear on the International Horizon?" Renaissance Weekend, Amelia Island, FL, USA, Feb. 14-17.

Ellen Lust, Kristen Kao, and Marwa Shalaby. "Welcome Address." The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Comparative Lessons for Oman, The Program on Governance and Local Development, Gothenburg, Sweden, Mar. 2-3.

Ellen Lust, Kristen Kao, and Marwa Shalaby. "General Discussion on the project: *The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Comparative Lessons for Oman.*" The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Comparative Lessons for Oman, The Program on Governance and Local Development, Gothenburg, Sweden, Mar. 2-3.

Erica Metheney. "Introduction to QGIS." Methods Seminar Series, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, Mar. 4.

Felix Dwinger. "Elite Management in Autocracies." AFS 80% Seminar, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Mar. 5.

Kristen Kao. "Signal of Strength? Clientelism and Voters' Expectations of Politicians' Performance in Malawi and Zambia." Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), Virtual Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany, Apr. 24.

Felix Dwinger. "Executive Takeovers and Authoritarian Power Sharing." EPSA 2020 Virtual Annual Conference, June 18-19.

Ilyas Saliba. "Researching Conflict: Methodological Challenges and Opportunities." Safer Research in the Social Sciences, ECPR Standing Group, Online, July 2-3.

Ellen Lust, Boniface Dulani, Wezi Msisha and Henry Chingaipe. "Insights from Malawi's New Government from the First GLD-IPOR Covid-19 Survey." GLD-IPOR Webinar, July 8.



Jannis Grimm and Ilyas Saliba. "Safer Research Handbook." Scholars at Risk, Online, July 15.

Elise Tengs and Anna Persson. "Who Pays for Distributive Politics? Rethinking the Patronage State in Sub-Saharan Africa." QoG 2020 Internal Conference, Online, Aug. 19-21.

Yaman Berker Kavasoglu. "Which Parties are Co-opted? Organizational Drivers of Opposition Co-optation in Autocracies." European Consortium of Political Research General Conference, online, Aug. 20.

Felix Dwinger. "Executive Takeovers and Authoritarian Power Sharing." 2020 Virtual ECPR Annual Conference, Aug. 24-28.

Felix Hartmann. "Compromise under Pressure: The Positive Effects of Divided Government". European Workshop in Empirical Political Science (EuroWEPS), Online, Sept. 17.

## **b. Podcasts**

### Episode 8

**Date:** November 2019

**Title:** Geoffrey Hughes: Tribes Without Sheikhs?

**Guest:** Geoffrey Hughes (University of Exeter)

**Description:** In this episode, Geoffrey Hughes (University of Exeter) talks about his research in the recent GLD working paper "Tribes Without Sheikhs? Technological Change, Media Liberalization, and Authority in Networked Jordan." The discussion centres on the changing nature of authority in Jordan due to the rapidly evolving media sector.

### Episode 9

**Date:** December 2019

**Title:** Decentralization and Reforms in Uzbekistan and Afghanistan

**Guest:** Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh)

**Description:** In this month's episode, Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh) and Ellen Lust (GLD Director) discusses national level reforms and decentralization in Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

### Episode 10

**Date:** December 2019

**Title:** Is Turkey Losing the Integration Battle?

**Guest:** Mine Eder (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)

**Description:** In this month's Governance Uncovered podcast we are joined by Mine Eder (Professor of Political Science, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul) who discusses how migration in Turkey, specifically the influx of around 3.8 million Syrian refugees, has affected the country's social and political landscape. Ideas about how the country is trying - and often failing - to integrate these new residents are also addressed.

### Episode 11

**Date:** January 2020

**Title:** Can Soccer Help Bridge Religious Divides?

**Guest:** Salma Mousa (Stanford University)

**Description:** This month's podcast is part of our special podcast-series on migration. We talk to Salma Mousa (PhD candidate, Stanford University) about her latest research which looks at the relationship between Christians and Muslims in postwar societies. Her research tries to understand if tolerance and prejudice can be changed through interaction between these groups. The study has been recently published as a GLD working paper called "Creating Coexistence: Intergroup Contact and Soccer in Post-ISIS Iraq" and can be found via the link below.

### Episode 12

**Date:** February 2020

**Title:** What Affects Host Communities Acceptance of Migrants

**Guest:** Claire Adida (University of California, San Diego)

**Description:** This month's podcast is part of our special podcast-series on migration. This episode features Claire Adida (University of California, San Diego) and her research surrounding mass migration, and its subsequent discourse, and how it affects host communities around the world.

### Episode 13

**Date:** March 2020

**Title:** Identity Issues in European Diverse and Disadvantaged Neighborhoods

**Guest:** Peter Esaiasson (University of Gothenburg)

**Description:** This month's podcast is part of our special podcast-series on migration. We talk to Peter Esaiasson (University of Gothenburg) about his latest research that looks at social identity in diverse and disadvantaged neighborhoods in Sweden. His research tries to understand whether identification with the neighborhood (local identity) and the nation state (national identity) generates pro-social attitudes among residents.

### Episode 14

**Date:** April 2020

**Title:** Local Politics and Chieftaincy Disputes in Ghana

**Guest:** John-Paul Adjadeh (Ghana Ministry of Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs)

**Description:** This month, we welcome a guest from the Ghana Ministry of Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs, John-Paul Adjadeh. He discusses local politics and the resolution of chieftaincy disputes in Ghana with our director, Professor Ellen Lust. John-Paul has over 7 years of experience working with various Chieftaincy organizations in Ghana under the Ministry of Chieftaincy and Religious Affairs. His primary areas of interest are traditional authorities and development.

### Episode 15

**Date:** May 2020

**Title:** The Student Protests in Hong Kong

**Guest:** Brian Leung Kai-Ping (University of Washington)

**Description:** This month we talk to Brian Leung Kai-Ping, a graduate student in Political Science at the University of Washington. You might also recognize Brian as the brave student activist who removed his mask during the storming of the Hong Kong Legislative Council Complex in July 2019. Brian talks about political mobilization, urban geography and what role it played in the student protests in Hong Kong.

### Episode 16

**Date:** June 2020

**Title:** Outreach International and Community-Led Development

**Guest:** Kevin Prine (Outreach International)

**Description:** This month, we talk to Kevin Prine who is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Outreach International. Outreach International is a charity that eliminates extreme poverty by creating leaders who transform their communities, a process they call Participatory Human Development. Kevin tells us about the organization and their approach to working with development. He discusses the struggles they meet in the field and explains his vision for the charity's work.

### Episode 17

**Date:** June 2020

**Title:** Controlled-Hybrid-Decentralisation in Oman

**Guest:** James Worrall (University of Leeds)

**Description:** This podcast is part of the project: Governance Under Decentralization: Oman And In The Arab Region. This month we talk to Dr James Worrall about Oman. James discusses his latest research into Oman's controlled-hybrid-decentralization process, so termed for its unique mixture of neo-liberal and technocratic solutions, acting in combination with traditional ruling elements. Further information on his work can be found in GLD Working Paper No. 32 – 'Power and Process: Decentralisation in Oman.'

### Episode 18

**Date:** August 2020

**Title:** Vote Buying in China's Village Elections

**Guests:** Susan Whiting & Tan Zhao (University of Washington)

**Description:** We talk to Susan Whiting, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Tan Zhou, Ph.D. Student, from the University of Washington about their latest research, which looks at vote-buying and land taking in China's village elections. They have recently published a paper on the subject called "Farmland and Fraud: Land Rents and Vote Buying in China's Village Elections."

### Episode 19

**Date:** August 2020

**Title:** Choice and Choice Set in Elections

**Guest:** Karen Ferree (University of California, San Diego)

**Description:** This month, we talk to Karen Ferree, Visiting Scholar at GLD Gothenburg from the University of California, San Diego, and a member of GLD's Steering Committee. We talk about her latest research on how ethnicity shapes voting behavior. Karen argues for a reorientation of how we think about ethnic voting, away from an exclusive focus on voters to one that links voter behavior to the supply side of candidates.

### Episode 20

**Date:** September 2020

**Title:** Identity, Sectarianism, and Mobilization in Bahrain and the Middle East

**Guests:** Simon Mabon (Lancaster University)

**Description:** This month, we talk to Simon Mabon, Professor of Politics and International Relations, about his latest research, which looks identity, sectarianism, and mobilization in Bahrain and the Middle East. Simon's work falls at the intersection of Middle East Studies, International Relations and International Political Theory. Simon is also the Director of the Sectarianism, Proxies, and De-Sectarianization Project (SEPAD), which looks at the way in which the rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran is shaping Sectarianism and Politics across the Middle East.

## 4. Conferences & Workshops

### a. GLD Workshops

#### **Workshop on the Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Comparative Lessons for Oman**

**Date:** March 2-3, 2020

**Location:** Gothenburg, Sweden

**Number of Participants:** 15

**Collaborators:** Dr Marwa Shalaby of University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Funder:** Carnegie Corporation of New York

**Description:** This workshop brought together scholars working on decentralization, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, to discuss the nature of decentralization experiences across the region. The discussion focused around the design of decentralization reforms, obstacles faced, progress made and outcomes of reforms, and generated new ideas regarding decentralization.

The workshop is part of a 2-year project (funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York) on decentralization in the MENA, with a focus on Oman. Look for our upcoming GLD publications and blog posts with the main insights from the workshop over the next few months on the [GLD website](#).

#### **Workshop Participants:**

Sami Atallah, *Director at the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, LCPS*

Intissar Kherigi, *Jasmine Foundation*

Ahmed al-Mukhaini, *Independent Scholar*

Ezra Karmel, *University of Guelph*

Miriam Bohn, *Friedrich-Alexander University*

Erik Vollmann, *Friedrich-Alexander University*

Sylvia I. Bergh, *Institute of Social Studies, The Hague*

Ellen Lust, *GLD*

Somayeh Shafiei, *GLD, The Institute of Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran*

Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu, *Bogazici University*

Maryam Al Kharusi, *GLD, Oman*

Chagai Weiss, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

James Worrall, *University of Leeds*

Marwa M. Shalaby, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Kristen Kao, *GLD*

#### **GLD in the MENA Seminar Series and Book Workshop**

**Date:** Sept. 22 – Dec. 8

**Location:** Virtual

**Number of Participants:** 18

**Funder:** Hicham Alaoui Foundation

**Description:** The Governance and Local Development in the Middle East and North Africa volume aims to create a better understanding of local governance in the region. It will explore a diverse set of issues including: why some communities do better at providing services, resolving conflict, or engaging in environmental issues than others, as well as how authority and governance procedures vary across space and time. At a time when discourse on the region focuses on national and international forces affecting refugee crises and terrorism, it reminds us that individuals ‘live locally’ and that governance varies greatly at the subnational level.

This seminar series will look at a chapter a week, allowing participants to present their research and receive feedback. For more information on the GLD in the MENA project, please see our [website](#).

## Workshop Participants:

Lindsay Benstead, *Portland State University*  
Prisca Jöst, *GLD, University of Gothenburg*  
Kristen Kao, *GLD, University of Gothenburg*  
Ellen Lust, *GLD, University of Gothenburg*  
Salma Mousa, *Stanford University*  
Julia Clark, *University of California, San Diego & World Bank*  
Marika Sosnowski, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy & University of Melbourne*  
Sylvia I. Bergh, *Institute of Social Studies, The Hague*

Intissar Kherigi, *Jasmine Foundation*  
Christiana Parreira, *Princeton University*  
Steven Brooke, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Monica Komer, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Aytug Sasmaz, *Harvard University*  
Marwa M. Shalaby, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
Alexandra Blackman, *NYU Abu Dhabi*  
Matt Buehler, *University of Tennessee*  
Ahmed Al Mukheini, *Independent Scholar*  
Francesco Colin, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*

## 5. Short Term Grants

### Autumn 2019

**Recipient Name:** Chao-yo Cheng

**Project Title:** Sociopolitical Factors of Reliable Electricity Supply and the Willingness to Pay: Experimental Evidence from Households and Power Sector

**Amount:** 21 625 sek

**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Mattias Krönke

**Project Title:** The Effect of Democratic Accountability on Basic Service Delivery and the Role of Political Parties Therein (TBC)

**Amount:** 35 000 sek

**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Steven Brooke

**Project Title:** Local Religious Institutions and Protection from Extra-Judicial Killings – Evidence from a Survey of Catholic Parishes in the Philippines

**Amount:** 31 000

**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Guillermo Toral

**Project Title:** How State Prosecutors Impact Public Service Delivery in their Municipalities (TBC)

**Amount:** 27 680 sek

**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Sebastian van Baalen

**Project Title:** Reconceptualizing Rebel Rule: The Responsiveness of Rebel Governance in Man, Côte D'Ivoire.

**Amount:** 33 000 sek

**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, September 2020)

**Recipient Name:** Deodatus Patrick Shavo  
**Project Title:** Citizen Participation in Local Government Elections in the Age of Crowdsourcing: Explorations and Considerations in Tanzania  
**Amount:** 32 000 sek  
**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Spring 2020**

**Recipient Name:** Paige Bollen  
**Project Title:** Legibility from below: Language, Visibility, and Ethnic Politics in Africa  
**Amount:** 28 025 sek  
**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Anirvan Chowdhury  
**Project Title:** How do Religiously Conservative Parties Mobilize Women in Election Campaigns? Theory and Evidence from India  
**Amount:** 26 240 sek  
**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Karen Ferree  
**Project Title:** Choice Set and Ethnic Voting in Africa (Book Project)  
**Amount:** 31 000 sek  
**Output:** Book and Working Paper (Forthcoming)

**Recipient Name:** Blair Read  
**Project Title:** When Voice Leads to Exit: Politics of Education in Developing Democracies (TBC)  
**Amount:** 32 870 sek  
**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

**Recipient Name:** Salih Yasun  
**Project Title:** Structuring Inclusive Local Governance in Post-Authoritarian Tunisia  
**Amount:** 21 625 sek  
**Output:** GLD Working Paper (Forthcoming, Spring 2021)

## 6. GLD Outreach

### a. Outreach in Numbers



*We reach out to people worldwide, from East Africa and the Middle East to the United States and Scandinavia.*

### b. Outreach in Media

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## 7. Staff & PhD Students

### a. Current Staff

**Ellen Lust** (Director)

**Kristen Kao** (Senior Research Fellow)

**Erica Metheny** (Statistician and Head of Data Team)

**Cecilia Ahsan Jansson** (Data Analyst)

**Kirk Ammerman** (Data Analyst)

**Marcus Skog** (Data Manager)

**Rose Shaber-Twedt** (Director’s Assistant)

**Olivia Östlin** (Communications Officer)

**Tove Wikehult** (Program Coordinator – On leave June 2020-April 2021)

**Dalilah Sabanic** (Program Manager – On leave Sept 2019-Oct 2020)

### b. PhD Students

**Felix Dwinger**

Title of Dissertation: “Parliamentary Oversight under Autocratic Rule”

Advisors: Ellen Lust, Anders Sundell, and Milan Svobik

**Felix Hartmann**

Title of Dissertation: “Political Agency and Its Critics: A Local Perspective”

Advisors: Ellen Lust and Marcia Grimes

**Ezgi Irgil**

Title of Dissertation: “Natives, Newcomers, and Politics of Everyday Life in the Urban”

Advisors: Peter Esaiasson and Andrea Spehar

**Prisca Jöst**

Title of Dissertation: “The Political Participation of the Poor”

Advisors: Ellen Lust and Kristen Kao

**Yaman Berker Kavasoglu**

Title of Dissertation: “Institutionalization, Opposition Strategies and Regime Outcomes under Authoritarianism”

Advisors: Staffan I. Lindberg and Anna Luhrmann

**Valeriya Mechkova**

Title of Dissertation: “Elites On A Leash: When Does Representation And Accountability Work For Development?”

Advisors: Ellen Lust and Lena Wängnerud

**Marcus Tannenberg**

Title of Dissertation: “Legitimacy As Congruence: The Regime’s Menu Of Legitimation And Citizens’ Appetite.”

Advisors: Staffan I. Lindberg and Ellen Lust

**Elise Tengs**

Title of Dissertation: “Accountability through Taxation: Challenges and Opportunities”

Advisors: Anna Persson and Rasmus Broms

**c. Interns****2020**

Purushottam Adhikari (Nepal)

Olivia Östlin (Sweden)

Lali Dvali (Sweden)

Axel Tengwall (Sweden)

Isabel Wilson (Sweden)

**d. Visiting Scholars****2020**

**Somayeh Shafiei** (Assistant Research Professor, Institute of Humanities and Cultural Studies, Iran)

**Karen Ferree** (Associate Professor, University of California, San Diego, USA)

**8. Steering Committee**

**Boniface Dulani** (Senior Lecturer, Chancellor College, University of Malawi)

**Mine Eder** (Professor, Bogazici Univeristy)

**Karen Ferree** (Associate Professor, University of California, San Diego)

**Adam Harris** (Associate Professor, University College London)

**Kristen Kao** (Senior Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg)

**Pierre F. Landry** (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

**Ellen Lust** (Director of GLD, Professor, University of Gothenburg)

**Jennifer Murtazashvili** (Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh)

**Marwa Shalaby** (Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

## 9. Project and PhD Funding

### PROJECT FUNDING

Project Title	Dates	Funder	Principal Investigator	Total Amount (in SEK)
Rekrytering av Ellen Lust	2015-2025	Vetenskapsrådet	Ellen Lust	131 256 000
Governance in Service	2016 COMPLETE	The World Bank Group	Ellen Lust	89 672
Governance and Local Development in the MENA	2017-2022	Hicham Alaoui Foundation	Ellen Lust	1 761 283
Social Institutions and Governance: Lessons from Sub-Saharan Africa	2017-2022 COMPLETE	Vetenskapsrådet	Ellen Lust	7 800 000
The Governance Challenge of Urbanization: The Role of Social Institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa	2017-2022	FORMAS	Ellen Lust	9 110 664
SAFEResearch	2017-2019 COMPLETE	Riksbankens Jubileumsfond	Ellen Lust	250 000
SAFEResearch e-Handbook Conference	2018 COMPLETE	Vetenskapsrådet	Ellen Lust	145 000
Public Goods Provision in the Shadow of Urbanization: Lessons from Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia (Swedish Research Links)	2019-2022	Vetenskapsrådet	Erica Metheny	796 735
Decentralization and Governance in Oman: A Study on Governance under Decentralization	2019-2022	Carnegie Corporation of New York	Ellen Lust and Marwa Shalaby	3 302 652
Refugee Migration and Cities: Social Institutions, Political Governance and Integration in Jordan, Turkey and Sweden (SIPGI)	2019-2025	Vetenskapsrådet	Kristen Kao and Andrea Spehar	17 667 545
From Revenge to Forgiveness: Strengthening Durable Peace in Post-Conflict Societies	2020-2023	Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and Folke Bernadotte Academy	Kristen Kao	3 596 000
To Punish or to Pardon? Attitudes Towards Justice and Reintegration for Europeans who Cooperated with the Islamic State	2020-2021	Lundgrens Stiftelser	Kristen Kao	66 000
<b>Total</b>				<b>175 445 551</b>

### PHD PROJECT FUNDING

Project Title	Funder	Principal Investigator	Total Amount (in SEK)
Social Context and Community Participation in Tunisia: A field Experiment on Clean-up Initiatives in Three Different Neighbourhoods in Tunis.”	POMEPS Travel, Research, and Engagement Grant (2020)	Prisca Jöst	26 000
Improving Practices for Asking Sensitive Questions in Surveys	The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (2020)	Marcus Tannenberg	52 000
Improving Practices for Asking Sensitive Questions in Surveys	Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse (2020)	Marcus Tannenberg	40 000
The Politics of Self-Censorship	Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond (2020)	Marcus Tannenberg	40 000
University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis	The Donation Board Scholarships – University of Gothenburg (2019)	Elise Tengs	20 000
Accountability through Taxation: The Threat of Corruption	Forskraftstiftelsen Theodor Adelswårds Minne (2019)	Elise Tengs	50 000
Conference Grant – ECPR Joint Sessions and NOPSA 2020	Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen (2019)	Elise Tengs	20 000
Conference Grant – ICPSR Summer Programme in Quantitative Methods of Social Research 2020	Swedish National Data Service (SND) (2020)	Elise Tengs	20 000
<b>Total</b>			<b>268 000</b>