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CURRENT POSITIONS

2019 – Present

Adjunct Professor

Department of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

2015 – Present

Adjunct Professor

Department of Political Science, King's University College, London, Ontario, Canada

2017 – Present

Co-Director

Middle East and North Africa Research Group at the University of Western Ontario

EDUCATION

The University of Western Ontario, Canada

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Fields: Comparative Politics & International Relations

Fieldwork: the Kurdish regions (Iraq and Turkey)

Research interests: international relations, foreign policy, federalism, power-sharing, democratization, secession, nationalism, states

University of Windsor, Canada

M.A., Political Science, 2009

King's University College at The University of Western Ontario, Canada

B.A. Honours, Political Science and History, 2007

FIELD RESEARCH

International Observer for the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) for Iraq's federal parliamentary election – 12 May 2018, Dohuk, Iraq.

International Observer for the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) for the Kurdish region's parliamentary election – 21 September 2013, Erbil, Iraq.

International Observer for the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) for Iraq's federal parliamentary election – 30 April 2014, Dohuk, Iraq.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. Hassan, Zheger. *De Facto States: Iraqi Kurdistan in Comparative Perspective*. Under contract with McGill-Queen's University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

1. "Baghdad Confronts Iraqi Kurdistan over Referendum and Kirkuk," *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. 28 November 2017. Available at: <https://www.georgetownjournalofinternationalaffairs.org/online-edition/2017/11/28/baghdad-confronts-iraqi-kurdistan-over-independence-and-kirkuk>
2. "Political Systems and Parties," in Sebastian Maisel (ed.), *The Kurds: An Encyclopaedia* (Santa Barbara: ABC Clio, 2018).
3. "Kurdish Nationalism: What are its origins?" *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies*. Vol. 7, No. 2 (2013): 75-89.

Media

1. "The many misconceptions about the Kurds." *The Globe and Mail*. 20 November 2019. Toronto, Canada.
2. "Progress in Iraq, but Democracy will be Tested." *The Globe and Mail*. 22 May 2018. Toronto, Canada.
3. "Could Canada De-Escalate Tensions between the Kurds and Baghdad?" *The Globe and Mail*. 22 November 2017. Toronto, Canada.
4. "Canada caught in a web of competing Kurdish factions in Iraq." *The Globe and Mail*. 7 July 2017. Toronto, Canada.
5. "The real battle for Mosul begins when Islamic State is defeated." *The Globe and Mail*. 12 December 2016. Toronto, Canada.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Journal Articles

1. "Comparing Nationalists in Quebec and Iraqi Kurdistan."
2. "Ethnic Conflict and Secession: An Institutional Explanation."

GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE CONSULTATION

1. Expert Testimony in Immigration Proceedings for Iraqi Ethnic and Religious Minorities. Latham and Watkins LLP, Washington, DC, United States of America. 2017-2021.
2. Iraq Policy Round-Table. Global Affairs Canada. Ottawa, Canada. 25 January 2017.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. 2018. "The Consequences of Iraqi Kurdistan's Independence Referendum." *The Canadian Political Science Association*, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.
2. 2017. Invited Participant in Round Table. "Canada's Evolving Role in Iraq." *Global Affairs Canada*. Ottawa, Canada.
3. 2017. "The Kurdish State in the Middle East: A New Power Broker?" *MENARG Speakers' Series*. University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.
4. 2017. "The Peshmerga and Kurdish Nationalism." *The Canadian Political Science Association*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
5. 2017. "Canada and Kurdistan Regional Government: Unlikely Allies." *The Canadian Political Science Association*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
6. 2015. "Iraqi Kurdistan: Is Independence a 'Foregone Conclusion?'" *The Canadian Political Science Association*, University of Ottawa, Canada.
7. 2014. "Iraqi Kurdistan: Is Independence Desirable?" *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, Toronto, Canada.
8. 2013. "De Facto States and the Independence Question: Is Iraqi Kurdistan an Exception?" *International Conference: The PKK, Kurdish Nationalism and the Future of Turkey*, Alexandria, VA. USA.
9. 2013. "De Facto States: Is Recognition the Endgame?" *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Francisco, CA, USA.
10. 2012. "Using and Abusing History: The Case of Halabja." *Second International Conference on Kurdish Studies*, University of Exeter, UK.
11. 2012. "The Kurdistan Regional Government's Policy Since 2003." *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego, CA, USA.
12. 2012. "Kurdish Nationalism: Where did it come from and where is it going?" *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego, CA, USA.
13. 2011. "The Future of Kurdistan." *The Canadian Political Science Association*, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

1. 2014-2015 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship
2. 2013-2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
3. 2010-2014 Western Graduate Research Scholarship
4. 2013 Graduate Thesis Research Award, UWO
5. 2011-2014 Department of Political Science (UWO) Travel Grant
6. 2012-2014 International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant
7. 2011-2014 Society of Graduate Students Travel Grant
8. 2011-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant Union Travel Grant
9. 2012 University of Exeter, Travel Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (MOST RECENT COURSES)

2021	Developing Countries in Global Politics – King’s University College
2020-2021	Canadian Government and Politics – Wilfrid Laurier University
2020-2021	The Polarization of American Politics – Wilfrid Laurier University
2020	Dysfunction of the American Political System – Wilfrid Laurier University
2019-2021	Introduction to Comparative Politics – King’s University College at UWO
2017-2018	Foreign Policy I – King’s University College at UWO
2017-2018	Foreign Policy II – King’s University College at UWO
2016-2017	Immigration and Multiculturalism – King’s University College at UWO

TEACHING RECOGNITION

2018-2019	Nominated for King’s UC Award for Teaching Excellence
2017-2018	Dean’s Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence
2016-2017	Dean’s Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence
2015-2016	Dean’s Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence
2013-2014	Nominated for Graduate Teaching Students Award

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UWO Department of Political Science Representative for Society of Graduate Students Council.

Chair of ISA panel, ‘Nationalism in Comparative Perspective: From YouTube to the Battlefield,’ San Diego, CA, USA.

LANGUAGES

English – native language

Kurdish (Kurmanji) – reading and writing intermediate; speaker advanced

French – beginner

Arabic – beginner

CITIZENSHIP

Canadian