

# MAI HASSAN

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND LEADERSHIP	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Associate Professor, Department of Political Science Faculty Director, MIT-Africa	2022 - 2022 -
	<b>University of Michigan</b> Associate Professor, Department of Political Science Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science President's Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Center for Political Studies, Faculty Associate Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, Faculty Associate	2021 - 2022 2016 - 2021 2014 - 2016
	<b>Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University</b> Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow	2019 - 2020
EDUCATION	<b>Harvard University</b> Ph.D, Government A.M., Government	2014 2010
	<b>University of Virginia</b> B.A., Economics B.A., Political & Social Thought	2008 2008
BOOK	Hassan, Mai. 2020. <i>Regime Threats and State Solutions: Bureaucratic Loyalty and Embeddedness in Kenya</i> . Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics. Named a <i>Foreign Affairs</i> Best Book of 2020 Winner of APSA's 2021 Robert A. Dahl Award Winner of ASA's 2021 Bethwell A. Ogot Award Reviewed in: <i>African Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>African Studies Review</i> (Review Essay), <i>Commonwealth &amp; Comparative Politics</i> , <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , <i>Global Change, Peace &amp; Security</i> , <i>Governance</i> , <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> , <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> , <i>The Monkey Cage</i> ( <i>Washington Post</i> ) Podcast coverage: New Books Network, Scope Conditions, Ufahamu Africa	
ARTICLES	Hassan, Mai. Forthcoming. Coordinated Dis-Coordination. <i>American Political Science Review</i> .  Hassan, Mai and Ahmed Kodouda. Forthcoming. Dismantling or Reforging Clientelistic Ties? Sudan's Civil Service Reform After Revolution. <i>World Development</i> .  Hassan, Mai and Kathleen Klaus. 2023. Closing the Gap: The Politics of Land Formalization in Kenya. <i>World Politics</i> , 75(2): 233 - 279.  Hassan, Mai, Daniel Mattingly, and Elizabeth Nugent. 2022. Political Control. <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> , 25: 155 - 174.  Hassan, Mai. 2022. New Insights on Africa's Autocratic Past. <i>African Affairs</i> , 121(483): 321 - 333.	

Carter, Brett L. and Mai Hassan. 2021. Regional Governance in Divided Societies: Evidence from the Republic of Congo and Kenya. *Journal of Politics*, 83(1): 40 - 57.

Bertelli, Anthony, Mai Hassan, Daniel Honig, Daniel Rogger, and Martin Williams. 2020. An Agenda for the Study of Public Administration in Developing Countries. *Governance*, 33(4): 735 - 748.  
Introduction to Special Issue on Public Administration in Developing Countries

Hassan, Mai and Thomas O'Mealia. 2020. Representative Bureaucracy, Role Congruence, and Kenya's Gender Quota. *Governance*, 33(4): 809 - 827.

Hassan, Mai and Ahmed Kodouda. 2019. Sudan's Uprising: The Fall of a Dictator. *Journal of Democracy*, 30(4): 89 - 103.

Hassan, Mai and Thomas O'Mealia. 2018. Uneven Accountability in the Wake of Political Violence: Evidence from Kenya's Ashes and Archives. *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(2): 161 - 174.  
*2018 Best Article Award, African Politics Conference Group*

Hassan, Mai. 2017. The Strategic Shuffle: Ethnic Geography, the Internal Security Apparatus, and Elections in Kenya. *American Journal of Political Science*, 61(2): 382 - 395.

Hassan, Mai and Ryan Sheely. 2017. Executive-Legislative Relations, Party Defections, and Lower-Level Administrative Unit Proliferation: Evidence from Kenya. *Comparative Political Studies*, 50(12): 1595 - 1631.

Hassan, Mai. 2016. A State of Change: District Creation in Kenya After the Beginning of Multi-Party Elections. *Political Research Quarterly*, 69(3): 510 - 521.

Hassan, Mai. 2015. Continuity Despite Change: Kenya's New Constitution and Un-Changing Executive Power. *Democratization* 22(4): 587 - 609.

WORKING PAPERS "Who Gets Hired? Political Patronage and Bureaucratic Favoritism" (w/ *Horacio Larreguy and Stuart Russell*)  
*R&R, American Political Science Review*

WORKING PROJECTS "Coordination in the Shadow of Repression" (w/ *Tak-Huen Chau and Andrew Little*)

"Explaining The Gender Gap: Women and Land Titling in Kenya" (w/ *Kathleen Klaus*)

"Public Finance in Kenya" (w/ *Stuart Russell*)

SELECTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT "Sudan's Generals Are Dragging the Country Toward Disaster: Only Civilian Leaders Can Forge a Path to Peace" (w/ *Ahmed Kodouda*)  
*Foreign Affairs*: Online, 1 May, 2023

"The Coup in Sudan Can Be Stopped" (w/ *Killian Clarke*)  
*The New York Times*: Guest Opinion Essay, pg. A23, 30 October 2021

"Sudan Ousted Two Autocrats in Three Days. Here's What's Next" (w/ *Ahmed Kodouda*)  
*The Washington Post*: Monkey Cage Online, 15 April 2019

"The Waning Possibility of Democracy in Sudan"  
*NPR*: 1A Podcast (Commentator), 20 June 2019

“After the Ouster”

*Vox*: Today Explained Podcast (Commentator), 18 June 2019

OTHER WRITING

“Sudan at the Crossroads”

*APSA MENA Newsletter*: April 2022

CHAPTERS IN  
EDITED VOLUMES

Hassan, Mai. 2020. The Politics of Resource Distribution. In *Oxford Handbook of Kenyan Politics*, eds. Nicholas Cheeseman, Karuti Kanyinga, and Gabrielle Lynch (Oxford University Press).

Hassan, Mai. 2019. Federalism & Devolution. In *Routledge Handbook of Democratization in Africa*, eds. Gabrielle Lynch and Peter VonDoepp (Routledge Press).

FELLOWSHIPS AND  
AWARDS

2021 APSA Robert A. Dahl Award

2021 ASA Bethwell A. Ogot Award

2019-20 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, CASBS at Stanford University

2018 CASBS Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness

2018 University of Michigan Center for Political Studies Converse Miller Award

2018 Best Article Award, African Politics Conference Group

2014-16 University of Michigan Presidential Post-doctoral Fellowship

2014 APCG-Lynne Rienner Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation in African Politics

INVITED TALKS,  
LECTURES, AND  
CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

2023: Boston University’s Research in Comparative Politics Workshop, Boston University African Studies Center and the Pardee School of Global Studies, Brookings Institute Middle East Policy Future Leaders Symposium, Northeast Africa Forum at Oxford University, Sudan: Insight into Current Events hosted by Cornell University’s Critical Ottoman & Post-Ottoman Studies, Princeton’s Comparative Politics Colloquium (scheduled), Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research (scheduled), APSA Pre-Conference on Bureaucratic Politics (scheduled), IDInsight Brown Bag (scheduled), Harvard Kennedy School Middle East Initiative (scheduled)

2022: University of Wisconsin-Madison Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Florida African Studies Center, University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Cornell University Government Department Workshop, ISA “Global Challenges to Democracy” Roundtable, University of Lincoln School of Social and Political Sciences Research Seminar Series, University of Washington Severyns Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, Harvard Kennedy School, ITAM Comparative Politics Seminar, William & Mary Global Research Institute, Presentation for the US Department of State on Kenya, USAID Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

2021: University of Virginia Lansing B. Lee, Jr./Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, University of Essex Government Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pittsburgh Online Historical Political Economy Speaker Series, NYU Comparative Politics Seminar, Columbia University Comparative Politics Seminar, University of California Berkeley Comparative Politics Seminar, University of Gothenburg Political Science Department Speaker Series, University of Oslo Comparative Institutions and Regimes Speaker Series, Stanford University Comparative Politics Seminar, Georgetown University, Boston University African Studies Center, University of Michigan Center for Political Studies, University of Oxford

2020: University of Wisconsin-Madison Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale Repression in China and the World Workshop, Stanford University CDDRL Seminar, Berggruen Institute AI Metaphors Workshop, Duke University, University of Pittsburgh MWEPS IV Conference, Ohio State University MWEPS V Conference, Association of Sudanese American Professors Workshop, CASBS Frontiers of Organization Studies Convocation Workshop, Political Science and the New Politics of Authoritarianism\*, Stanford PACS Junior Scholars Forum\*, University of California Berkeley Africa Colloquium\*, Stanford University Center for African

Studies\*, University of California Davis Comparative Politics Workshop\*, University of California Los Angeles Comparative Politics Workshop\*, Stanford University Comparative Politics Seminar\*, CASBS-CIFAR Program on Institutions, Organizations, and Growth\*

*\*cancelled due to COVID-19*

2019: University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Workshop, Harvard University Comparative Politics Speaker Series, University of California Merced Political Science Department, Georgetown University CRITICS Speaker Series, George Washington University Dean's Seminar, CASBS Frontiers of Organization Studies Reunion Workshop, Vanderbilt MWEPS III Conference, University of San Francisco, CASBS Fellows Research Seminar, Bocconi University DONDENA Seminar Series, London School of Economics Comparative Politics Workshop, Association of Sudanese American Professors Workshop

2018: Arizona State University New Perspectives on State Building, Center for Development and Public Policy, Uppsala University Department of Peace and Conflict Research, French Institute for Research in Africa Devolution in Kenya Conference, Oxford University African Seminar Series, University of Michigan MWEPS I Conference, University of California Los Angeles Race and Ethnic Politics Speaker Series, Morehouse College Political Science Department Politics & Pizza Speaker Series, Emory University Political Science Speaker Series, The Ohio State University Bureaucratic Politics in the Developing World Conference, University of California Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium, Naval Postgraduate School Global Connections Speaker Series, Southern Political Science Association Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Regimes

2017: Southern Political Science Association Mini-Conference on Authoritarian Regimes, U.S. Department of State Analytic Exchange Future of Kenyan Democracy, Gates Foundation Public Management and Public Finance in Developing Countries Conference, Johns Hopkins SAIS Research in Implementation Seminar, University of Chicago Program on International Security Policy, Ohio University Africa@OHIO Series, University of Chicago State, Violence, and Social Control Conference, Northwestern University Program of African Studies

2016: Peace Science Workshop on New Findings from the Archives of Political Conflict, University of Michigan Peace and Conflict Workshop, George Washington University and the World Bank Working Group in African Political Economy Conference, Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Michigan Political Economy Workshop

2015: Oxford University Devolution in Kenya Conference, The Ohio State University Comparative Politics Workshop, Michigan State University Workshop on Conflict

2014: New York University Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science

2013: Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies Kenya @ 50 Conference, Harvard University Boston-Working Group in African Political Economy

Various Annual Meetings of the African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, and Midwest Political Science Association

#### TEACHING

Poli Sci 688: Authoritarian Regimes (G), Poli Sci 688: Contentious Politics (G), Poli Sci 455: Regime Change in sub-Saharan Africa (U), Poli Sci 389: Coercion in Autocracies (U), Poli Sci 352: How to be an Autocrat (U)

#### DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

**Completed (year, first placement)** Thomas O'Mealia (2022, Harvard T.H. Chan postdoc)

**In Progress** Eyal Hanfling (MIT), Mary Langan (Johns Hopkins SAIS), Yehia Mekawi (Michigan), Maria Nagawa (Duke), Elizabeth Parker-Magyar (MIT), Katharin Tai (MIT), Rebecca Wai (Michigan), Ziyi Wu (MIT)

## SERVICE

### **Discipline**

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2023-  
Editorial Board, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2024-  
Guest Editor, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2023  
APSA Political Economy Division Co-Chair, 2021-2022  
Guest Editor, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2021  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, 2020-  
APSA Politics and History Section Council, 2019-  
MWEPS Executive Committee Member, 2019-2022  
WGAPE Executive Committee Member, 2018-  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Public Policy*, 2018-  
MWEPS, Founding Member and Executive Committee Member, 2018-  
NCOBPS Section Chair for Comparative Politics and International Relations, 2015; 2020  
African Politics Conference Group Nominations Committee, 2019-2020  
APSA Section Co-Chair for African Politics Conference Group, 2018-2019  
MPSA Section Co-Chair for African Politics, 2018  
Juan Linz Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics Award Committee, 2016  
Reviewer for: *African Affairs*, *African Studies Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict, Security & Development*, *Democratization*, *Governance*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *National Review of Black Politics*, *Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Publis: The Journal of Federalism*, *United States Institute of Peace*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Politics*

### **At MIT**

MIT-Africa Faculty Co-Director, 2022-  
Political Science Department DEI Working Group, 2022

### **At Michigan**

Center for Political Institutions Steering Committee, 2020-2021  
Diversity Ally Committee, 2018-2019  
Climate Liaison, 2017-2018  
Admissions Committee, 2016-2017  
Political Economy Workshop, Co-organizer, 2016-2018  
Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Recruitment Fair, Representative: 2015-2017

## SKILLS

Stata, R, ArcGIS, Arabic (*Native*), Spanish (*Basic*)