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**A. ACADEMIC HISTORY**

EDUCATION

2013 **Doctor of Philosophy,** Political Science, McGill University*.*

Fields: *International Relations, Comparative Politics.* Thesis: *Between the Mosque and the Market: an economic explanation of state failure and state formation in the modern Muslim world.* Date obtained: May 30, 2013

2003 **Master of Arts,** Munk Centre, University of Toronto.

Field: *International Relations.* Date obtained: November 20, 2003.

2002 **Honours** **Bachelor of Arts,** Trinity College, University of Toronto. Fields: *International Relations (major), Political Science (major), and Environmental Studies (minor)*. Date obtained: June 20, 2002. *Graduated with distinction.*

# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Current **Associate Professor, University of Toronto**

Department of Political Science, Scarborough Campus

**Associate Chair, Academic**

Department of Political Science, Scarborough Campus

2013-2020 **Assistant Professor, University of Toronto**

Department of Political Science, Scarborough Campus

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2022-Current **Member,** Royal Society of Canada, College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists

2021-Current **Editorial Board,** International Security (Impact Factor: 5.432)

2021-Current **Editorial Board,** Security Studies (Impact Factor: 2.167)

2019-2022 **Associate** **Fellow,** Trinity College

2017-2020 **Senior Fellow,** Massey College

2016-Current **Senior Researcher, Global Justice Lab,** Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2016-Current **Director, Islam and Global Affairs Initiative**, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2011-2012 **Research Fellow,** Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, International Security Program Fellowship and Initiative on Religion in International Affairs

AWARDS, PRIZES, AND HONOURS

2022 **Best Article of 2021 Award** from the Journal of Global Security Studies. Awarded for Aisha Ahmad, “The Long Jihad: The Boom-Bust Cycle Behind Jihadist Durability” in *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Volume 6, Issue 4 (December 2021).

2019 **Edgar S. Furniss Book Award,** for best new book in international or national securityfrom the Mershon Center, Ohio State University. Awarded for *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

2018 **Best Book Award in Comparative Politics,** by Canadian Political Science Association. Awarded for *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

2018 **Best Books List,** named author of one of the best books of 2018 by *Foreign Affairs* magazine, for *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

2018 **Northrop Frye Award of Excellence,** from University of Toronto. Awarded annually for outstanding and innovative pedagogy that integrates research and teaching, across all disciplines and all campuses at the University of Toronto.

2018 **Assistant Professor Award,** fromUniversity of Toronto Scarborough. Awarded annually for outstanding undergraduate instruction at a pre-tenure stage, across all disciplines at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

2018 **Muslim Woman of the Year,** from Muslim Awards of Excellence, MAX Gala. Awarded annually to a Muslim woman leader for outstanding professional achievement and service to the community.

2017 **Best Security Article Award,** from International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association. Awarded for Aisha Ahmad, "The Security Bazaar: Business Interests and Islamist Power in Civil War Somalia," in *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 3 (Winter 2014/15), pp. 89-117.

2017 **Most Inspiring Women in Toronto,** by Post City Magazine. Featured as one of the most inspirational women in the city of Toronto.

2011 **Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award**, Teaching Assistant of the Year, from Political Science Students’ Association, McGill University. Awarded annually to one graduate instructor for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

2011 **Graduate Research Award,** fromMcGill University. Awarded for excellence in graduate research.

2010-2012 **Doctoral Fellowship Award,** from Department of National Defence, Security and Defence Forum**.** Awarded for outstanding doctoral research in the field of security, (national competition).

2009-2010 **Doctoral Field Research Award,** from International Development Research Centre. Awarded for excellence in graduate field research in developing countries, (national competition).

2009 **Doctoral Research Award,** fromHorowitz Foundation for Social Policy. Awarded for outstanding policy-relevant doctoral research, (international research competition)

2008-2010 **Doctoral Fellowship Award,** fromSocial Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Awarded for excellence in doctoral research, (national competition).

2008 **Graduate Fellowship,** fromCentre for Developing and Area Studies, McGill University. Awarded for excellence in graduate research.

2006 **Graduate Research Fellowship,** from Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada), International Security Research and Outreach Program (ISROP). Awarded for excellence in graduate research, (national competition).

PRIOR RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2005-2010 **Research Associate,** Institute for Policy Studies (Pakistan)

2010 **Research Assistant,** project based at Princeton University (USA)

2009 **Research Consultant,** project based atCenter on International Cooperation, New York University (USA)

2007-2009 **Research Assistant,** project based atMcGill University (Canada)

2007 **Consultant,** International Development Research Centre, “Security and Research in Afghanistan” in Ottawa on March 29, 2007 (Canada)

2006-2007 **Consultant,** Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute (Canada)

2006-2007 **Country Director,** Open Net Initiative, project based at Harvard Law School, Berkman Center for Internet and Society (Pakistan field study)

2006 **Visiting Researcher,** Department of International Relations, Peshawar University (Pakistan)

2005 **Writer**, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Online News Journal, Viewpoint (Afghanistan)

* 1. **Researcher,** Africa Peace Forum (Kenya)

2004-2005 **Associate Researcher,** Institute for International Diplomacy, University of Nairobi (Kenya; Somalia)

GRANTS

2023-2025 **Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant,** Survival Without the State: Community-Led Famine Mitigation in War-Torn Somalia [principal investigator: CAD$74,940]

2021-2025 **Clusters of Scholarly Prominence,** University of Toronto Scarborough [co-investigator on interdisciplinary team led by principal investigators Dr. Marney Isaac and Dr. Jayeeta Sharma; CAD $1.2 million over 3 years]

2020-2021 **Department of National Defence, MINDS Targeted Engagement Grant**, Future Security Challenges Facing Canada: Vital Insights from Women in International Security [principal investigator; CAD$17,000]

2020-2021 **Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Connections Grant,** Future Security Challenges Facing Canada: Vital Insights from Women in International Security [principal investigator; CAD$24,950]

2020-2021 **Department of National Defence Research Initiative, SSHRC Supplement,** The Long Jihad: Explaining the Durability of Jihadist Insurgencies [principal investigator; CAD$10K]

2019-2021 **Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant,** The Long Jihad: Explaining the Durability of Jihadist Insurgencies [principal investigator; CAD$61.4K]

2018-19 **Private donation,** [principal investigator; CAD$20,000 for one year.]

2016-2020 **Norwegian Research Council,** Jihadist War Economies Project [co-investigator on four-person team; USD$1.4 million award]

2013-2014 **Connaught New Researcher Award,** Elite Targeting and Network Fragmentation in Islamic Insurgencies [principal investigator; $10K]

2012 **Private donation,** International Relations of Islamic World Project [principal investigator; $100K. One-time, unlimited fund.]

COUNTRY STUDIES AND FIELDWORK

2020-current **Somalia,** Moringa Oleifera Project

2016-2019 **Mali**, Jihadist War Economies Project

2017-2018 **Lebanon and Iraq**, Jihadist War Economies Project

2015-2018 **Indonesia**, The Just Jihad Project

2004-2016 **Somalia and Kenya**, *Jihad & Co.* Book Project

2005-2009 **Afghanistan and Pakistan**, *Jihad & Co.* Book Project

**B. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

***Academic Books:***

Aisha Ahmad (ed.), *Future Security Challenges Facing Canada: Vital Insights from Women Experts* (forthcoming with University of Toronto Press, 2024)

Aisha Ahmad, *Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2017.

*Winner of the 2017 Edgar S. Furniss Book Award for best new book in International Security from the Mershon Center; Winner of 2018 Best Book in Comparative Politics Prize from the Canadian Political Science Association. Best Books List of 2018 in Foreign Affairs. Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, Volume 17, Issue 2 (June 2019), pp. 619-620.*

***Book Projects in Progress:***

Aisha Ahmad, *Bright! A Guide for Women of Color in Academia* (contracted with *John Hopkins University Press*, expected publication: 2024).

Aisha Ahmad, *The Long Jihad* (publication rights to *Oxford University Press*, expected publication: 2025)*.*

***Published Journal Articles:***

Aisha Ahmad and Ousmane Diallo, “A Winning Team of Losers: The Logic of Jihadist Coalitions in Civil Wars”, *Journal of Global Security Studies,* 2022. DOI: 10.1093/jogss/ogac029

Aisha Ahmad, Tanya Bandula-Irwin, and Mohamed Ibrahim, “Who Governs? State, Strongmen, and Jihadists in Somalia” in *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 1(May 2022), pp. 68-91.

Aisha Ahmad, “The Long Jihad: The Boom-Bust Cycle Behind Jihadist Durability” in *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Volume 6, Issue 4 (December 2021).

Aisha Ahmad “We Have Captured Your Women: Explaining Jihadist Norm Change” in *International Security,* Vol. 44, No. 1(Summer 2019), pp. 80-116.

Aisha Ahmad, “A twenty-first century foreign policy for Canada in the Middle East and North Africa” Policy Brief in *International Journal,* Vol. 72, No. 3 (Fall 2017), pp. 413-423.

Aisha Ahmad “Canadian Values and the Muslim World” in *International Journal,* Vol. 72, No. 2 (Summer 2017), pp. 255-268.

Aisha Ahmad, “Going Global: Islamist Competition in Contemporary Civil Wars,” in *Security Studies*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Spring 2016), pp. 353-384.

Aisha Ahmad, "The Security Bazaar: Business Interests and Islamist Power in Civil War Somalia," in *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 3 (Winter 2014/15), pp. 89-117. *Winner of 2017 Best Security Article Award by the International Studies Association.*

Aisha Ahmad, “Agenda for Peace or Budget for War? Evaluating the Economic Impact of International Intervention in Somalia” in *International Journal,* Vol. 67, No. 2 (Spring 2012), pp. 313-331

***Published Book Chapters:***

Aisha Ahmad, “Smuggling, Survival, and Civil War Economies” in Florian Weigand and Max Gallien (eds), The Routledge Handbook of Smuggling, 1st edition (New York, NY: Routledge, 2021).

Aisha Ahmad, "Canada and the World: Managing Insecurity in a Changing Global Order," in ed. Carolyn Hughes Tuohy, Sophie Borwein, Peter Loewen and Andrew Potter, *Policy Transformations in Canada: Is the Past Prologue?*, (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018).

Aisha Ahmad, “Canada in Somalia: Learning from the Legacy of Failed Intervention” in ed. Fen Osler Hampson and Stephen Saideman, *Elusive Pursuits: Lessons from Canada’s Interventions Abroad,* (Canada Among Nations Series, Centre for International Governance Innovation: Waterloo), 2015.

***Published Book Review:***

Aisha Ahmad, review of Bernard Rougier, *The Sunni Tragedy in the Middle East: Northern Lebanon from al-Qaeda to ISIS* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 288p. Reviewed in Perspectives on Politics, Vol. 15, No. 3, September 2017, pp. 923-24.

***Articles Under Review and in Progress:***

Aisha Ahmad, “Jihadist Governance in Civil Wars,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies* (chapter forthcoming)

Aisha Ahmad, Ousmane Diallo, and Gry Synnevag, “The Smuggling Curse: Trafficking and Terrorism Networks in the Sahel”

Aisha Ahmad and Ajmal Burhanzoi “Financing Failure: International Interventions and the Economics of Fragmented Insurgencies”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

***Selected Conference Papers:***

Aisha Ahmad, “The Miracle Tree of Mogadishu: Adaptive Agriculture and Famine Mitigation in War-Torn Somalia,” *International Studies Association*, Montreal, QC, March 2023.

Aisha Ahmad, “Afghanistan’s Long Jihad: A Political Economy Explanation for the Taliban Takeover,” *International Studies Association*, Montreal, QC, March 2023.

Aisha Ahmad, “After Jihad: Economic Incentives and Enduring Insurgency,” *International Studies Association*, Toronto, ON, March 2019.

Aisha Ahmad, Sanjida Amin, and Michele St. Amant, “The Smuggling Curse: Trafficking, Crime, and Organized Violence,” *International Studies Association*, Toronto, ON, March 2019.

Aisha Ahmad and Ousmane Diallo, “Kiss, Kill, or Marry? Ethnic Militias and Alliance Formation in Civil Wars,” *American Political Science Association,* Boston, MA, August 2018.

Aisha Ahmad, “Women as the War Front: Islam, Jihad, and the Politics of Intervention,” *Canadian Political Science Association,* Calgary, AB, June 2016.

Aisha Ahmad, “Female Bodies as the War Front in Jihadist Competitions,” *International Studies Association,* Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

Aisha Ahmad, “The Logic of Perpetual Crisis: State Weakness in International Politics,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

Aisha Ahmad “Financing Failure: International Interventions as Resource Curse in Conflict and Post-Conflict States” *American Political Science Association*: Chicago, MI, August 2013

Aisha Ahmad “The Boys: Understanding the Spread of Al-Shabaab and the Somali Civil War” *International Studies Association:* San Francisco, April 2013

***Other Research Contributions:***

Aisha Ahmad, “Understanding Jihad in Africa: Mitigating Grievance to Reduce Extremism” report for the Canadian Department of National Defence (March 2021).

Aisha Ahmad “Islamic Movements in Afghanistan and Somalia: A Comparison” in Policy Perspectives (Institute for Policy Studies – Pakistan); August 2009.

Aisha Ahmad “Talking to the Enemy: Strategies for Initiating Peace Negotiations in Afghanistan” in Policy Perspectives (Institute of Policy Studies – Pakistan); Special Edition on Afghanistan, March 2007.

Aisha Ahmad “Evolving Patterns in Afghan Women’s Security: A Historical Analysis of Trends in Vulnerability, Rape Prevalence, and Legal Rights” in Policy Perspectives (Institute of Policy Studies) Volume 3, Number 1, November 2005.

Ibrahim Farah, Aisha Ahmad, and Daud Omar “Cross Border Weapons Proliferation in the Horn of Africa: the case of Mandera, Kenya, Melkasufta, Ethiopia, and Bula Hawa, Somalia” in Controlling Small Arms in the Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes Region Project Ploughshares: 2006.

***Selected Journalistic Publications:***

Aisha Ahmad, “Why jihadist insurgencies persist” *Open Canada* May 23, 2018.

Aisha Ahmad, “Canada’s deadly new peacekeeping mission to Mali” *Globe and Mail* March 29, 2018.

Aisha Ahmad, “Somalia’s Resurgence: Mogadishu attack masks rising tide of Somali unity” *Open Canada* October 18, 2017.

Aisha Ahmad, “Making Jihad Pay: Why Islamists and Business Elites Work Together” *Foreign Affairs* October 5, 2017.

Aisha Ahmad “From Caliphate to Criminal Underworld: What’s next for ISIS after the fall of Mosul” *Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*, August 8, 2017.

Aisha Ahmad and Daniel Douek, "Invisible red lines: How Trump’s mixed signals risk global war", *The Globe and Mail*, April 8, 2017.

Aisha Ahmad and Minelle Mahtani, "Trump immigration ban ushers in an age of academic darkness", *The Globe and Mail*, 6 March 6 2017.

Aisha Ahmad, “Patriotism and PTSD: Refugees can enjoy the airshow, too” in *The Toronto Star* September 9, 2016.

Aisha Ahmad, “The Strategic Value of Compassion” in *The Globe and Mail,* November 20, 2015. [ranked as the top 15 most circulated news articles of 2015].

Aisha Ahmad, “Deporting Terrorists Endangers the International Community” in *The Toronto Star*, October 6, 2015.

Aisha Ahmad, “The Business of Islamism: A Rational Look at Political Islam in Somalia”, *Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School Newsletter*, Spring 2012.

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

***Invited Scholarly Lectures:***

2023 “Why Jihadists Win” (keynote) at Senior College on January 18, 2023.

2022 “The Long Jihad” (keynote) at Brown University on April 13, 2022.

2021 “Jihadist Economics” (keynote) at Duke University, March 29, 2021

2021 “Jihad & Co: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote) at Brown University, March 31, 2021

2020 “Embracing radical approaches to field research:  How the pandemic can inspire equitable new global partnerships” (keynote) atPrinceton University, November 27, 2020

2020 “Understanding Jihad in Africa: Mitigating Grievance to Reduce Extremism” (keynote), Department of National Defence, March 24, 2021

2020 “Adapting to Crisis Conditions” (keynote), Greater China Network, Canadian Embassy to China, May 19, 2020

2020 “Faculty Resilience: Virtual Forum” (keynote), The Chronicle of Higher Education, April 10, 2020

2019 “West African Theatre: Economic and Environmental Drivers of Conflict” (keynote), Multinational Strategy and Operations Group, Pentagon, Washington, DC, November 2019

2019 “West African Security Complexes” (keynote, half-day briefing session for command team), Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, Ottawa, November 2019

2019 “Understanding Enemies: The Challenge of Empathy Amid War” (keynote), Trinity College, Toronto, October 1, 2019.

2019 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Oslo, August 2019

2019 “Key Moment: 9/11 and afterward” (keynote), Canadian Forces College, Toronto, May 31, 2019

2019 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Distinguished Speaker Series, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, April 23, 2019.

2019 “Expansion of Salafi-Jihadists Beyond Iraq and Syria” (panel participant), 2019 Defense Combatting Terrorism Intelligence Conference,United States Defense Intelligence Agency Washington, DC, April 16, 2019.

2019 “Understanding Enemies: Lessons from the Field” (keynote) Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, USA, April 10, 2019.

2019 “Understanding Enemies: Lessons from the Field” (keynote) Trinity College, Toronto, ON, March 20, 2019.

2019 “The World Looks at Canada” (panelist) Canadian Defence Associations Institute, Ottawa, ON, January 13, 2019.

2019 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Defence and Security Studies After Hours, Royal Canadian Military Institute, January 23, 2019.

2019 “Afghanistan: The Precarious Struggle for Stability” (keynote and moderation of half-day event) Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS) Academic Outreach program January 21, 2019

2018 “The Social Contract in Somalia” (keynote and participation in 3-day workshop) The World Bank, Washington, DC, December 10-13, 2018

2018 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote) World Affairs Council, Houston, Texas, September 26, 2018

2018 “Jihadist War Economies: Evidence from Afghanistan, Somalia, and Mali” (keynote) Department of National Defence, Ottawa, August 29, 2018.

2018 “War Zones in the Bazaar: Markets, Volatility and Global Security”, (panel participant) Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, May 9, 2018

2018 “Jihadist War Economies: Trafficking, Territory and Insurgency”, (keynote) Defence Engagement Program, Department of National Defence, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, March 26, 2018

2018 “We Have Captured Your Women”, Security Studies Reading Group, Brown University, February 5, 2018.

2018 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Brown University, February 5, 2018.

2018 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (public discussion with Ron Hassner, Berkeley University), World Affairs Council, Author Series, San Francisco, January 10, 2018.

2018 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Naval Postgraduate School, Monterrey, CA, January 9, 2018.

2017 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), World Affairs Council, Author Series, Washington, DC, November 30, 2017.

2017 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Science for Peace, Toronto, ON, November 1, 2017.

2017 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), War Museum of Canada, Distinguished Speaker Series, Ottawa, Canada, October 26, 2017.

2017 “Jihadist Violence and Security Markets: A Celebration of Research” (event chaired by Robert Keohane to celebrate my prize-winning article), Munk School, October 11, 2017.

2017 “Jihad & Co.: Black Markets and Islamist Power” (keynote), Queen’s University, March 14, 2017.

2016 “Al-Qaeda vs. Daesh: Conflict and Cooperation in Global Jihadist Networks”, (host and panel participant) Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School, December 16, 2016.

2016 “The Forgotten War: Al-Shabaab in Somalia” (participant), Yale University, November 16, 2016.

2016 “We Have Captured Your Women” (keynote), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School, Harvard University,October 27, 2016.

2016 “Road to Recovery: China, India and Pakistan's Role in Afghanistan's Post-NATO Era”, (panel participant), Munk School, Asia Institute Event, March 11, 2016.

2016 “IS in a Global Context”, (panel participant), Canadian Association for Intelligence and Security Studies (CASIS), Ottawa, January 15, 2016.

2015 “The ISIS Attacks on Paris: What they mean for Immigration, Refugees, and Security” (panel participant), Munk School, Toronto, November 18, 2015.

2015 “Canada Among Nations 2015 Book Launch” (panel participant), Munk School, Toronto, November 2, 2015.

2015 “Policy Relevance in Foreign and Defence Scholarship” (keynote), Women in International Security-Canada, Kingston, ON, May 27-29, 2015.

2014 “The Boys: Ideological Extremism and Islamist In-Fighting in the Somali Civil War” (keynote), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School, Harvard University, Boston, March 20, 2014.

2013 “Trade and Taliban: Business Interests and Political Power in Civil War Afghanistan (1992-96)” (keynote), Asia Institute, Munk School, Toronto, December 4, 2013.

2013 “A Diverse Humanitarian Landscape: Engaging with ‘Emerging’ Relief Actors” (panel participant), International Peace Institute, United Nations, New York, NY, April 18, 2013.

2013 “Aid, Trade, and the Business of War: Field Notes from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Somalia” (keynote), CCDS Lecture, University of Toronto, Scarborough, March 20, 2013.

2013 “The Economics of State Failure and State Formation” (keynote), Mogadishu University, Somalia, February 21, 2013.

2012 “The Mosque and the Market: An Economic Explanation of Political Islam in Civil War Somalia” (keynote), Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, March 23, 2012.

2012 “The Mosque and the Market: An Economic Explanation of Political Islam in Somalia” (keynote), Harvard Kennedy School, Boston, January 26, 2012.

2011 “Contemporary and Future Ideas and Approaches for Peacebuilding” (panel participant), Munk School, Toronto, October 15, 2011.

2010 “Insurgent Media: Somalia and Afghanistan/Pakistan” (keynote with Chris Anzalone), McGill University Montreal, November 12, 2010.

2009 “Transnational Civil Society and Climate Change Policy” (keynote), University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya, November 19, 2009.

2009 “The Taliban and Neo-Taliban Insurgency in Pakistan and Afghanistan” (keynote), Coro Civic Center, Pittsburgh, USA, February 20, 2009.

2009 “Islamic Nationalism and State Failure: A Comparison of Social Movements in Afghanistan and Somalia” (keynote), Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) Public Seminar: Islamabad, June 10, 2009.

2008 Two-part lectures: “Women and insecurity in Afghanistan” and “Understanding the Taliban and Neo-Taliban Insurgencies” (keynote), Claremont Colleges Claremont, February 20, 2008.

2007 “The Dynamics and Determinants of Poppy Cultivation in Afghanistan: Implications for Counter Narcotics Strategies” International Development Research Centre (participant) Ottawa, 27 June, 2007.

2006 “Canada's Role in Afghanistan Panel” (panel participant), NDP Panel with the Honorable Jack Layton Ottawa, October 5, 2006.

2006 “Pakistan in a Regional and International Security Context” (keynote), Three-part guest lecture series Department of International Relations, University of Peshawar (Pakistan), April-May 2006.

***Other Media Contributions:***

Multiple contributions to television and radio news: *BBC World,* *CBC The National; CBC The Current; CBC Toronto; TVO The Agenda; CTV; Global; 1010 News; 640 News; Agencia EFE*

Contributions to online and print news: *BBC World News; CBC National News; Washington Post; LA Times; Maclean’s Magazine; Globe and Mail; Toronto Star; GlobalPost; Hindustan Times; Ottawa Review of Books; UofT News; UT Magazine; UTSC Commons.*

**C. TEACHING AND SUPERVISIONS**

# COURSES

2012-2022 Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. All courses listed were new designs.

*Undergraduate Courses:*

POLB80: Introduction to International Relations (2015-22)

POLC09: International Security (2012-2022)

POLC80: International Relations of Africa (2012)

POLD09: Advanced Topics in International Security (2014-2022)

*Graduate Course:*

POL466/2207: Advanced Topics in International Security (2012-22)

2016-2019 Guest Lecturer, Canadian Forces College.

DS568: Advanced Topics in International Security (May 2017; June 2018), guest lecture for Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP).

DS 548/AJW/EX: Shifting Sands. Subject matter expert for officers training exercise on West African security crisis (June 2016), Advanced Joint Warfighting Programme (AJWS**).**

2011 Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, McGill University.

POLI352: Foreign Policy of Africa

# SUPERVISIONS

***PhD Supervisions:***

2016-2021 **Amir Abdul Reda**, “Quantifying Culture: Measuring Idea Systems and Adapted Scripts”. Candidacy achieved; SSHRC Joseph-Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship winner; Massey College junior fellow; PhD successfully defended 2021. [co-supervisor with Christopher Cochrane]

2013-2022 **Ajmal Burhanzoi**, “Effects of External Interventions on Political Contestation in Multiethnic Societies” Candidacy achieved; SSHRC doctoral scholarship and Ontario Graduate Scholarship winner; year 6 PhD. [primary supervisor]

2020-2022 **Chantel Cole,** Canada Graduate Scholarship SSHRC doctoral award winner[primary supervisor]

***PhD Committee Member:***

2017-2022 **Chengmin Xu**, “A War of All Against All or Toward Perpetual Peace? Explaining Divergent Patterns of Political Violence Among Indigenous Resistance Movements in the Philippines”. SSHRC Joseph-Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship winner; Massey College junior fellow; year 4 PhD. [committee member]

2015-2020 **Gerald Bareebe**, “The Role of Military in State Consolidation, Regime Legitimation and Nation-Building in Uganda and Rwanda” [PhD received 2020]

2015-2020 **Ousmane Diallo**, “Circumventing the ‘capabilities gap’: the war in Mali and security governance in West Africa,” Laurier University. [PhD received 2020]

***MA Supervision:***

2018 **Raluca-Joanna Cotarlea**, “Twisted Feminism: Motivations behind Western European Female Migration to ISIS”

***RA Supervisions:*** Ajmal Burhanzoi; Amir Abdul Reda; Chantel Cole; Chengmin Xu; Christopher Anzalone; Alexandre Paquin-Pelletier; Tanya Bandula-Irwin; Sanjida Amin; Ousmane Diallo; Christopher David LaRoche; Swilai Burhan; Zabikhulla Yari; Muhammad Ali Akbar; Aatika Moollabhai; Fazan Baig; Lucas Ria; Mohammed Ibrahim; Sahra Togone; Rukayyat Akinnibosun; Shuying Chen.

**D. COMMITTEES AND SERVICE**

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2018-current **Chair,** Equity and Diversity Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto (Member since 2018; Chair from 2020-2022)

2019-2022 **Faculty Representative,** Equity and Diversity Working Group, University of Toronto Scarborough

2019-2020 **Faculty Representative,** Junior Fellows Admissions Committee, Massey College

2018-2020 **Faculty Representative,** President’s International Council on the Middle East, University of Toronto

2017-2020 **Faculty Representative,** Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office Tri-Campus Committee, University of Toronto

2017-2020 **Faculty Representative,** Task Force on Islamophobia, Vice Provost Office, University of Toronto

2014-2018 **Student Advancement Committee,** Department of Political Science, University of Toronto Scarborough

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

2021-current **Editorial Board member**, *International Security* (journal)

2021-current **Editorial Board member**, *Security Studies* (journal)

2017-current **Chief Executive Officer,** Women in International Security (WIIS)-Canada, Toronto Chapter

2018-2021 **Chair of the Board,** Women in International Security (WIIS)-Canada National Board of Directors

2016-current **Director, Islam and Global Affairs Initiative**, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2011-2013 **Chief Operating Officer,** Dr. Hawa Abdi Foundation, USA and Somalia

OTHER SERVICE ACTIVITIES

***Presentations:***

2019 “Muslims, Migrants, and the Future of Democracy” (moderator and host), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School of Global Affairs, April 30, 2019.

2019 “Learning from Communities,” (panelist) International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, University of Toronto, March 21, 2019

2018 “Women in the Field: A Primer on International Security Fieldwork” (presentation), Ryerson University, December 4, 2018.

2018 “Echoes of 9/11 in the Trump Era”, (presentation) Centre for the Study of Security and Development and MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Government, Dalhousie University, September 11, 2018

2018 “Foundations in Social Science: Research Design”, (guest lecturer for students in Iraq) American University of Iraq-Sulaimani, April 19, 2018

2018 “Syria under Siege: The Great Power Politics behind the Bombing” (organizer, host, participant), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School of Global Affairs, March 21, 2018.

2018 “Canada and Global Security Policy”, (presentation), *Shaping Global Symmetry: An Anniversary Conference of Trinity College’s International Relations Program*, Munk School of Global Affairs, March 12, 2018

2017 “Canada and the Future of International Security Policy” (presenter), *Canada 150 Conference*, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto, November 18th, 2017

2017 “Toxic Threat: Radioactive Waste on Indigenous Lands” (host and participant), Massey College, November 8, 2017.

2017 “Migrant and Muslim in Trump’s America: The Street Protests and the Court Battles” (host and participant; co-hosted by the University of Toronto Law School and the Munk School Global Justice Lab), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School October 5, 2017.

2017 “Sex and Islam: From LGBTQ Rights to Muslim Feminists” (host and participant), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School September 26, 2017.

2017 “Toronto International Film Festival Speakers Series: A Conversation with Dr. Aisha Ahmad and Mohamed Al Daraji, Award-winning Director of “The Journey”, (presentation) TIFF Bell Lightbox, September 12, 2017.

2017 “Security in Somalia” (professional development presentation), Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Refugee Protection Division, April 5, 2017

2017 “Conflict and Change in the Muslim World” (presentation), Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo University, March 24, 2017.

2017 “Pluralism and Islam: The Future of Peace in Canada Amidst Growing Islamophobia” (presentation), Massey College, March 20, 2017.

2017 “Trump and Travel Ban: What does this mean for UTSC and the world?” (host and panel participant) University of Toronto Scarborough, March 2, 2017.

2017 “The Muslim Ban: Trump’s First Legal, Political, and Security Crisis of 2017” (host and panel participant), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School, February 15, 2017

2017 “The Age of Heroes” (keynote), TEDx University of Toronto Scarborough, February 4, 2017.

2016 “Iraq After ISIS” (host and moderator), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School, December 18, 2016.

2016 “Fighting Islamophobia: The New Human Rights Battle of 2017” (host and participant on panel) Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School, November 27, 2016.

2016 “Faith in Public Life” (panel participant for series), Massey College, November 24, 2016.

2016 “American Election De-Brief: What Happened and What’s Next?” (host and participant), University of Toronto Scarborough, November 21, 2016.

2016 “Banning Muslims? Understanding Islam and Xenophobia in Europe and the US” (host and participant; co-hosted by Centre for the Study of the United States and Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies), Islam and Global Affairs Initiative, Munk School, October 7, 2016.

2016 “Borders in Flux” (presentation), Munk Graduate Student Conference, Munk School, March 26, 2016.

2013 “Forgiveness in War” (keynote), TEDx University of Toronto, May 18, 2013

***Peer-Reviews:***

Journals: *International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Perspectives on Politics; Security Studies; International Studies Review; Terrorism and Political Violence; Canadian Journal of African Studies; International Journal.* Grant applications: *Social Science and Humanities Research Council (Canada); European granting agencies*