

## **Zeinab F. Shuker**

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### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Democratization Theories and Policy Research; Economic Inequality and Economic Development; Migration and Emigration; Qualitative and Quantitative Methods; The MENA Region; Oil Economies; Climate Change and The Energy Sector; Human Rights.

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### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, (Expected May 2021) Sociology. The University of California-Riverside.

**Master of Arts**, 2017 Sociology, The University of California-Riverside

**Certificate**, 2017 Sociology, Humboldt-Universität Zu Berlin

**Master of Arts**, 2015 Sociology, The University of Memphis

**Bachelor of Arts**, 2013 Sociology, The University of Memphis

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### **SELECT PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, 2020. "Cultural Resistance: The art of the protests." *The New Middle East*.

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, 2020. "COVID-10, the Oil Price Collapse and the Iraqi Economy." Emirates Policy Center.

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, Under Review. "Reconstituting The Resource Curse After Authoritarianism: Weber And Legitimacy Making In Post-invasion Iraq." *The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

Brint, Steven, Komi T. German, Kayleigh Anderson-Natale, **Zeinab F. Shuker**, and Suki Wang. 2020. "Where Ivy Matters: The Educational Backgrounds of U.S. Cultural Leaders." *Sociology of Education*.

**Shuker, Zeinab F.** Seth Abrutyn. 2019. "Oil, Polity, And Civil Society: The Construction Of A Hegemonic System In Iraq (1945-1958)." *Journal of Historical Sociology*. 1-16

Blume, Amelia, **Zeinab F. Shuker**, and Seth Abrutyn. 2016. "Place of Residence Rules." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, Seth Abrutyn. 2016. "Primogeniture." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, 2018. "Polanyian-Gramscian Model Of Economic Behavior." Paper presented at the Economic Sociology Midterm Conference. Konstanz, Germany

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, 2017. "Implication of Climate Change on Security, Conflict, and political outcomes in the Middle East." Paper presented at the International Studies Association. Hong Kong

**Shuker, Zeinab F.**, 2016. "Does Oil Hinder State Building? The Rise of Parastatal Organization And The Role Of The Civil Sphere." Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Forum. Vienna, Austria

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## PAPERS IN-PROGRESS

Shuker, Zeinab F. "The Impact of Climate Change in Oil Producing Countries: A Case Study of Iraq and Saudi Arabia."

Shuker, Zeinab. "The Art of the Revolution: An Ethnographic Study of Protest Art During the 2019-2020 October Uprising in Iraq."

Shuker, Zeinab. "Polanyian-Gramscian Model Of Economic Behavior."

Shuker, Zeinab, and Seth Aburtyn. "Bourdieu and Collective Memory."

Shuker, Zeinab, and Victoria Reyes. "Labor is a Drag: Precarious Work in a Gendered and Sexualized Field."

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## SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Lead Researcher

*Drag Queens and the Labor Market In Southern California*

2019-Present

*Department of Sociology, University of California-Riverside*

- Conducting in-depth field interviews with Drag Queens and Kings in the Inland Empire and Southern California on the nature of work in the drag scene. Understanding the intersection of labor, race, sexual identity, and discrimination in understudies fields of labor.
- Conducting ethnographic observations on the frontstage and backstage in nightclubs, drag shows, and the personal homes of drag queens and kings.

*Political Hybridity: Boundaries and Economic Outcomes*

2019-Present

*Department of Sociology, University of California-Riverside*

- Qualitative research on the formation of regimes in the 'Grey Area' between democratic nations and autocratic regimes. This research allows us to redefine the concept of hybrid regimes and create a new dataset of regime types, which fill the gap left by current datasets on the topic. This research also allows us to measure regime types' durability more accurately, which is necessary for research and policy formation. The dataset represents cross-national data between the years 1989-1990.
- Quantitative research, using STATA, on the economic outcomes in hybrid regimes using the newly created dataset. This research allows us to study economic growth and income inequality in hybrid regimes.

*Reconstituting the Resource Curse after Authoritarianism: Parastatal Organizations*

2015-2017

*Department of Sociology, University of California-Riverside*

- In-depth interviews with activists in the civil society in Iraq. This research allows us to understand better the role of oil-dependency in undermining the civil sphere and funding the rise of non-state actors in the country after the U.S. invasion.
- Transcribing, coding, and analyzing field notes and interviews using NVivo and Atlas.ti.

*Oil, Polity And Civil Society; The Construction of the Hegemonic Apparatus in Iraq*

2013-2015

*Department of Sociology, University of Memphis*

- Historical research on the relationship between oil-dependency and the rise and fall of the civil society in Iraq during 1940-1958 and its impact on Saddam's authoritarian political regime.

*The Causes And Consequences Of The Worst Form Of Child Labour*

2012-2013

*The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars*

- Mixed method research on documenting child labor globally and documenting human rights violations.

- Providing policy suggestions on child protection and labor laws.

### **Research Collaborator**

*Where Ivy Matters: The Educational Backgrounds of U.S. Cultural Leaders.*

2019

*Department of Sociology, University of California-Riverside*

- Supporting research efforts in collecting and analyzing quantitative data on the U.S. elite's educational attainment. Data collection ranged from direct communication with elite members to online data mining.

### **Research Assistant**

Languages Across Cultures- How do actors in a civil war reveal private information about their capabilities and resolve?

2015

Department of Political Science, University of Memphis

- Using STATA, SPSS, and Excel to collect and analyze political leaders public speeches in relation to civil conflict

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Emirate Policy Center**

2020-Present

Emirate Policy Center, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

- Writing Independent research on the economic and political outcomes in Iraq and the MENA region.
- Preparing the economic section of the Monthly report on Iraq.

### **Operation Intern-Program Support**

2012-2013

The Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), Washington, D.C.

- Coordinating the arrival and activities of diplomatic teams and groups arriving in the United States.
- Collecting, analyzing, writing, and presenting data and research related to topics on the region's political economy, such as economic policy, democratization, and humanitarian assistance.

### **Translator and Volunteer Organizer**

2011-2012

The Catholic Charities, Memphis, TN

- Assisting newly arriving families in the United States with their needs, such as transportation, translation, and job search

### **Caseworker**

2007-2008

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Beirut, Lebanon

- Processing cases and data entry of newly arriving refugee families in Lebanon applying for asylum.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Instructor- Riverside City College, Riverside*

2019-Present

- Preparing and teaching classes on the undergraduate level on Introduction to Sociology, Social Inequalities, and Social Problems

*Graduate Teaching Assistant-University of California-Riverside  
2015-Present*

- Assisting in preparing, teaching, and managing classes on the undergraduate level on Introduction to Sociology, Classical and Contemporary Theory, Quantitative and Qualitative Methodology, and Economic and Political Institutions and Organizations

*Graduate Teaching Assistant-University of Memphis  
2013-2015*

- Assisting in preparing, teaching, and managing classes on the undergraduate level on Introduction to Sociology, Classical and Contemporary Theory, Urban Sociology

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## **LEADERSHIP AND DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Student Representative**

*2018-2020*

- President of the Sociology Graduate Students Association. University of California, Riverside, CA
- Committee member of the Social Relation Committee Of the UCR Graduate Students Association. University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA
- Lead officer of the Colloquium Committee of the Sociology Graduate Student Association. University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA

### **Social Media Manager**

*2019-2021*

- American Sociological Association Section on Political Economy and Global Social Change, Washington, DC

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## **AWARDS AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

2019-2020- The University of California, Riverside Best Graduate Student Research Paper

2019- ASA PEWS Section Travel Grant

2015-Present - Dean's Distinguished Fellowship (University of California, Riverside)

2016-2017 - Graduate Student Association (University of California, Riverside)

2014-2015- The University of Memphis Department of Sociology Best Graduate Student Research Paper

2014- Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, University of Memphis

2014- Sociologists For Women In Society

2014- Student Government Association (University of Memphis)

2013-2015 - Graduate Tuition Scholarship

2012- The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

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## References

### **Matthew Mahutga**

Professor of Sociology and Political  
Science-University of California, Riverside  
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### **Victoria Reyes**

Assistant Professor of Sociology- University of  
California, Riverside  
[vreyes@ucr.edu](mailto:vreyes@ucr.edu)

### **Steven G. Brint**

Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Public  
Policy-University of California, Riverside  
[steven.brint@ucr.edu](mailto:steven.brint@ucr.edu)

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Associate Professor of Sociology-University of  
British Columbia  
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