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Bio

BIO

Lisa Blaydes is Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. She is the author of *Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt* (Cambridge University Press, 2011) and *State of Repression: Iraq under Saddam Hussein* (Princeton University Press, 2018). Her articles have appeared in the *American Political Science Review*, *Governance*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Middle East Journal*, *Studies in Comparative International Development* and *World Politics*. During the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years, Professor Blaydes was an Academy Scholar at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies. During the 2015-2016 and 2023-2024 academic years, she was a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. She holds degrees in Political Science (PhD) from the University of California, Los Angeles and International Relations (BA, MA) from Johns Hopkins University.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Center Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, (2023-2024)
- Fulbright Faculty Award, U.S. Department of State, (2022-2023)
- Director, Abbasi Program for Islamic Studies, (2017-2023)
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, (2015-2016)
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, (2014-2018)
- National Fellow, Hoover Institution, (2012-2013)
- Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University, (2008-2010)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, (2007-2014)
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, (2004-2005)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Victoria Schuck Faculty Scholar Chair in Political Science, Stanford University (2022-2025)
- Best Article Award, European Politics & Society Section, American Political Science Association (2017)
- Outstanding Article Award, International History & Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2017)
- Mary Parker Follett Prize, Politics & History Section, American Political Science Association (2014)
- Outstanding Article Award, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association (2014)

- Best Paper Award, Women & Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2011)
- Paul J. Weber Award, Religion & Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2011)
- Gabriel Almond Best Dissertation Award, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2009)
- Juan Linz Best Dissertation Prize, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association (2009)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair, Jervis & Schroeder Book Prize Committee, International Politics & History Section, APSA (2018 - 2019)
- Chair, Luebbert Book Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2017 - 2017)
- Conference Chair, Association for Analytic Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (2016 - 2016)
- Member, Gabriel Almond Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2016 - 2016)
- Chair, Best Paper Prize Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association, 2015 (2015 - 2015)
- Member, Mary Parker Follett Prize Committee, Politics & History Section, American Political Science Association (2015 - 2015)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2013 - 2014)
- Nominating Committee Member, International Studies Association (2012 - 2015)
- Executive Committee Member, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2012 - 2014)
- Best Paper Prize Committee Member, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association (2012 - 2012)
- Conference Chair, Association for Analytical Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies, Stanford University (2012 - 2012)
- Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2011 - 2012)
- Section Head, Politics of the Middle East, Midwest Political Science Association (2011 - 2011)
- Steering Committee Member and Secretary, Association for Analytical Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (ALLIMS) (2010 - present)
- Omnibus Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2010 - 2011)
- Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Midwest Political Science Association (2002 - present)
- Member, American Political Science Association (2000 - present)
- Member, Middle East Studies Association (2000 - present)
- Member, American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (1998 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Iranian Studies
- Program in International Relations

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles , Political Science (2008)
- M.A., Johns Hopkins University , International Economics and Middle Eastern Studies (1998)
- B.A., Johns Hopkins University , International Relations (1997)

LINKS

- My Website: <https://people.stanford.edu/blaydes/>

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Authoritarian Politics: POLISCI 244A, POLISCI 444A (Win)
- States and Regimes: INTNLREL 145F, POLISCI 245F, POLISCI 445F (Aut)
- Theories in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440A (Aut)

2024-25

- Authoritarian Politics: POLISCI 244A, POLISCI 444A (Aut)
- Middle Eastern Politics: POLISCI 149T (Spr)

2022-23

- Authoritarian Politics: POLISCI 244A, POLISCI 444A (Aut)
- Theories in Comparative Politics: POLISCI 440A (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Daliah Al-Shakhshir, Ameze Belo-Osagie, Qianmin Hu, Victoria Liu, Emily Russell

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Rabia Kutlu Karasu

Master's Program Advisor

Khalifa Alqaz

Doctoral (Program)

Alicia Chen, Sierra Davis, Rabia Kutlu Karasu, Sunny Li, Yongkang Tai, Jiayi Zhang

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **"Selling" China in the Arab Gulf States: Economic Insecurity and Attitudes Toward Chinese Growth** *STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT*
Blaydes, L.
2025
- **HISTORICAL STATE FORMATION WITHIN AND BEYOND EUROPE** *WORLD POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Grzymala-Busse, A.
2025; 77 (1)
- **Understanding Intimate Partner Violence** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
Blaydes, L., Fearon, J. D., Macdonald, M.
2025; 28: 351-374
- **Constraints on Female Labor Force Participation in Qatar: Understanding the Effects of Marriage, Family, and Traditional Values** *MIDDLE EAST LAW AND GOVERNANCE*
Blaydes, L., Gengler, J., Lari, N.
2024; 16 (3): 293-315
- **The Politics of Legal Pluralism in a Muslim Society** *NATIONALITIES PAPERS-THE JOURNAL OF NATIONALISM AND ETHNICITY*
Blaydes, L.

2024

- **Old World Trade Diasporas** *SOCIOLOGICAL SCIENCE*
Blaydes, L., Paik, C.
2024; 11: 1-41
- **Historical State Formation Within and Beyond Europe** *WORLD POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Grzymala-Busse, A.
2023; 75 (5)
- **Arab identity and attitudes toward migration in Kuwait and Qatar** *RESEARCH & POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Gengler, J.
2023; 10 (4)
- **Assessing the Labor Conditions of Migrant Domestic Workers in the Arab Gulf States** *ILR REVIEW*
Blaydes, L.
2023
- **Did Egypt's post-uprising crime wave increase support for authoritarian rule?** *JOURNAL OF PEACE RESEARCH*
Abadeer, C., Blackman, A., Blaydes, L., Williamson, S.
2022
- **Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World Regimes, Oppositions, and External Actors after the Spring Introduction** *STRUGGLES FOR POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE ARAB WORLD*
Sallam, H., Blaydes, L., Hamzawy, A.
edited by Blaydes, L., Hamzawy, A., Sallam, H.
2022: 1-26
- **Chinese Soft Power Projection in the Arab World From the Belt and Road Initiative to Global Pandemic Response** *STRUGGLES FOR POLITICAL CHANGE IN THE ARAB WORLD*
Blaydes, L.
edited by Blaydes, L., Hamzawy, A., Sallam, H.
2022: 351-372
- **Authoritarian media and diversionary threats: lessons from 30 years of Syrian state discourse** *POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS*
Arababa'h, A., Blaydes, L.
2021; 9 (4): 693-708
- **Polarized and demobilized: Legacies of authoritarianism in Palestine (Book Review)** *GOVERNANCE-AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONS*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2021
- **Muslim Trade and City Growth Before the Nineteenth Century: Comparative Urbanization in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia** *BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
Blaydes, L., Paik, C.
2021; 51 (2): 845-68
- **Rebuilding the Ba'hist State: Party, Tribe, and Administrative Control in Authoritarian Iraq, 1991-1996** *COMPARATIVE POLITICS*
Blaydes, L.
2020; 53 (1): 93-+
- **Religion, family structure, and the perpetuation of female genital cutting in Egypt** *JOURNAL OF DEMOGRAPHIC ECONOMICS*
Blaydes, L., Platas, M. R.
2020; 86 (3): 305-28
- **Trade and Political Fragmentation on the Silk Roads: The Economic Effects of Historical Exchange between China and the Muslim East** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
Blaydes, L., Paik, C.
2020

- **Political cultures: measuring values heterogeneity** *POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS*
Blaydes, L., Grimmer, J.
2020; 8 (3): 571–79
- **The Domestic Political Implications of Economic Sanctions Evidence from Iraq under Saddam Hussein**
Blaydes, L.
edited by Shih, V. C.
UNIV MICHIGAN PRESS.2020: 22–40
- **Contesting Authoritarianism: Labor Challenges to the State in Egypt (Book Review)** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2019; 17 (4): 1241–42
- **Mamluks, Property Rights, and Economic Development: Lessons from Medieval Egypt** *POLITICS & SOCIETY*
Blaydes, L.
2019; 47 (3): 395–424
- **Mirrors for Princes and Sultans: Advice on the Art of Governance in the Medieval Christian and Islamic Worlds** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Grimmer, J., McQueen, A.
2018; 80 (4): 1150–67
- **State of Repression: Iraq under Saddam Hussein**
Blaydes, L.
Princeton University Press .2018
- **State Building in the Middle East** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
Blaydes, L.
2017; 20: 487-504
- **State Building in the Middle East** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, VOL 20*
Blaydes, L., Annual Review
2017; 20: 487-504
- **The Impact of Holy Land Crusades on State Formation: War Mobilization, Trade Integration, and Political Development in Medieval Europe** *INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION*
Blaydes, L., Paik, C.
2016; 70 (3): 551-586
- **Social Capital and Dispute Resolution in Informal Areas of Cairo and Istanbul** *STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT*
Belge, C., Blaydes, L.
2014; 49 (4): 448-476
- **How Does Islamist Local Governance Affect the Lives of Women?** *GOVERNANCE-AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONS*
Blaydes, L.
2014; 27 (3): 489-509
- **Religiosity-of-Interviewer Effects: Assessing the Impact of Veiled Enumerators on Survey Response in Egypt** *POLITICS AND RELIGION*
Blaydes, L., Gillum, R. M.
2013; 6 (3): 459-482
- **The Feudal Revolution and Europe's Rise: Political Divergence of the Christian West and the Muslim World before 1500 CE** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
Blaydes, L., Chaney, E.
2013; 107 (1): 16-34
- **The Changing Middle East: A New Look at Regional Dynamics (Book Review)** *REVIEW OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2012; 46 (2): 272-273

- **The Changing Middle East: A New Look at Regional Dynamics (Book Review)** *REVIEW OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2012; 46 (1): 125-127
- **Elite Competition, Religiosity, and Anti-Americanism in the Islamic World** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
Blaydes, L., Linzer, D. A.
2012; 106 (2): 225-243
- **The Autumn of Dictatorship: Fiscal Crisis and Political Change in Egypt under Mubarak (Book Review)** *PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2012; 10 (1): 205-206
- **One man, one vote, one time? A model of democratization in the Middle East** *JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL POLITICS*
Blaydes, L., Lo, J.
2012; 24 (1): 110-146
- **Comment on Eric Chaney's "Democratic Change in the Arab World, Past and Present"** *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*
Blaydes, L.
2012
- **Counting Calories: Democracy and Distribution in the Developing World** *INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY*
Blaydes, L., Kayser, M. A.
2011; 55 (4): 887-908
- **Privatizing Welfare in the Middle East: Kin Mutual Aid Associations in Jordan and Lebanon (Book Review)** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MIDDLE EAST STUDIES*
Book Review Authored by: Blaydes, L.
2011; 43 (3): 583-585
- **Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt**
Blaydes, L.
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- **Anti-Americanism and the American World Order. (Book Review)** *PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY*
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2010; 74 (2): 395-397
- **Spoiling the Peace? Peace Process Exclusivity and Political Violence in North-central Africa** *Civil Wars*
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2010; 12 (1)
- **Spoiling the Peace? Peace Process Exclusivity and Political Violence in North-Central Africa** *CIVIL WARS*
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2010; 12 (1-2): 3-28
- **Women's Electoral Participation in Egypt: The Implications of Gender for Voter Recruitment and Mobilization** *MIDDLE EAST JOURNAL*
Blaydes, L., El Tarouty, S.
2009; 63 (3): 364-380
- **The State of Political Competition in Egypt** *Democracy Review*
Blaydes, L.
2009
- **THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF WOMEN'S SUPPORT FOR FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAM** *Annual Meeting of the American-Political-Science-Association*
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- **Ideological reorientation and counterterrorism: Confronting militant Islam in Egypt** *TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE*
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- **Intraparty Competition and Egypt's National Democratic Party** *Democracy Review*
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- **'Rewarding Impatience' revisited: A response to Goodrich** *INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION*
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- **Formal and Informal Political Institutions in Egypt** *Democracy Review*
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2005
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- **Rewarding impatience: A bargaining and enforcement model of OPEC** *INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION*
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