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RESEARCH INTERESTS State formation · State capacity · Political development · Cultural persistence · Origins of gender roles · Evolution of social norms · Democracy/Autocracy · Comparative Politics · Historical Political Economy · Quantitative Methods · Causal inference · Data Science

PUBLICATIONS "Precolonial Centralisation, Traditional Indirect Rule, and State Capacity in Africa", with Jason Sorens. *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, vol. 56(2), 2018, pp. 195-215, DOI: 10.1080/14662043.2017.1404666

UNDER REVIEW "Mapping Local State Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa", with Gustav Agneman, Kasper Brandt, and David Sjöberg: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=4184751>
Recipient of Quality of Government (QoG) Institute's Best Paper Award 2022

"Taking Out the Church, Bringing In the State", with Jacob Hariri <https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4212473>

WORKING PAPERS	<p>"No Centralization Without Population: The Black Death and European State-Building"</p> <p>"Using Large Language Models to Classify Cultural Heritage"</p> <p>"Tracing the Origins of the Early Modern State: Introducing the <i>Castles</i> data", with Jacob Hariri. <i>SSRN Working Paper Series</i>: https://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=4212429</p> <p>"The Rise of the Territorial State: Fortification of Borders", with Jacob Hariri</p> <p>"The Coercive Origins of Cities", with Jacob Hariri and Jonathan Doucette</p>																
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>"The Origins of Traditional Gender Roles and the Rise of the State"</p> <p>"State Formation: Causes and Consequences", with Jacob Hariri</p> <p>"Monopoly on Violence and Urban Development", with Jacob Hariri and Jonathan Doucette</p>																
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	<p><i>Panel: Political Instability and the Deep History of State Making</i></p> <p>ECPR Joint Sessions 2019</p> <p><i>State-Democracy Nexus in Historical and Comparative Perspective</i></p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2019</p> <p><i>The Rebuild State and the Emergent State</i></p>
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