

MAGDA BOUTROS

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - **Assistant Professor**, Centre de Recherche sur les Inégalités Sociales (CRIS), Sciences Po
- 2021 - **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- Adjunct, Department of Law, Societies and Justice
- Faculty affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
- Faculty affiliate, Middle East Center
- 2020-2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D. in Sociology**, Northwestern University
- 2015 **M.A. in Sociology**, Northwestern University
- Certificate in Middle East and North African Studies, Northwestern University
- 2008 **M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, King's College London
- 2007 **L.L.B. in English and French Law**, King's College London & Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne

RESEARCH AREAS

Policing and Criminal Justice Institutions, Social Movements, Class, Race and Gender Inequalities, Law & Society, Sociology of Knowledge, Global and Transnational Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

2022. "Antiracism without Races: How activists produce knowledge about race and policing in France", *Social Problems* [online].

2022. "Legal mobilization and branches of law: Contesting racialized policing in French courts", *Law and Society Review*, vol 56(4): 623-645.
- 2022 (with Anthony Pregnolato and Paul Le Derff) "Comprendre les mobilisations contre les violences policières – *Understanding mobilizations against police violence*", *Champ Pénal*, vol 26 [online].
2020. "Les mobilisations à l'épreuve de l'opacité de l'action policière en France", *Lien Social et Politiques*, vol 84: 142-162.
2018. "A Multi-Dimensional View of Legal Cynicism: Perceptions of the Police Among Anti-harassment Teams in Egypt", *Law & Society Review*, 52(2): 368-400.
2017. "Place and Tactical Innovation in Social Movements: The Emergence of Egypt's Anti-Harassment Groups", *Theory and Society* 46(6): 543-575.
2017. "Enjeux de la sécurité dans un espace révolutionnaire autonome: Les équipes d'intervention contre les agressions sexuelles place Tahrir", *Mouvements* 2007/3, No 92.

Book chapters

- Forthcoming. "Contrôles au faciès in France: From denial to recognition to inaction" in *The politicization of police stops in Europe: Public Issues and Police reform* (eds) by J. de Maillard, K. Verfaillie, M. Rowe.
2023. "Mobilisations contre les pratiques policières" in *Police et Société en France* (eds), Wesley Skogan and Jacques de Maillard, Presses de Sciences Po.
2010. "Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child in Egypt" in Abiad, N. and Zia Mansoor, F. *Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child in Muslim States: A Comparative and Analytical Perspective*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London.
- 2009 (with Sébastien Roché and Guillaume Roux). "Public Insecurities and Confidence in Justice in France" in Jokinen et al. (ed.) *JUSTIS Project Working Papers Review of Need: Indicators of Public Confidence in Criminal Justice for Policy Assessment*, European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, Publication Series No. 59, Helsinki.

In preparation

Book manuscript *The True Colors of Police: How activists produce knowledge about policing and race in France*

Other scholarly publications

Essays

2020. (with Liora Israel) "Violences policières en France : production de connaissances et mise en évidence d'un problème public", Essay, *Analyse Opinion Critique (AOC)*

2018. "La police et les indésirables", *La Vie des Idées*.

Reviews

2021. "La violence raciste devant la loi" Review of *La race tue deux fois* by Rachida Brahim. *La Vie des Idées*.

2020. "Comment réduire les violences policières ? Review of « Fatal Police Shootings : Patterns, Policy, and Prevention », *the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*." *La Vie des Idées*.

2019. "Permis de Tuer" Book review of Vanessa Codaccioni, *Légitime Défense : Homicides sécuritaires, crimes racistes et violences policières*". *La Vie des Idées*.

Interviews

2022, (with Anthony Pregnolato and Paul Le Derff) "Entretien avec des membres du Réseau d'Entraide Vérité et Justice : Awa Gueye, Mélanie Ngoye-Gaham et Hadja Bah - Interview with Members of the Mutual Aid Network for Truth and Justice: Awa Gueye, Mélanie Ngoye-Gaham, and Hadja Bah", *Champ Pénal*, vol 26 [online].

Media interviews and human rights reports

2020. Interview with Le Panier à Salade "Magda Boutros, sur les moyens de réduire l'opacité policière : découvrez le hors- série du Panier à salade" 24 June 2020

2020. Interview with VICE France "Un futur sans police est-il possible ?" 18 June 2020

2020. Interview with Basta! « En envoyant des individus armés pour gérer les problèmes sociaux, on augmente le risque de blessures ou de morts », 17 June 2020.

2011. Human rights report "Martyrs Behind Bars, Killings and Torture of Prisoners during Egypt's Revolution", *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights*.

2010. Human rights report "Law Combating Trafficking in Persons: A Welcome Step that Requires Careful Implementation", *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights*.

2009 (with Soha Abdelaty and Dalia Abdelhameed). Human rights report "Supplementary Information on Egypt Presented to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women", *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights and Center for Reproductive Rights* (New York).

TEACHING

2023 - **Assistant Professor, Sciences Po**
Inquiries in Sociology

- Qualitative methods (Masters course)
- 2021 - 2023 **Assistant Professor, University of Washington**
Crime, Politics and Justice
Comparative Policing
- 2020-2021 **Postdoctoral Fellow, Brown University**
Policing in Global Perspective
- 2019-2020 **Instructor, Northwestern University**
Law & Society (School of Professional Studies)
Sociological Analysis (Cook County Department of Corrections, Northwestern
Prison Education Program)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022-2023. Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington.
- 2018-2020. Buffett Institute Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017. Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017. Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant, Northwestern University.
2015. Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Graduate Student Best Second Year Paper, Northwestern Sociology.
- 2015-2016. Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant (honorable mention), Northwestern Sociology.
2015. Buffett Institute Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, Northwestern University.
2015. Arab Research Support Program, Round II, Arab Research Initiative (declined).
2014. Buffett Institute Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, Northwestern University.
2014. Hans E. Panofsky Pre-Dissertation Award, Program of African Studies at Northwestern University.
- 2013-2018. Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Northwestern University.
2008. Criminal Policy Research Prize for Best Dissertation, King's College London.

2007. Clifford Chance Prize for Best Overall Aggregate, Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Invited talks

"Antiracism without Races"

- University of Connecticut, *Sociology Department Colloquium*, March 19, 2021
- Brown University, *Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America*, December 1, 2020.
- Northwestern University, *International Studies Program*, May 2020.

2016. Assessing the Physical, Psychological, and Emotional Costs of Conducting Research on the Security Apparatus in Egypt, *After Tahrir Conference*, University of California Santa Barbara, January 25, 2016.

2015. Legal cynicism and collective action: How Egypt's anti-harassment groups negotiate their relationship with legal institutions, *Law and Society in Egypt: 2011-2015*, *Law and Society Research Unit* at the American University in Cairo, November 29, 2015.

2012. Transitional Justice and Security Sector Reform in Egypt, *Regional Consultation on Transitional Justice Developments in the Middle East and North Africa region*, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and the United Nations Development Program, Cairo, November 8, 2012.

2012. Security Sector Reform in Egypt, *Third Annual Conference on Security Transformation in North Africa and the Middle East*, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, May 10, 2012.

2010. Children and the Criminal Justice System in Egypt', *Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child Workshop*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, June 29, 2010.

Conference presentations

2023." Policing "Undesirables" in Paris' Gentrified Neighborhoods", *Law & Society Association*, June 2023.

2022. "From Seeking Justice to Denouncing Structural Racialized Injustice: The Politicization of Families of Victims of Police Killings in France", *Law & Society Association*, July 2022.

2021. Activists' role in the construction of legal truth, *Law & Society Association*, May 2021.
2019. Combating racial profiling in a colorblind society: From the Anglo-American "racial profiling" to the French "appearance-based stops", *European Society of Criminology Meeting*, Ghent.
2019. L'opacité organisée de l'action policière : une stratégie de démobilisation, *Journée d'Études Démobiliser les quartiers populaires : Répression, disqualification et cooptation comme stratégies de gouvernement*, ANR EODIPAR, Lille.
2018. Mobilizing the law to challenge policing practices in France: why are violence claims and discrimination claims separate?, *Law and Society Association*, Toronto. (Also participated in the LSA Junior Scholars Workshop, 2018).
2018. Mobiliser le droit pour lutter contre les violences et discriminations policières, *Journée d'Études des doctorant-e-s en sociologie du droit et de la justice*, Réseau Thématique « Sociologie du droit et de la justice » (RT13) de l'Association française de sociologie, CRESSPA-CSU.
2017. Contesting policing practices through the law: Expert-led and victim-led mobilization models, *Junior Scholar's Conference in Law and Society*, Paris.
2016. L'émergence de nouvelles stratégies collectives anti-harcèlement en Égypte: Étude comparative de cinq "groupes d'intervention", *Journée d'Études "Les situations (post)révolutionnaires à l'aune du genre et des sexualités"*, Centre Maurice Halbwachs, Paris.
2015. Place and Tactical Innovation: The Emergence of Egypt's Anti-harassment Groups, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago.
2014. Tahrir Square Anti-Harassment Groups, *Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Toronto.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – 2013, **Director, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights** (NGO), Egypt

Established the unit; managed a team of three researchers and two lawyers working on issues of security sector reform, police violence, prisoner's rights, criminal investigations, and penal policies. Supervised research, litigation and case management; coordinated campaigns; represented the organization in advocacy meetings with national and international stakeholders; communicated

with the media; coordinated with other civil society organizations and grassroots movements.

2009-2011, Researcher, Violence and Bodily Integrity Program, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (NGO), Egypt

Designed and implemented research projects on state services to sexual violence victims, anti-trafficking laws, children in conflict with the law, the ethics of crime reporting, and human rights violations against detainees. Coordinated the organization's national and international advocacy activities on issues related to sexual violence.

Research Consultancies

2010-2011. Arab Council for Childhood and Development (Egypt), Participated in research design and wrote a country report on Algeria, for a book on the rights-based approach to child rights in the MENA region.

2010. World Health Organization (Switzerland), Co-authored a review of laws and case law related to sexuality and sexual health in 13 countries in the MENA region for the project "Sexual Health, Human Rights and the Law".

2008-2009. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France), Co-authored the France country reports for the European Union "JUSTIS" project on the elaboration of indicators of public confidence in justice, fear of crime and insecurities.

2008-2009. Save the Children UK (Egypt), Co-authored the 2009 Child Rights Situation Analysis. Conducted focus groups with school children and drafted the sections on education and violence against children.

2008. Institute for Criminal Policy Research, King's College London (UK), Provided research assistance for the report "Differential Treatment in the Youth Justice System". Interviewed young offenders and key youth justice professionals, and entered data on SPSS.

COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021- Diversity committee (member), Graduate admissions committee (member), departmental seminar (coordinator), University of Washington

2019-2020. Director of the Cook County Jail Partnership, Northwestern Prison Education Program.

2018-2019. Member of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee and Volunteer at the Northwestern Prison Education Program.

2018-2019. Student coordinator of the Crime, Law, & Society Workshop at Northwestern University.

2018-2019. Member of the Organizing Committee for the Chicago Ethnography Conference, 2019.

2017. Co-organizer of the Young Scholars' Conference on Law and Society in Paris, 11-12 December 2017, bringing together American and French scholars, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

2014-2015. Middle East and North Africa Graduate Students Group co-chair, Northwestern University.

2014. Volunteer at the Center on Wrongful Convictions, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer: *Law & Society Review*, *Perspective on Politics, Espace et Société*, *Sociological Review*

Member: American Sociological Association, Law & Society Association

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French, English and Arabic. Intermediate in German and Spanish.