Rasheed Ibrahim

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Education

University of Notre Dame *IN*

Ph.D. Political Science *2021 - present*

- Dissertation: "**Chale Wote Politics: Voter Demands and Electoral Competition in Africa**"
- Committee: Jaimie Bleck (Advisor), Michael Coppedge, Scott Mainwaring, Luis Schiumerini
- Subfields: Comparative Politics & Methodology

M.A., Political Science *2023*

Sabanci University *Istanbul,TR*

M.A., Political Science (*with thesis*) *2021*

- Thesis: **"Assessing Turkish foreign policy towards Africa: Somalia as a case study"**
- Committee: Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Advisor), Senem Aydın-Düzgit, Aylin Ece Çiçek

M.A., European Studies (*with thesis*) *2019*

- Thesis: **"The EU as a security actor in Africa: the case of Mali"**
- Committee: Senem Aydın-Düzgit, (Advisor), Meltem Müftüler-Baç, Selin Türkeş-Kılıç

Hacettepe University *Ankara, TR*

B.S. International Relations *2017*

Research

Under Review

- The Chief's Resource Curse: Land Quality and Corruption among Traditional Leaders (with Vladimir Chlouba)

In Preparation for Submission

- Knockin' on MP's Door: Who Contacts Their MP and Who Benefits? (with Paul Friesen)
- Does Bringing Government Closer Build Trust? Evidence from Kenya's Devolution
- Youth Engagement in Politics and Civil Society in Northern Ghana (with Jaimie Bleck, Paul Friesen and Kevin Fridy)
- Ideology and Civil War Termination (with Samer Sharani & Yasemin Tosun)
- Youth Attitudes towards Foreign Actors in Africa (with Jaimie Bleck and Brice Arsene Bado)
- The Heterogeneous Dimensions of Social Capital: A Measurement Study in Ghana (with Shana Scogin)

Teaching Experience

S2024	**Intro to Comparative Politics**, Teaching Assistant	*Notre Dame*
F2022,2024	**Intro to International Relations**, Teaching Assistant	
S2024	**Black Political Thought (with Uni of Pretoria)**, Teaching Assistant	
F2023	**Globalisation in Africa and the US (with U of Pretoria)**, Teaching Assistant	
S2023	**European Politics**, Teaching Assistant	

S2023	**R Programming**, Instructor of Record	*Jesuit University, Ivory Coast*
2019	**Academic writing for graduate students**, Teaching Assistant	*Sabanci Uni*
Fall 2014	**Academic Communications**, Teaching Assistant	
Fall 2014	**European Union politics, policies, and governance**, Teaching Assistant	
Fall 2014	**Undergraduate project course**, Teaching Assistant	

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2025	**Graduate Research Grant**, Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame	*$ 7,000*
2024	**Frazier Thompson Graduate Research Award**, Notre Dame	*$ 6,000*
2023	**The Connected World, Research Theme Grant**, ISLA, Notre Dame	*$ 5,000*
2022	**Pamoja Initiative, Summer Research Grant**, Notre Dame	*$ 2,000*
2021	**Graduate Student Research Award, ISLA Grant**, Notre Dame	*$ 1,920*
2021-2026	**University Fellowship**, Notre Dame	
2021-2026	**PhD Fellowship**, Kellogg Institute, Notre Dame	
2018-2021	**Full Scholarship**, Sabanci University	

Presentations

Conferences

ASA 2025 - "Electoral Turnover and Political Contact"

ASA 2024 - "Accountability in Competitive Elections: Citizen-Elite Dynamics in Incumbency Disadvantage"

SPSA 2024 - "The Heterogeneous Dimensions of Social Capital: A Measurement Study in Ghana" (with Shana Scogin)

ASA 2023 - "The Impact of Institutional Quality on Citizen Compliance: Evidence from Africa"

IPSA 2023 - "Institutional Quality and Citizen Compliance: Evidence from Africa"

APSA 2022 - "Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa"

WPSA 2022 - "Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa"

MCES 2020 (Marrmara Conference on European Studies)- "The EU as a Security Actor in Africa: the Case of Sahel Mali."

Invited Talks & Lectures ** Lecture; + Workshop*

April 2025 - "Clientelism in African Politics," *World Politics Course,* Andrew Gould, Dept of Political Science, ND*

May 2025 - "Intro to R Programming," *Research Methods Course*, Ellis Adjei Adams, Notre Dame*

Nov 2024 - "Accountability in Competitive Elections: Citizen-Elite Dynamics in Incumbency Disadvantage," *Africa Governance Innovations Lab*, Notre Dame+

March 2024 - "US-Africa Relations," *African Center for the Study of the United States (ACSUS)*, University of Pretoria*

Oct 2023 - "Europe-Africa Relations," *European Politics*, Andrew Gould, Dept of Political Science, ND*

Nov 2022, "Avenues of Political Access: How Political Institutions Influence Constituency Services in Africa," *Mid-Midwest African Politics Workshop*+

Skills

Languages: English (fluent), Turkish (fluent), Arabic (intermediate), Hausa (native) , Akan (native) , French (low-intermediate), Pidgin (fluent)

Computer: R, STATA, LaTeX, Github, Python (beginner)

Qualitative Fieldwork Experience: Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Türkiye

Mentoring & Service

2019 - date	**Country expert coder**, Varieties of Democracy	
2021 - date	**Mentor**, Mentor for High School Students	*ISTC Chicago*
2022/23 AY	**Field Rep**, Political Methodology	*Notre Dame*
2023	**Panel Chair**, WPSA	
2023	**Discussant**, Mid-Midwest African Politics Workshop, CPW, ASA, MPSA	

Affiliations

- Doctoral Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame
- Doctoral Affiliate, Initiative for Race and Resilience, Notre Dame
- Member - APSA, ASA, WPSA