

KEVIN KOEHLER

EMPLOYMENT

DATE since January 2019
POSITION **Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics**
INSTITUTION **Institute of Political Science, Leiden University**

DATE October 2016-December 2018
POSITION **Research Adviser**
INSTITUTION **Middle East Faculty, NATO Defense College (NDC), Rome**

DATE September 2014-September 2016
POSITION **Assistant Professor**
INSTITUTION **Department of Political Science, American University in Cairo**

DATE September 2013-August 2014
POSITION **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
INSTITUTION **Department of War Studies, King's College London**

EDUCATION

DATE September 2013
DEGREE **PhD, Political Science and Social Sciences**
UNIVERSITY **European University Institute** Florence, Italy

DATE October 2008
DEGREE **M.A., Political Science**
UNIVERSITY **Eberhard Karls Universitaet** Tuebingen, Germany

IN PROGRESS

In Preparation

- *Military States: The Origins of Regime Militarization in the Middle East and North Africa*, book manuscript; single-authored.
- 'Back to the Future? The Nation's Future Party and the 2020 Elections in Egypt,' article manuscript; single-authored.
- 'Military Actors in the Middle East and North Africa,' book chapter, with Holger Albrecht, Devorah Manekin, and Ora Szekely; equal authorship.
- 'Outsourcing the State: Pro-Government Militias Beyond Functionalism,' article manuscript; single-authored.

Submitted

- 'The Political Sources of Preference Falsification: Who Fakes Support for the Military?' *Journal of Politics*, under review, with Holger Albrecht and Sharan Grewal; first author.
- 'Coup Agency and the Prospects for Democracy,' *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, under review, with Holger Albrecht and Austin Schultz; equal authorship.
- 'When Enough is Enough: Reaching the Breaking Point of Revolutionary Mass Uprisings,' *International Area Studies Review*, R&R, with Holger Albrecht; equal authorship.

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

Book

- *Safer Research in the Social Sciences: A Guide to Human and Digital Security in Hostile Environments*, (London: Sage), forthcoming 2020; with Jannis J. Grimm, Ellen M. Lust, Ilyas Saliba, and Isabell Schierenbeck; equal authorship.

Journal Articles

- ‘Revolutions and the Military: Endgame Coups, Instability, and Prospects for Democracy,’ forthcoming in *Armed Forces and Society*, with Holger Albrecht; first author.
- ‘Myths of Military Defection in Egypt and Tunisia,’ forthcoming in *Mediterranean Politics*, with Amy Austin Holmes; equal authorship.
- ‘Going on the Run: What Drives Military Desertion in Violent Domestic Conflict?,’ *Security Studies* 27(2): 179-203 (2018), with Holger Albrecht; equal authorship.
- ‘State and Regime Capacity in Authoritarian Elections: Egypt before the Arab Spring,’ *International Political Science Review* 39(1): 97-113 (2018); single-authored.
- ‘Ties to the Rest: Autocratic Linkage and Regime Survival,’ in *Comparative Political Studies* 50(9): 1221-1254 (2017), with Oisín Tansey and Alexander Schmotz; second author.
- ‘Political Militaries in Popular Uprisings: A Comparative Perspective on the Arab Spring,’ *International Political Science Review* 38(3): 363-377 (2017); single-authored.
- ‘From Disaffection to Desertion: How Networks Facilitate Military Insubordination in the Syrian Conflict,’ *Comparative Politics* 48(4): 439-457 (2016), with Dorothy Ohl and Holger Albrecht; first author.
- ‘Authoritarian Elections in Egypt: Formal Institutions and Informal Mechanisms of Rule,’ in: *Democratization* 15(5): 974-990 (2008), single-authored.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- ‘Inheriting the Past: Trajectories of Single Parties in Arab Republics,’ in Cavatorta, Francesco and Lise Storm (eds.): *Routledge Handbook on Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*, (London: Routledge), forthcoming 2020; single-authored.
- ‘Projecting Stability to the South: NATO’s “New” Mission?’, in Cusumano, Eugenio and Stefan Hofmaier (eds.): *Projecting Resilience Across the Mediterranean*, (London: Palgrave), pp. 37-62, forthcoming 2020; with Jeff Larsen; second author.
- ‘Officers and Regimes: The Historical Origins of Political-Military Relations in Middle Eastern Republics,’ in Holger Albrecht, Aurel Croissant and Fred Lawson (eds.): *Armies and Insurgencies in the Arab Spring* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016); single-authored.
- ‘The 2011 Elections in Tunisia: Institutionalizing Uncertainty?’, in Mahmoud Hamad and Khalil al-Anani (eds.): *Elections and Democratization in the Middle East* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 9-34; equal authorship.
- ‘Zwischen Revolution und Religion: Die Parlamentswahlen und das entstehende Parteiensystem in Aegypten’ [Between Revolution and Religion: Parliamentary Elections and the Emerging Party System in Egypt], in: Holger Albrecht and Thomas Demmelhuber (eds.): *Revolution und Regimewandel in Aegypten*, (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013), pp. 87-109 (in German; single-authored).
- ‘Zwischen Staatszerfall und Buergerkrieg: Der Jemen im arabischen Fruehling’ [Between Failed State and Civil War: Yemen in the Arab Spring], *Der Buerger im Staat*, Vol. 1-2(2012): 48-55 (in German; single-authored).

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

- ‘Staat, Staemme und politischer Islam im Jemen: Die Islah Partei zwischen Regime und Opposition’ [The State, Tribes, and Political Islam in Yemen: The Islah Party Between Regime and Opposition], in: Holger Albrecht and Kevin Koehler (eds.): *Politischer Islam im Vorderen Orient: Zwischen Sozialbewegung, Opposition und Widerstand*, (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2008), pp. 165-182 (in German; single-authored).

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- السياسة الخارجية لرئيس ترمب: اي دلالات لحلف شمال الاطلسي «الناتو»؟، دراسات ٦(١): ٥٩ - ٧٣ (٢٠١٩).
- ‘President Trump’s Foreign Policy: What Implications for NATO?’, *Dirasat* 6(1): 59-73 (2019).
- ‘Military defections didn’t determine the Arab uprisings.’ With Amy Austin Holmes, *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, (21 December 2018).
- ‘Putting the Horse Back Before the Cart: NATO’s Projecting Stability in the South,’ in Ian Hope (ed.): *Projecting Stability: Elixir or Snake Oil?* NDC Research Paper No. 1, (December 2018), pp. 41-51.
- ‘Projecting Stability in Practice? NATO’s New Training Mission in Iraq,’ NDC Policy Brief No. 2, (October 2018).
- ‘Why it’s good for dictators to have dictator friends.’ With Oisin Tansey and Alexander Schmotz, *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, (15 September 2016)
- ‘For Money or Liberty? The Political Economy of Military Desertion and Rebel Recruitment in the Syrian Civil War,’ with Holger Albrecht and Dorothy Ohl, *Carnegie Middle East Center Regional Insight*, (24 November 2015).
- ‘The Syrian military has thousands of deserters. New research tells us why they left.’ With Dorothy Ohl and Holger Albrecht, *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, (17 December 2015).
- ‘Politoeconomische Kurzanalyse: Aegypten,’ report prepared for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, (in German, 2012).
- ‘All the King’s Men: the Emergence of the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM) in Morocco,’ *IPRIS Maghreb Review* 6 (October/November 2010): 1-2.
- اللوائح والقوانين المنظمة لحق التصويت فللعالم (١٩٥٠ - ٢٠٠٠)، الديمقراطية ٤٠ (٢٠١٠).
- ‘Regulations and Laws Governing the Right to Vote in the World (1950-2000),’ *Democracy Review*, No. 40, October 2010, (translation by Mervat Diab, 2010).
- ‘Egypt and North Africa: Political Islam and Regional Instability, (with Jana Warkotsch) report prepared for the UNHCR Emergency and Technical Support Service (2009).
- ‘Authoritarian Institution Building. Electoral Politics and Ruling Party Formation in Post-Revolutionary Kyrgyzstan,’ OSCE Academy in Bishkek (2009).
- ‘Politoeconomische Kurzanalyse: Jemen,’ report prepared for the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, (in German, 2007 and updates 2009, 2010, and 2011).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND TALKS (SELECTION 2017-19)

2019

- Presentation on EU Foreign Policy in the Middle East and North Africa on invitation of the Middle East Studies Center, American University in Cairo (December).

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

- EU-LISTCO meeting on designing strategic foreign policy options towards Tunisia, participant, Berlin (November).
- Presentation on “The Political Sources of Preference Falsification: Who Fakes Support for the Military?” Leiden University brownbag series (November).
- Presentations on “Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences” and “The Historical Origins of Regime Militarization in the Middle East and North Africa” on invitation of the Center for Middle East Studies, University of Alabama (October/November).
- Annual Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO), presentation of Safer Research project, Hamburg (October).
- EU-LISTCO meeting on Hybrid Governance and Limited Statehood in the MENA, participant, Florence (September).
- APSA Annual Conference, paper on public support for the Tunisian military, Washington DC (August/September).
- Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Annual Conference, panelist on military actors in the MENA, Washington DC (June).
- Presentation on “Political Support for the Military: Experimental Evidence from Tunisia,” on invitation of the Middle East Directions Program, EUI, Florence (June).
- NATO Military Strategic Partnership Conference (MSPC), organized by Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE); lecture on NATO’s Projecting Stability agenda, Jordan (March).

2018

- Lectures on NATO’s approach to the Southern Neighbourhood and on drivers of regional security dynamics in the MENA for NDC Senior Course 133, NATO Defense College (NDC), Rome (October/November).
- Keynote on “Can NATO Shape the Security Environment in the South?” at conference entitled ‘Projecting Stability in an Era of Hybrid Warfare and Terrorism: Which NATO Role?’ organized by Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), the University of Bologna, and Allied Command Transformation (ACT) in Bertinoro (October).
- Presentation on “How Does NATO Work? Rules, Procedures, and Informal Norms,” invited talk at University of Business and Technology, Pristina (July).
- 56th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, papers on “Projecting Stability to the South: NATO’s “New” Mission?” and “Outsourcing the State: Pro-Government Militias Beyond Functionalism,” San Francisco (April).
- Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa (CASD), Rome: Lecture on political and security developments in Egypt (February).

2017

- The Military and the State in North Africa, panelist on invitation of the Centro Studi sull’Africa Contemporanea and the Dipartimento Asia Africa e Mediterraneo at the Università degli studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” (November).
- Convener of section on ‘Studying Authoritarian Regimes after the Arab Spring’ at the ECPR General Conference in Oslo (September).
- EU-NATO cooperation in maritime operations, participant in lessons-learned seminar following up on the NATO-EU joint declaration organized by EEAS and NATO HQ, Norway House, Brussels (June).
- Enhancing NATO-EU Cooperation: Looking South and Beyond, strategy workshop organized in collaboration with the Atlantic Council and the U.S. Mission to NATO, NATO Defense College Rome (March).

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

My teaching focuses on Comparative Politics with a geographical focus on the Middle East and North Africa as well as the wider Global South. Substantially, I teach courses ranging from introductory comparative politics and methods, to more specialized classes examining military politics and the role of elections and parties in the Middle East and North Africa. Throughout my career I have taught a variety of different audiences from BA and MA-level students at the American University in Cairo and Leiden University, to senior military officers and diplomats at the NATO Defense College. In all of these different contexts, my teaching evaluations have consistently been positive.

- **Introduction to Comparative Politics (Lecture)**
 - Audience: First-year BA students, size around 200.
 - Content: Foundations of Comparative Politics covering developed and developing world.
 - Duration: 8 weeks, twice weekly.
 - Spring 2019 and spring 2020, Leiden.
- **The Military in Politics: Civil-Military Relations and Political Power in the Developing World**
 - Audience: BA students in 2nd or 3rd year.
 - Content: Introducing basic notions of civil-military relations, focus on the Global South.
 - Duration: 8 weeks, twice weekly.
 - Spring 2019, Leiden.
- **Military Behavior in Mass Uprisings**
 - Audience: BA students in 3rd year (thesis seminar).
 - Content: Focus on the role of military actors in authoritarian regime crises.
 - Duration: 8 weeks, twice weekly.
 - Spring 2019, Leiden.
- **NATO Regional Cooperation Course (NRCC)**
 - Audience: Officers and civilian officials in the rank of LtCol or higher (and civilian equivalents).
 - Content: International relations, security dynamics, and domestic politics of the MENA.
 - Duration: 10 weeks, five days a week.
 - Four iterations in 2016-18, NATO Defense College.
- **POLS 1001: Introduction to Political Science**
 - Audience: first-year BA students.
 - Content: Introduction to the different sub-fields of political science.
 - Duration: 4 months, twice weekly.
 - Spring 2015, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 2104: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods**
 - Audience: advanced BA students.
 - Content: Introduction qualitative and quantitative methods.
 - Duration: 4 months, twice weekly.
 - Spring 2015, fall 2015, spring 2016, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 3408: Comparative Politics of the Middle East**
 - Audience: advanced BA students.

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

- Content: Introduction to Middle East Politics from a comparative perspective.
- Duration: 4 months, twice weekly.
- Spring 2016, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 4104: Political Science Research Methods**
 - Audience: advanced BA students (honors program).
 - Content: Advanced qualitative and quantitative methods (project based).
 - Duration: 4 months, twice weekly.
 - Fall 2014 and fall 2015, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 5130: Parties and Elections in the Middle East and North Africa**
 - Audience: MA-level, elective.
 - Content: Role and development of party and electoral politics in the MENA.
 - Duration: 4 months, weekly.
 - Spring 2016, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 5201: Comparative Theory**
 - Audience: MA-level.
 - Content: Advanced coverage of theoretical approaches in comparative politics.
 - Duration: 4 months, weekly.
 - Spring 2015, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 5235: Middle East Politics**
 - Audience: MA-level.
 - Content: Advanced topics on Middle East Politics.
 - Duration: 4 months, weekly.
 - Fall 2014, American University in Cairo.
- **POLS 5285: Comparative Politics and the Middle East**
 - Audience: MA-level.
 - Content: Middle East Politics from a comparative perspective.
 - Duration: 4 months, weekly.
 - Fall 2015, American University in Cairo.

CONSULTANCY WORK

- **EU-LISTCO:** Consultant on European foreign policy in the Southern neighbourhood, particularly Tunisia (ongoing).
- **NATO:** Consultant on the role of military partnership, several lectures and participation in strategy meetings and conferences (ongoing).
- **Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa (CASD):** Lecture on political and security developments in Egypt (2018).
- **United Nations Development Program Bureau for Arab States:** UNDP Social Cohesion Second Experts Group meeting, Beirut, 12th-13th December 2015, presentation on Arab security sectors.
- **German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA):** Report on governance issues in Egypt in the framework of the EU-funded ANTICORRP project (2013).
- **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development:** Reports on development issues in Egypt (2012) and Yemen (2009, 2010, 2011).
- **UNHCR Emergency and Technical Support Service:** Report on political Islam and regional instability in North Africa (2009).

PIETER DE LA COURT

ROOM 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ K.KOEHLER@FSW.LEIDENUNIV.NL ☎ (+31) 715272727

PEER REVIEW

Reviewed for *Columbia University Press*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Armed Forces & Society*, *International Political Science Review*, *Democratization*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Government & Opposition*, *Political Studies*, *Business & Politics*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Leviathan*, *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Politikwissenschaft*.

SKILLS

Languages English and German (fluent); Arabic, French, Italian (good); Dutch (beginner)
Software MS Office, SharePoint, Stata, R, L^AT_EX

PIETER DE LA COURT

Room 5B25 · WASSENAARSEWEG 52, 2333 AK LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

✉ k.koehler@fsw.leidenuniv.nl ☎ (+31) 715272727