

Curriculum Vitae

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**SUMMARY:**

Political ethnographer with an interdisciplinary research and teaching background in gender and ethnic politics, conflict resolution, environmental peacebuilding, and sociolegal studies in Africa. Expert in gender-mainstreamed qualitative methodologies, including participatory data collection and cross-cultural analysis. Deeply committed to innovative research frameworks and experiential andragogy that integrates critical social theories and dynamic practice for students. Experience communicating with diverse students, colleagues, and stakeholders across three continents to make politics and development studies relevant to our everyday worlds.

**INTERESTS:** gender, peace and conflict, environmental politics, development economics, legal systems, decolonizing qualitative methods, Africa

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Law and Society (Department of Politics/Law School) New York University	January 2015
M.A., Human Rights Columbia University	February 2008
B.A., Spanish/Pre-Law University of Arizona	May 2004

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

Assistant Teaching Professor (full-time) School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University	1/2023-current Tempe, AZ
Assistant Professor (full-time) Global Challenges Program, African Leadership University	7/2020-current Kigali, Rwanda

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Senior Research Fellow (part-time) 6/2019-current  
Center of Excellence in Biodiversity, University of Rwanda Kigali, Rwanda

Research Fellow (full-time) 5/2018-5/2019  
School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University Incheon, South Korea

**RELEVANT CONSULTING EXPERIENCE:**

Lead Research Consultant 12/2021-6/2022  
“Illuminating Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining,” Pact/Ikea Social Entrepreneurship Kigali, Rwanda

Higher Education Consultant 3/2021-7/2021  
The Unstoppable Foundation Narok, Kenya

Research Methodology Consultant 4/2020-1/2021  
Three Stones International Kigali, Rwanda

Gender Mainstreaming Specialist 10/2020-12/2020  
Never Again Rwanda Kigali, Rwanda

Conflict Resolution Consultant 9/2007-10/2007  
Foundational for Tolerance International Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Peace Corps Education Volunteer 9/2004-01/2006  
U.S. Peace Corps Quissico, Mozambique

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:**

Munir, L. (2023). “Women and Changing Sociolegal Landscapes in Rwandan Mining” [Special edition]. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 97, 167-176.

Munir, L. (2022). “A National Development Simulation Online to Teach Experiential Problem-Solving.” *Journal of Political Science Education*, 18(4).

Munir, L. (2022). “Do Cooperatives Improve Female Miners’ Outcomes? A Case Study from Rwanda.” *Journal of Development Studies*, 58(11), 2349-2365.

Munir, L. (2021). “Gender Roles in Nigeria’s Non-Violent Oil Resistance.” *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 54(1), 79-97.

Munir, L. (2020). “When Local Law Impedes Conflict Resolution: Women's Oil Protests in the Niger Delta.” *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, 10(1), 28-49.

**PEER- AND EDITOR-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS:**

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Munir, L. (forthcoming in June 2023). "We Must Ban Coal Use." In Parafiniuk, A. and Smith, Z (Eds.), *Energy Resource Conflict: Origins and Global Impact*. ABC-CLIO.

Munir, L. and Noor, A. (March 2023). Vulnerabilities and Strategic Responses to LGBTQIA+ Identity Among Refugees and Their Families. In M. Tiilikainen, J. Hiitola, A. Ismail, and J. Palander (Eds.), *Separated Families: Forced Migration, Everyday Insecurities, and Transnational Tactics*. Springer Publishing.

Munir, L. (2019). Fleeing Gender: Reasons for Displacement in Pakistan's Transgender Community. In A. Guler and D. Venturi (Eds.), *LGBTI Asylum Seekers and Refugees from a Legal and Political Perspective* (pp. 49-69). Springer Publishing.

#### **OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:**

Kaplin, B., Ivanova, M., and Munir, L. (2021). Biodiversity and Zoonotic Diseases: Lessons for Effective Biodiversity Governance and Resilience to Pandemics in Africa. UNESCO Policy Brief. *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)*.

Munir, L. (2021). Traditional and Human Security in the Age of COVID-19. In *Humanitarian Encyclopedia*. Geneva Center of Humanitarian Studies. <https://humanitarianencyclopedia.org/expertise-note/traditional-and-human-security-in-the-age-of-covid-19>

Munir, L. (2021, January 6). Women, Conflict, and Modern Mining in Rwanda during COVID. *International Union for the Conservation of Nature News*, Africa section. <https://www.iucn.org/news/commission-environmental-economic-and-social-policy/202101/women-conflict-and-modern-mining-rwanda-during-covid-19>

Munir, L. (2014). Gender Essentialism. In S. Thompson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Munir, L. (2010). Review of *Bush Wives and Girl Soldiers: Women's Lives through War and Peace in Sierra Leone*, by Chris Coulter. *African Studies Quarterly*, 11(2) 179-180.

#### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW:**

Munir, L. "Global Studies of and for the Global South: Feminist Participatory Methods to Center Women in International Research." *International Studies Quarterly*. [Under first-round review as of September 2023.]

#### **POPULAR PUBLICATIONS:**

Munir, L. (2021, June 28). [featured interviewee]. Researcher Makes Case for Gender Quotas in Local Mining Activities. *The New Times*. <https://www.newtimes.co.rw/article/187154/News/researcher-makes-case-for-agender-quotasa-in-local-mining-activities>

Munir, L. (2019, May 2). Korea's Future Calls for More Conflict Resolution Experts. *Korea Herald*. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20190501000310>

Munir, L. (2018, March 12). A Crisis in Paradise. *The Islamic Monthly*, winter/spring 2018.

Munir, L. (2017, July 24). Korea: A Land of Few Muslims. *The Islamic Monthly*, summer/fall 2017.

Munir, L. (2017, June 9). Remembering the Orlando Nightclub Shooting a Year Later. *The Islamic Monthly*, summer/fall 2017.

Munir, L. (2017, May 19). Pakistan's Transgender Revolution. *The Islamic Monthly*, summer/fall 2017.

Munir, L. (2017, April 13). When the Personal Becomes Political. *The Islamic Monthly*, summer/fall 2017.

Munir, L. (2013). Women in Nigeria's Oil Conflict. In A. Veal Brisebois (Ed.), *The Places We've Been* (pp. 78-83). The Places We've Been, LLC.

### **IN PREPARATION:**

Munir, L. "Legalization as a Driver of Illegality: Gender Violence and Mining Regulation in Rwanda" (intended for the *Law & Society Review*).

Munir, L. "Mass Violence and Natural Resource Extraction: A Case Study of Mining Formalization in Post-Genocide Rwanda" (intended for *Security Studies*).

### **FUNDING:**

#### External

2022: "Equality, Law, and Social Justice Residence" [Accepted]. International research residency at King's College London's Dickson Poon School of Law. June 19-July 7, 2023, (exact amount pending for travel, accommodation, and living costs).

2021: Guggenheim Distinguished Scholar Award, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, "Women, Conflict, and Modern Mining in Rwanda" (PI). December 19, 2021, \$22,000.

2020-2022: Agile Response Call to Address COVID-19, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and Global Challenges Research Fund/Newton Fund, "Climate Change & COVID-19 (CCC19): Achieving a Sustainable and Equitable Recovery in Malawi and Rwanda" (co-I). September 14, 2019, \$227,000.

2011-2012: Boren Fellowship, National Security Education Program, U.S. Department of Defense, "The New Mobilization from Below: Women's Oil Protests in Nigeria" (PI). May 2, 2011, \$23,000.

#### Internal

2008-2013: McCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at New York University. \$25,000 annually, \$125,000 in total.

2012: Global Research Initiatives (GRI) Grant, New York University Provost's Office, "From Nigeria to Italy: Neocolonial Oil Economies," (PI). March 12, 2012, \$4,500.

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2012: Holmes Award for African Scholarship, The Africa House at New York University, “Female Fighters in Nigeria’s Oil Conflict,” (PI). May 28, 2012, \$2,000.

2007: Liberal Studies Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University, “Accounting for Counting: Post-Conflict Reintegration of Girl Soldiers” (PI). December 16, 2007, \$1000.

## **AWARDS:**

2021: "Excellence in Research Award" from African Leadership University

2021: Rotary International Peace Fellowship for earning an Advanced Certificate in “Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation, and Development” at Makerere University’s Peace and Conflict Center in Kampala, Uganda [declined participation due to local COVID-19 conditions].

## **INVITED TALKS:**

Munir, L. (2022). “Electric Cars: How Environmentally-Friendly Are They Really?” Panelist for documentary screening and panel discussion for the International Science Film Festival at the Goethe Institute of Germany. Kigali, Rwanda. November 23, 2022.

Munir, L. (2022). “Empowering Networks Among Women Leaders for Sustainable African Development.” Workshop design and implementation for the UNDP/African Union’s African Young Women Leaders Fellowship Program. Kigali, Rwanda. October 19, 2022.

Munir. (2022). “Gender, Conservation, and the SDGs.” Guest speaker for the Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science Program at the University of the West of England, Bristol. Via Zoom. October 13, 2022.

Munir, L. (2022). “Gender and Climate Finance: Inclusion and Transformation in Africa.” Keynote speaker for the conference, “Women, Gender, and Financial Inclusion” for the University of Johannesburg’s Institute of Global Affairs (IGA) and the Institute of Pan African Thought & Conversation (IPATC). Johannesburg, South Africa. September 8, 2022.

Munir, L. (2022). Moderated panel “Gender and Climate Change” for the Women’s Forum of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Kigali, Rwanda. June 21, 2022.

Munir, L. (2022). “The Gender Dimensions of Rwanda’s Mining Formalization Process.” Presented for a stakeholder meeting hosted by the Gender Monitoring Office (GMO) of Rwanda’s Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion (MIDGEPROF). GMO Office, Kigali. February 21, 2022.

Munir, L. (2021). "Justice for Peace through Traditional Knowledge Systems and Wildlife Conservation." Presented for and moderated the panel on “Reconciliation” for the Institute for International Development Conference at the University of Sheffield. Onomo Hotel, Kigali. June 17, 2021.

Munir, L. (2020). “Empowering Emerging Scholars in Forced Migration.” Panelist for the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR)/Kaldor Center for International Refugee Law Conference at the University

of New South Wales. Via Zoom. November 10, 2020.

Munir, L. (2020). "E-Human Trafficking: Understanding, Challenges, and Opportunities." Panelist for Workshop #57 for the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2020. Via Zoom. November 9, 2020.

Munir, L. (2020). "Addressing Wildlife Crimes in Conflict Zones." Panelist for the BIOSEC public lecture hosted by the Institute for International Development at the University of Sheffield. Kigali Public Library. Kigali, Rwanda. March 14, 2020.

Munir, L. (2020). "Let's Talk about Communities" and "Let's Talk About Armed Conflict." Panelist and panel moderator the BIOSEC Workshop, "Addressing Wildlife Crimes in Conflict Zones through Non-Violent and Community Conservation" for the Institute for International Development at the University of Sheffield. University of Rwanda. Kigali, Rwanda. March 12-13, 2020.

Munir, L. (2019). "Gender and the Environment in the SDGs." Presentation for the panel "Environmental Conservation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)." African Leadership University. Kigali, Rwanda. December 6, 2019.

#### **CONFERENCES AND COMPETITIVE WORKSHOPS:**

Munir, L. (2022). "Decolonizing Political Science through COVID-19 Simulation Games." Paper presentation for the American Political Science Association's Annual Conference. Via Zoom. September 16, 2022.

Munir, L. (2022). "Gendered Violence through Mining Legalization in Rwanda." Paper presentation for the panel, "The Role of Women in Traditional and Minority Governance Structures in Southern Africa and Elsewhere" for the Law and Society Association's Global Meeting. Lisbon, Portugal. July 13, 2022.

Munir, L. and Gallegos, C. (2021). "Training Workshop: Gender and Inclusivity in Environmental Conservation Research." Training presented for the International Congress for Conservation Biology Annual Conference. Via Zoom. December 3, 2021.

Munir, L. (2021). "Women in Mining Cooperatives in Rural Rwanda." Paper presented on the panel "Resource Conflicts" for the African Studies Association 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Via Zoom. November 18, 2021.

Munir, L. (2021). "Gender Dynamics of Intersectional Vulnerability." Presented initial findings for the panel "Early Findings on COVID-19 and Climate Change resiliency in Rwanda and Malawi" for the Center for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University. Via Zoom. September 30, 2021.

Munir, L. (2021). "Navigating African Political Economy Through Role-Play Simulation." Presented for the workshop, "Innovative Practices and Pedagogies for Teaching Undergraduate International Development Studies" for the Tobias Center for Innovation in International Development at Indiana University. Via Zoom. June 6, 2021.

Munir, L. (2021). "Training: Gender and Inclusivity in Participatory Research Methods." Training presented for the Center for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University. Via Zoom. February 1, 2021.

Munir, L. (2020). "Gendered Vulnerabilities Among Refugees in Europe and their Families Left Behind." Paper presented for the Annual Conference of the Finnish Center for Gender Studies at Tampere University. Via Zoom. November

12, 2020.

- Munir, L. (2020). "Gender Identity within the Common European Asylum System: A Transgender Case from Pakistan." Paper presented for "Gender and Forced Migration" Conference for the Migration Institute of Finland. Via Zoom (cancelled at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London due to COVID-19). April 16, 2020.
- Munir, L. (2019). "The False Promise of Natural Resources, Prosperity, and Peace: Cases in Africa." Research presented for the Spring Speaker Series of the Department of Political Science at Foreman Christian College. Lahore, Pakistan. March 20, 2019.
- Munir, L. (2019). "No Wealth for Women: Natural Resources and Gender Inequality in Africa." Research presented for the Saida Waheed Gender Initiative at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. Lahore, Pakistan. March 12, 2019.
- Munir, L. (2016). "Human Rights in the Nigerian Context: Gender, Oil & Resistance in the Niger Delta." Paper presented for the SSK Human Rights Forum of Korea University at Yonsei University. Seoul, Korea. December 8, 2016.
- Munir, L. (2008). "Twice Victimized: Inadequate Gender Awareness in the Demobilization and Reintegration of Girl Soldiers." Paper presented for the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Annual Conference at American University Cairo. Cairo, Egypt. January 8, 2008.

#### **CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENT TALKS:**

- Munir, L. (2022). "The Gender Dynamics of African Conservation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Featured guest speaker for the Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management at the University of Rwanda. Via Zoom. October 7, 2022.
- Munir, L. (2022). "Gendered Components of COVID-19 and Climate Change Resiliency in Rwanda and Malawi." Final results public presentation for the Center for Climate Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University and the Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management at the University of Rwanda. Kigali, Rwanda. May 11, 2021.
- Munir, L. (2022). "Women, Conflict, and Modern Mining in Rwanda." Presented for the spring seminar series for the Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management at the University of Rwanda. Via Zoom. May 11, 2021.
- Munir, L. (2021). "Applied Research for the Global South." Presented for the brown bag series for the Center for Applied Innovative Research at African Leadership University. Via Zoom. May 27, 2021.
- Munir, L. (2019). "Gender, Natural Resources, and the Law: A Sociolegal Analysis of Women and Extractive Industries in Africa." Research presented for the Center for Conflict Management at the University of Rwanda. Kigali, Rwanda. October 30, 2019.
- Munir, L. (2019). "The Gender Dimensions of Environmental Conflict in Africa." Research presented for the Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management at the University of Rwanda. Huye, Rwanda. July 17, 2019.

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Munir, L. (2013). "The New Mobilization from Below: A Qualitative Study of Women's Anti-Oil Protests in Nigeria." Research presented for The Africa House at New York University. New York, NY. April 18, 2013.

Munir, L. (2010). "Women's Resistance in Postcolonial Africa." Research presented for the Graduate Student Conference at the Institute for Law and Society at New York University. New York, NY. April 23, 2010.

### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING:**

Arizona State University, School of Politics and Global Studies (undergraduate courses)  
SGS 367 World Politics and Global Inequalities (Spring 2023) [online]

SGS 204 Professional Global Career Development [online]

African Leadership University, Global Challenges Program (undergraduate courses):  
Skills Immersion I (Spring 2023) [online]

International Business and Trade Capstone A Supervisor (Spring 2023)

Global Challenges and the Economy (Fall 2020, 2021, 2022) [hybrid in-person/online lecture and seminar]

Entrepreneurial Leadership (Summer 2022) [hybrid in-person facilitation/online self-directed learning supervision]

Economics Elective - From Poverty to Prosperity (I) (Spring 2022, 2021) [online interactive simulation]

Advanced Economics Elective - From Poverty to Prosperity (II) (Spring 2022, 2021) [online interactive simulation]

Research Capstone Honors (Fall 2021) [online research supervision]

Research Capstone (Summer 2021) [hybrid in-person facilitation/online research supervision]

New York University, Department of Politics (TA for undergraduate courses):  
Law and Society (Fall 2009) [in-person]

Gender and Law (Spring 2010) [in-person]

### **SERVICE:**

2020-current: ALU's Graduate School Mentor

2021, 2022: Panelist for ALU's School of Wildlife Conservation Capstone Honors Student Presentations (November, 2021; November, 2022)

2022: Member of design team creating ALU's new "Policy and Advocacy" undergraduate specialization within the new Bachelors of Entrepreneurial Leadership (BEL) program (March-August, 2022)

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2022: Featured interviewee for gender and mining on the television show, “Morning Cafe,” for the Rwanda Broadcasting Association’s Channel 2 (May 26, 2022).

2022: Moderator for the “China-African Common Destiny” presentation by Professor Ze Yu, Director of the China-Africa Initiative at the London School of Economics (May 12, 2022).

2020-2021: Faculty Research Lead for founding ALU’s Center for Applied Innovation in Research (CAIR)

2021: ALU’s video message representative for, “Changing Gender for a Changing Climate” for The Collective for Climate Rights for COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland (October 25, 2021).

2021: UR’s video message representative for, “Closing the Gender Achievement Gaps in STEM,” for The International Day of Women and Girls in Science (February 11, 2021).

2019-2020: Research supervisor for Rotary International Peace Fellow from University of Uppsala

2020: UR’s video message contributor for, “Gender and Environmental Change in Africa Moving Forward,” for Earth Day (April 22, 2020).

2019: External reviewer for M.S. theses at the University of Rwanda

2019: Contributor to Delve, a collaborative online platform for compiling global mining data ([www.delvedatabase.org](http://www.delvedatabase.org)).

Reviewer:

2022: *Conservation and Society*

2020: *Canadian Journal of African Studies*

2019: *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*

## **AFFILIATIONS & SKILLS:**

Phi Beta Kappa

American Political Science Association (APSA) Member

African Studies Association (ASA) Member

Law & Society Association (LSA) Member

Women in Conflict Studies (WICS) Member

Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) “Friend”

International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN): Member of the Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP)

Member of the Africa Research Group, Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law at the University of New South

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Wales, Australia.

Completion of 4-week e-course, "Gender and Mining Governance." UNDP's Learning for Nature Program (October 2021).

**Skills:** NVivo, ATLAS.ti, Canvas LMS, Turnitin, Slack, Zokri, WordPress, Microsoft Office Suite, Afrobarometer tools

**LANGUAGES:**

Spanish ("professional" on the ILR scale testing in 2016)

Portuguese ("professional" on the ILR scale testing in 2016)

Igbo (Nigeria) (certified "intermediate mid" sublevel on the ACTFL scale testing in 2012)

Standing member of the U.S. National Language Service Corps (NLSC) for Spanish, Portuguese, and Igbo

**REFERENCES:**

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