

# Jihed Ncib

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**Research and Professional Interests:** Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling, Natural Language Processing

## Education

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<b>University College Dublin   Dublin, Ireland</b>	January 2021 – Present
Ph.D. in Politics and International Relations	<i>Supervisor: Dr. Stefan Müller</i>
Dissertation: Machine Learning Approaches to Examining Legislative Economic Discourse	
<b>Eastern Illinois University   Charleston, IL (USA)</b>	August 2018 – January 2021
M.Sc. in Computer Science (Focus: Data Science)	<i>Conferred January 2021</i>
M.A. in Political Science	<i>Conferred January 2020</i>
<b>Université de Rennes   Rennes, France</b>	August 2015 – June 2018
Bachelor's Degree in Law and Political Science	

## Specialized Skills

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**Skills:** Python, R, SQL, machine learning, data mining and quantitative text analysis, predictive modeling, transformer models, html/css/javascript

**Languages:** Arabic (Native), French (Native), English (Bilingual Proficiency)

## Research Visits

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- Center for Data Innovation - ITIF** Washington, D.C. (USA) | April 2024 – July 2024
- Guest Researcher
- Koç University** Istanbul, Turkey | September 2023 – October 2023
- Guest Researcher at the Center for Computational Social Sciences
- Mannheim Centre for European Social Research** Mannheim, Germany | April 2023 – May 2023
- Guest Researcher
- The MZES is an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim and the largest social sciences research institute in Germany. Its research focus is located in comparative research on Europe and European integration.
- GESIS - Data Services for the Social Sciences** Cologne, Germany | March 2023 – April 2023
- Guest Researcher
- Data archiving, advising and consulting on questions regarding data collection and analysis of web scraped data, quantitative text analysis, and general data science skills (e.g., Python)

## Research Experience

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### Swiss National Science Foundation

Dublin Ireland | July 2023 – Present

- Research Assistant  
Part of a project that uses machine learning to analyse the texts of anonymised grant review reports.

### University College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland | January 2021 – Present

- Lab Manager - Connected Politics Lab  
The Connected Politics Lab is an interdisciplinary hub for researchers using computational methods  
Tasks: website maintenance, workshop and seminar organization, social media management
- Research Assistant  
Scraping and processing data on World Bank projects
- Teaching Assistant  
Grading assignments for a module on quantitative text analysis

### Eastern Illinois University

Charleston, IL (USA) | August 2018 – January 2021

- Research Assistant - Department of Political Science  
Collecting and scraping data on international human rights treaties

## Publications

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2024. "Legislating Landlords: Private Interests, Issue Emphasis, and Policy Positions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* online first (with Stefan Müller).

## Taught Workshops

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An Introduction to Web Scraping Using R

November 2021

## Conference Participation

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PSAI 2024 - Dublin, Ireland.

PSAI 2023 - Belfast, United Kingdom.

EPSA 2023 - Glasgow, United Kingdom.

PSAI 2022 - Waterford, Ireland.

ECPR SG Parliaments 2022 - Paris, France.

COMPTTEXT 2022 - Dublin, Ireland.

PSAI 2021 - Dublin, Ireland.

MPSA 2019 - Chicago, IL.

## Awards & Honors

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Guest Researcher Fellowship

MZES | Mannheim, Germany

Visiting Researcher Grant

GESIS | Cologne, Germany

Ad Astra Ph.D. Scholarship

University College Dublin

Graduate Student Assistantship

Eastern Illinois University

Distinguished International Graduate Student

Eastern Illinois University

Outstanding International Student of the Year

Eastern Illinois University

Williams Grant - The Graduate School

Eastern Illinois University