

Nada Matta
Curriculum Vitae
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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2017 Assistant Professor, Global Studies and Sociology, Drexel University
- 2019 Program director, MENA studies, Global Studies, Drexel University

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, New York University
Dissertation: “The Road to Tahrir: Origins and Sustainment of the Egyptian Revolution of 2011.”
- 2002 M.A., Department of Sociology, Goldsmith College, University of London, UK MA Thesis: 'The Post-Zionist Discourse: A Theoretical Critique'
- 2000 B.A., Psychology and Communication Studies (Joint Honours), Tel-Aviv University

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Matta, Nada. 2022. “Middle-Class Employees in the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” *Critical Historical Studies*, 9 (1): 103-207.
- Matta, Nada. 2021. “Class Capacity and Cross- Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” *Politics and Society*, 49 (2): 203-233.
- Matta, Nada and Rene Rojas. 2016. “The Second Intifada: A Dual Strategy Arena”, *European Journal of Sociology*, 57 (01): 65-113.
- Matta, Nada. 2003. “Postcolonial Theory, Multiculturalism and the Israeli Left: A Critique of Post Zionism.” *Holy Land Studies*, 2 (1): 85-107.

Book Chapters

Matta, Nada. "Union Politics, History of Militancy, and Women's Structural Power: The Leading Strikes of Misr Mahalla." In the Political Economy of Social Movements. Ed. Jeff Goodwin (forthcoming).

Matta, Nada. 2007. "Israeli Feminists and the Right of Return," (Arabic) in *Palestinian Feminist Writings Between Oppression and Resistance*, edited by Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Haifa: Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research).

Work in Progress

Matta, Nada. *Class Forces in the Egyptian Uprising of 2011* (book manuscript).

Book Reviews

Matta, Nada. 2020. *Bread and Freedom: Egypt's Revolutionary Situation*, By Mona El-Ghobashy, Stanford University Press, 2021. *Catalyst* (Forthcoming).

Matta, Nada. 2020. *Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights*, by Aili Mari Tripp, Cambridge University Press, 2019. *Social Forces* 99(2):21.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Matta, Nada. 2020. "Capitalist Restructuring and the Power of Women Textile Workers in Egypt." *ASA WIP Blog*, <http://www.wipsociology.org/2020/09/24/capitalist-restructuring-and-the-power-of-women-textile-workers-in-egypt/>

Matta, Nada. 2020. "Capitalist Restructuring and the Power of Women Textile Workers in Egypt." *ASA Marxist Sociology blog*, <https://marxistsociology.org/2020/09/capitalist-restructuring-and-the-power-of-women-textile-workers-in-egypt/>

Matta, Nada and Nava, Sonnenschein. 2019. "University Teaching and Research: Scholar and Feminist." (Interview). In *The Power of Dialogue Between Israelis and Palestinians: Stories of Change in the School for Peace*. Edited by Deb Reich. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Achcar, Gilbert and Nada Matta. 2016. "Gilbert Achcar on the Arab Upheaval: Facts and Fiction." *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 18 (1): 1-15. (translated to Arabic in *Bidayat Journal*).

Matta, Nada 2011. "The Egyptian Uprising and Workers Grievances." Znet, 17 February, <http://www.zcommunications.org/the-egyptian-uprising-and-workers-grievances-by-nada-matta>

Matta, Nada. 2005. "Disparities Between Arab and Jewish Local Authorities in the Social Welfare Ministry Budget." *Sikkuy Report*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 Global Tech Connection Award (Amel Milli and Rebecca Clothey) (2400\$)

2019 Career Development Award Drexel (\$4,010)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2012 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Dissertation Research Fellowship

2012 Dissertation Grant, Department of Sociology, New York University

2011 Dean's Student Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University

2009 Engberg Fellowship, "Honorific and Instrumental Support" for First Year Students, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University

2007 Henry McCracken Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU

2006 Amideast Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Israeli Arab Scholarship Program, American Embassy in Tel-Aviv

2004 Mada al-Carmel Arab Centre for Applied Research Grant, Haifa, Israel, Women's Research Project

2001 Karim Rida Said Foundation Fellowship, M.A., Goldsmith College, University of London

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Drexel University

Wealth and Power (Spring 2021)

The Middle East and North Africa Today: Culture and Democracy (Spring 2020, Winter 2021)

Understanding Global (Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021)

Gender Politics in the Middle East, Drexel University (Spring 2018, Winter 2020)

Revolution and Counter Revolution in the Arab World (Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Spring 2021)

Guest Lectures:

“Gender and Development in the Middle East,” lecture presented at Human Development Department, Binghamton University (12 October 2021).

“Workers in the Arab Uprisings,”(in Arabic) lecture presented at the Language and Culture Program at Lauder Institute, UPenn (23 June 2021).

Instructor: New York University

Sex and Gender (Summer 2015)

Teaching Assistantship: New York University

Law and Society, Prof. Jo Dixon (Spring 2015)

American Capitalism in Theory and Practice, Prof. Vivek Chibber (Fall 2014)

Sex and Gender, Prof. Robert Max Jackson (Spring 2013)

Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Deirdre A Royster (Spring 2009)

Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Richard Arum (Fall 2008, Fall 2009)

Conversations of the West, Prof. Thomas Ertman (Spring 2008)

Teaching Commendations:

2021 Mention in the Thank a Teacher Program (Teaching and Learning Center).

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2009-10 Research Assistant for Prof. Jeff Goodwin in the Department of Sociology, New York University. Responsibilities included literature research, and the creation of a data set for Palestinian and Israeli fatalities during the Second Intifada.

2004-6 Researcher at Sikkuy, an NGO that develops and implements projects to advance civic equality between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel in terms of government budgets, resource allocation, hiring policy, land usage, etc. Responsibilities included publishing an annual report that monitors equality in Israel.

2002-4 Group Facilitator and program director at *Wahat Al-Salam / Neve Shalom* School of Peace (near Jerusalem). Responsibilities included developing and monitoring group dynamics, which reflect the current social and political conflict between Arabs and Jews in Israel. Focus on power relations and coexistence in a multi-ethnic society.

1999-01 Group Facilitator, Department of Social Work, Tel-Aviv University, Israel. Worked as a group facilitator in the seminar ‘Women in an Era of Change’, which brought academics together with Arab and Jewish women from the local community.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Paper Presentations

- 2021 “Short Lived Mini-Uprising in Jordan.” Paper Presented at MESA (Middle East Studies Association) 29 November (online). Referred.
- 2021 “Short Lived Mini-Uprising in Jordan.” Paper Presented at the SSHA (Social Science History Association) 13 November (online). Refereed.
- 2021 “Changes in Egyptian Capitalism and the Rise of Labor Unrest.” Paper presented at the ‘Labor Politics in the Middle East,’ Conference organized by POMES (*Politics and Middle East Science*), Online (16-17 September).
- 2021 “Workplace Structural Power: Egypt’s Unprecedented Labor Unrest in the 2000s.” Paper accepted for presentation at the ‘Labor Transformation and Regime Transition: Lessons from the Middle East and North Africa,’ conference organized by the *Industrial Labor Review* journal. Online (29-30 April). Refereed.
- 2019 “The Economic and Political Origins of the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans (14-17 November). Refereed.
- 2019 “The Political Economy of Women’s Movements in the Middle East.” Workshop on The Political Economy of Social Movements, New York University (14 August).
- 2018 “Class Capacity and Cross- Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Social Science History Association, Phoenix. (8-11 November). Refereed.
- 2018 “Class Capacity and Cross-Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Comparative Historical Mini Conference, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia (10-14 July). Refereed.
- 2018 “Class Capacity and Cross- Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore (21-25 February).
- 2016 “The First Day of the Egyptian Uprising: Opposition Forces and Labor.” American Sociological Association, Seattle (19-23 August). Refereed.
- 2016 “The Unintended Consequences of Segregation by Sex: Female Labor Organizing in Egypt.” Paper presented at Class Politics and Society Annual Conference, Department of Sociology, New York University (20 May).
- 2015 “The Egyptian Uprising: Youth, Labor, and the Muslim Brotherhood.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York (26 February-1 March).

- 2011 “The Strategic Logic of Hamas’ Suicide Terror during the Second Intifada.” Paper jointly presented with Rene Rojas at the Renewing Radical Scholarship conference, University of Wisconsin Madison (May).
- 2011 “The Strategic Logic of Hamas’ Suicide Terror during the Second Intifada.” Alternative Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK (April). Refereed.

Invited Presentations

- 2020 “Inter Class Openings in Mass Revolt: Egypt and Jordan in Comparative Perspective,” Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University (13 February).
- 2012 “Workers in the Egyptian Revolution.” Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University (March).
- 2011 “Rebellion and Self Organization in Egypt.” Left Forum, New York City (18-20 March).

Discussant

- 2022 Global Middle East- Regional and External Politics (Fawaz Gerges and Timothy Mitchell), moderated by Nada Matta and Eileen Ryan, The Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, 17 February.
- 2019 A New Authoritarianism: Egypt in the Age of Al-Sis, Middle East Center at UPenn (29 October).
- 2011 “Uprisings in Egypt, North Africa,” Historical Materialism, New York City (6-8 May).

Presider

- 2021 “Occupied Palestine: Which Way Forward?,” American Sociological Association, Online (8 August).

PANEL AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

- 2022 Conference co-organizer with Jeff Goodwin. ‘Capitalism and Contention.’ New York University (26 February). Conducted over zoom due to Covid-19.
- 2019 Panel co-organizer with Ahmad Al-Sholi. “The Political Economy of Labour Mobilizations in MENA” Middle East Studies Association (14-17 November).

2019 Panel co-organizer with Suzy Lee. “Bringing Back Capitalism In: Exploring the Political Economy of Injustice, American Sociological Association (10-13 August).

TALKS AND LECTURES ORGANIZED

2022 “Democracy and Gender Equality in the Middle East and North Africa.” Panelists: Sean Yom (Temple University) and Hind Ahmad Zaki (University of Connecticut). Event co-organized with Amel Mili and Rebecca Clothey (Macalister Hall, Drexel, 5 May, 2022).

2020 “Gender Divide in the Arab World,” by Amaney Jamal, Princeton University (Macalister Hall, Drexel, 20 February).

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS

2021 “Latest Flare-Up in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” interview with WRFI Community Radio for Ithaca (2 June).

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2021 Teaching Praxis Award Committee member, Marxist Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.

2020 Program Committee Member. This committee is responsible for organizing 6 events during 2021-22 on “Social Change and the Global Middle East.” Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy at UPenn.

2020 Advisory Board for De Gruyter Book Series on Contemporary Social Movements.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2021 Moderator for “Minari” movie, film series organized by the Department of Sociology (October).

2021 Boren Award Committee Member.

2020 Truman Scholarship Committee Member.

2020 Open House for Global Studies (15 August).

2019 Program development, Middle East Minor, Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages.

2019 Moderator for the 12th ‘Student Conference on Global Challenges’ on creativity and innovation.

2019 Club mentor and advisor, Students for Justice in Palestine-Drexel University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

SSHA (Social Science History Association)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native)

Hebrew (fluent)

English (fluent)