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Curriculum Vitae
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Assistant Professor
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017- present Assistant Professor, Global Studies and Sociology, Drexel University

2019- present Program Director, MENA studies, Global Studies, Drexel University

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, NYU (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

Books

Forthcoming **Matta, Nada.** *Class Forces: Youth and Labor in the Making of the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.* Under contract with University of Michigan Press, Emerging Democracies Series

Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 2024 **Matta, Nada.** 2024. "Public Workers' Mobilization in Egypt: Perception of Sector Potential in Textile and Transport." *Industrial Labor Relations Review*, 77 (1): 62-87

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

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming **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. Edited by Jeff Goodwin
- 2007 **Matta, Nada.** 2007. “Israeli Feminists on the Right of Return: A Critical Study.” (Arabic) In *Palestinian Feminist Writings Between Oppression and Resistance*. Edited by Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Haifa: Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research)

Book Reviews

- 2023 **Matta, Nada.** 2023. *Bread and Freedom: Egypt’s Revolutionary Situation*, By Mona El-Ghobashy, Stanford University Press, 2021. *Catalyst Review*, 25 April (2700 words)
- 2020 **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

Manuscripts in Progress

Matta, Nada. “Egyptian Transport Workers’ Power Resources: The Impact of Uneven Neoliberal Transformations.”

Matta, Nada. “Egypt and Jordan in Comparative Perspective: The Role of Key Labor Sectors” (Manuscript in preparation)

Public Scholarship

- 2020 **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/>
- 2020 **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/>
- 2019 **Matta, Nada** and Nava Sonnenschein. 2019. "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
- 2016 Achcar, Gilbert and **Nada Matta**. 2016. "Gilbert Achcar on the Arab Uprising: Facts and Fiction." *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 18 (1): 1-15. (translated to Arabic in *Bidayat Journal*).
- 2011 **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>
- 2005 **Matta, Nada.** 2005. "Disparities Between Arab and Jewish Local Authorities in the Social Welfare Ministry Budget." *Sikkuy Report*

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Co-PI with Amel Milli. Global Tech Connection Award funded by Title VI funds from the US Department of Education (2,400\$)
- 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, NYU (New York University)
- 2011 Dean's Student Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU (New York University)

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| 2009 | Engberg Fellowship, “Honorific and Instrumental Support” for First Year Students, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU (New York University) |
| 2007 | Henry McCracken Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU (New York University) |
| 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

Teaching Commendations

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| 2026 | Mention in the Thank a Teacher Program (Teaching and Learning Center) |
| 2021 | Mention in the Thank a Teacher Program (Teaching and Learning Center) |

Instructor: Drexel University

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| 2019-2026 | Understanding Global |
| 2020-2026 | The Middle East and North Africa Today: Culture and Democracy |
| 2021-2026 | Wealth and Power |
| 2018-2026 | Gender Politics in the Middle East, Drexel University |
| 2018-2023 | Revolution and Counter Revolution in the Arab World |
| 2025 | Capitalist Development and Women’s Empowerment |

Guest Lectures

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| 10/12/2021 | “Gender and Development in the Middle East,” lecture presented at Human Development Department, Binghamton University |
| 6/23/2021 | “Workers in the Arab Uprisings” (in Arabic) lecture presented at the Language and Culture Program at Lauder Institute, UPenn |

Instructor: New York University

2015 Sex and Gender

Teaching Assistantship: New York University

2015 Law and Society, Prof. Jo Dixon

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

2013 Sex and Gender, Prof. Robert Max Jackson

2009 Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Deirdre A Royster

2008-2009 Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Richard Arum

2008 Conversations of the West, Prof. Thomas Ertman

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2009-2010 Research Assistant for Prof. Jeff Goodwin in the Department of Sociology, NYU (New York University)

2004-2006 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.

2002-2004 Group Facilitator and program director at *Wahat Al-Salam / Neve Shalom* School of Peace (near Jerusalem)

1999-2001 Group Facilitator, Department of Social Work, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

INVITED TALKS

3/5/2026 “Labor Protest and Women in Egypt: Collective Action under Post-Developmental Neoliberalism.” Invited talk at the Lubna Chaudhry lecture Series at the Human Rights Institute at Binghamton University

11/10/2023 “Israel’s Turn to the Right and the War in Gaza,” UPenn University

2/13/2020 “Inter Class Openings in Mass Revolt: Egypt and Jordan in Comparative Perspective,” Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University

3/11/2012 “Workers in the Egyptian Revolution.” Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, New York

3/18-20/2011 “Rebellion and Self Organization in Egypt.” Left Forum, New York City

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 6/17-19/2026 “Egyptian Transport Workers’ Power Resources: The Impact of Uneven Neoliberal Transformations.” Invited to submit manuscript by the *Mobilizations in the 21st Century Neoliberal Order* workshop in Madrid
- 12/13-14/2025 “Union Politics, History of Militancy, and Women’s Structural Power: The Leading Strikes of Misr Mahalla” Invited presentation for Capitalism & Contention virtual conference at New York University
- 11/15/2024 “Power Resources Among Egyptian Transport Workers: The Impact of Uneven Neoliberal Transformations.” Session title ‘Resistance, Rights, and Resources: 21st Century Labor and Workers’ Issues.’ Invited presentation: MESA (Middle East Studies Association) virtual conference
- 4/29-30/2021 “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,’ Virtual Conference organized by the *Industrial Labor Review* journal

Departmental Research Presentation

- 2/20/2026 “Class Forces: Youth and Labor in the Making of the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” Invited talk at the Global Café, Global Studies Department, 18 February
- 2/20/2024 “Economic Development and Women’s Empowerment: Lessons From Female Labor Organizing in Egypt,” at Rethinking Gender and Development: A Discussion. Event organized by Global Passport Series, Drexel Picture Gallery

Author Submissions

- 8/11/2023 “Public Workers’ Mobilizations in Egypt: Perceptions of Sector Potential in Textile and Transport” ASA (American Sociological Association), Philadelphia
- 9/16-17/2021 “Changes in Egyptian Capitalism and the Rise of Labor Unrest.” Paper presented at the ‘Labor Politics in the Middle East,’ Virtual Conference organized by POMES (Project and Middle East Political Science)
- 11/13/2021 “Short Lived Mini-Uprising in Jordan.” Paper Presented at the SSHA (Social Science History Association), virtual

- 11/29/2021 “Short Lived Mini-Uprising in Jordan.” Paper Presented at MESA (Middle East Studies Association), virtual
- 8/14/2019 “The Political Economy of Women’s Movements in the Middle East.” Workshop on The Political Economy of Social Movements, NYU (New York University)
- 11/14-17/2019 “The Economic and Political Origins of the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans
- 11/8-11/2018 “Class Capacity and Cross-Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Social Science History Association, Phoenix
- 7/10/14/2018 “Class Capacity and Cross-Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Comparative Historical Mini Conference, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2/21-25/2018 “Class Capacity and Cross- Gender Solidarity: Women Organizing in an Egyptian Textile Company.” Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore
- 8/19-23/2016 “The First Day of the Egyptian Uprising: Opposition Forces and Labor.” American Sociological Association, Seattle
- 5/20/2016 “The Unintended Consequences of Segregation by Sex: Female Labor Organizing in Egypt.” Paper presented at Class Politics and Society Annual Conference, Department of Sociology, NYU (New York University)
- 2/26-3/1/2015 “The Egyptian Uprising: Youth, Labor, and the Muslim Brotherhood.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York
- 5/2/2011 “The Strategic Logic of Hamas’ Suicide Terror during the Second Intifada.” Paper jointly presented with Rene Rojas at the Renewing Radical Scholarship conference, Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin Madison
- 4/11-13/2011 “The Strategic Logic of Hamas’ Suicide Terror during the Second Intifada.” Alternative Futures and Popular Protest Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

CONFERENCE AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Organizer

- 8/17/2023 Co-organizer of “Making Space: Thinking Against the Grain in Historical Sociology.” Comparative Historical Sociology ASA Mini Conference, Drexel University

- 2/26/2022 Conference co-organizer with Jeff Goodwin. ‘Capitalism and Contention.’ NYU (New York University), Conducted over Zoom due to Covid-19
- 11/14-17/2019 Panel co-organizer with Ahmad Al-Sholi. “The Political Economy of Labor Mobilizations in MENA” Middle East Studies Association
- 8/10-13/2019 Panel co-organizer with Suzy Lee. “Bringing Back Capitalism In: Exploring the Political Economy of Injustice,” ASA (American Sociological Association)

Moderator/Presider

- 8/8/2026 Genocide and Imperialism, American Sociological Association, Zoom
- 9/23/2023 Book and Coffee with Ahmad Almallah and Lena Khalaf in Conversation with Nada Matta *Palestine Write Conference*, (UPENN), <https://palestinewrites.org/p-events/poetry-books/>
- 8/17/2023 Colonial Continuity and Rupture, Comparative Historical Mini Conference, Drexel University
- 8/8/2021 “Occupied Palestine: Which Way Forward?” American Sociological Association, Virtual

Discussant

- 2/17/2022 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
- 10/29/2019 A New Authoritarianism: Egypt in the Age of Al-Sisi, Middle East Center at UPenn
- 5/6-8/2011 “Uprisings in Egypt, North Africa,” Historical Materialism, New York City

TALKS AND LECTURES ORGANIZED

- 5/5/2022 “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
- 2/20/2020 “Gender Divide in the Arab World,” by Amaney Jamal, Princeton University, Macalister Hall, Drexel

PUBLIC INTERVIEWS AND TALKS

- 12/5/2024 “Women, Mothers, and the War in Gaza.” Invited by Families for Ceasefire Philadelphia
- 1/14/2024 “US Policy and the Israeli Palestinian Conflict,” Philadelphia
- 6/1/2021 “Latest Flare-Up in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” interview with WRFI Community Radio for Ithaca

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF GLOBAL STUDIES AND SOCIOLOGY

- 9/17/2026 Global Expo Representative
- 6/28/2025 Open House Representative
- 9/19/2024 Global Expo Representative
- 2022 Member, Search Committee for Arabic Language Faculty, Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages
- 2021 Faculty Recruitment, Department of Sociology (candidate job talks and meetings)
- 10/7/2021 Moderator, *Minari* Film Discussion, Department of Sociology Film Series
- 2021 Dragon Day Representative, Department of Sociology
- 8/15/2020 Open House Representative, Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages
- 2019 Program Development, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Minor
- 2018 Department Bylaws and Strategic Planning, Department of Sociology
- 2018 Curriculum revision, Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 9/3/2026 Served on a campus review process for a former Drexel student applying for Fullbright, virtual
- 2025 COAS caucus member, Spring term
- 2024-present Serving on the CoAS Council Committee
- 10/25/2024 “Nakba and the Refugees in Palestine/Lebanon,” at Palestine in Focus: A Night of Learning and Giving, organized by Muslim Student Association (MSA) and

Middle East and North Africa (MENA) student clubs. Mitchell Auditorium, Drexel University

- 12/18/2024 Served on a mock interview panel for a former Drexel student applying to Payne Fellowship, virtual
- 4/28/2023 Opening remarks for the event on Palestinian Culture organized by Students for Justice in Palestine, Drexel University
- 2022 Community Based Learning two-day workshop, Fall 2022, Lindy Center at Drexel
- 2021 Boren Award Committee Member
- 2020 Truman Scholarship Committee Member
- 2/28/2019 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

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2024 External Examiner, PhD Dissertation, Department of Sociology, NYU (New York University)
- 2023-present Secretary, Marxists Section, American Sociological Association
- 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-present Advisory Board for De Gruyter Book Series on Contemporary Social Movements

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native)

Hebrew (fluent)
English (fluent)