

Omar Hammoud Gallego

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Academic Appointments

Durham University , School of Government and International Affairs Assistant Professor in Public Policy <i>Director, BA in Politics and International Relations</i>	2024 – Present 2025 – 2026
London School of Economics , Department of Government Visiting Fellow	2025 – Present
London School of Economics , School of Public Policy Fellow in Political Science and Public Policy	2021 – 2024

Education

London School of Economics , Department of Government – PhD in Political Science	2021
London School of Economics – MRes in Political Science	2018
University College London – MSc International Relations of the Americas (Distinction)	2016
University of Heidelberg – BA Philosophy and Economics	2015

Publications

Articles on Migration Policy

Symbolic Refugee Protection: Explaining Latin America's Liberal Refugee Laws. (2023) *American Political Science Review*, 117(2), 454–473. With Freier, F. [Link]

Best Paper Award, APSA Migration and Citizenship Section (Honorable Mention) 2024

The Short-Term Effects of Visa Restrictions on Migrants' Legal Status and Well-Being: A Difference-In-Differences Approach on Venezuelan Displacement. (2024) *World Development*, 182, 106709. [Link]

A Liberal Region in a World of Closed Borders? The Liberalization of Asylum Policies in Latin America, 1990–2020. (2022) *International Migration Review*, 56(1), 63–96. [Link]

Best Paper Award on Latin America from the European Consortium for Political Research 2019.

The return of the state: how European governments regulate labour market competition from migrant workers. (2025) *Comparative Migration Studies*, 13, 13. With McGovern, P. and Thielemann, E. [Link]

Articles on Democratic Institutions

News Cycles and Satisfaction with Democracy: How the Pandemic Short-Circuited Media Polarisation. (2025) *British Journal of Political Science*, 55:e49. With Foa, R.S. and Romero-Vidal, X. [Link]

Women Politicians' Networks Reduce Gender Gap in Political Ambition: A Randomized Field Experiment. *Accepted at British Journal of Political Science*. With Lawall, K., Pereira, M. and Baron, D.

Under Review

Migration Policy in Low State Capacity Contexts: Evidence from the Venezuelan Migration. With Freier, F. and Poertner, M.

Industrial Matching in Refugees' Settlement Choices: Evidence from Venezuelans in Colombia. With Morales-Arilla, J. and Alleyne, R. Working Paper No. 38, Escuela de Gobierno y Transformación Pública,

Tecnológico de Monterrey (2026). [Link]

Working Papers

Not All Migrants: Geographic Origins and the Tren de Aragua's Regional Spread. With Morales-Arilla, J., Martin, D. and Morales, A.

Homeowners in Office and Housing Policy. With Lawall, K. and Pereira, M.

Sanctions, Secrecy, and Signals: What Nowcasting Reveals About Russia's War Economy. With Foa, R., Nazrullaeva, E., Timson-Smidt, I. and Campana, C.

Displacement and Human Capital in Colombia. With Bandiera, A. and Velázquez, A.

The Trade-Off Between Regular and Irregular Migration: How Reducing Labour Migration Opportunities Can Lead to an Increase in Irregular Migration. With Rosina, M.

Book Chapter

Importancia y Limitaciones de Las Normas Jurídicas Para El Estudio de La Política Migratoria En América Latina. (2020) In L. Gandini (Ed.), *Perspectivas Jurídicas de Las Migraciones Internacionales*. SUDIMER UNAM. With Fernandez-Rodriguez, N. and Freier, L.F. [Link]

Grants and Awards

Grants

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (SRG 2024/25): £9,973

LSE Regional Innovation Fund (LSE-MDP project): £25,000

Greater London Authority Civic Data Innovation Challenge: £69,706 (two rounds, 2022)

Trust for London, Citizenship and Integration Initiative (London Voices): £32,196

Awards

Best Paper Award (Honorable Mention), Migration and Citizenship Section, APSA 2024

LSE Class Teacher Award (outstanding student feedback) 2022–23

Best Paper Award, European Consortium for Political Research 2019

ESRC Doctoral Partnership (four-year funding, ~£80,000) 2017–21

UCL Prize for Fieldwork Research 2016

Teaching

Durham University (2024–Present)

Researching Politics and International Relations (UG, quantitative and qualitative methods); Research Project – Public Policy Challenges in Latin America (UG); The Making of a Policymaker (MPP, Convenor); Public Policy Reform (MPP, Convenor)

London School of Economics (2018–2024)

Political Science for Public Policy (MPA/MPP); Politics and Institutions in Europe (UG); International Migration, Social Integration and Public Policy (Summer School); Introduction to Political Science (UG)

Affiliations and Fieldwork

Universidad del Pacífico, Peru – Affiliated Fellow, IDRC Chair on Migration and Displacement Ongoing

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research – Visiting Fellow	May 2024
Higher Education Academy – Associate Fellow	Ongoing
Universidad de los Andes , Bogotá – Visiting Researcher	2016
UNHCR Colombia – Intern, Protection Unit (Medellín) and Interagency Cooperation (Bogotá)	2015–2016

Policy Reports

Hammoud-Gallego, O., Lawall, K., McRae, I. & Bulat, A. (2024). *Mind The (Representation) Gap: How London’s councillors reflect the diversity of its population*. Migrant Democracy Project & LSE. [Link]

Hammoud-Gallego, O., Lawall, K., McRae, I. & Bulat, A. (2024). *The Challenge of Being a Politician: How local councillors in London experience their role*. Migrant Democracy Project & LSE. [Link]

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. (2022). *Corruption in Ghana – People’s Experiences and Views*. Vienna. [Co-author] [Link]

Hammoud-Gallego, O. et al. (2021). *London Voices: the journey to full participation*. the3million. [Link]

Book Review

Hammoud Gallego, O. (2022). Review of Jubilut, Espinoza & Mezzanotti, *Latin America and Refugee Protection*. *International Migration*, 60: 234–237. [Link]

Research and Work Experience

Migrant Democracy Project – Lead Researcher (LSE-GLA project on democratic representation) 2023–2024

UNODC – Consultant (Ghana corruption survey, data analysis and report drafting) 2022

University of Cambridge – Subconsultant (Global Democracy Insight for Cabinet Office) 2021–2022

Trust for London – Quantitative Researcher (London Voices project) 2021

LSE Department of Government – Research Assistant (STICERD-funded project on migrant labour market access) 2018–2020

IFAD – Consultant (HR Department) 2016–7

Skills and Languages

Languages: Italian, Spanish (native); English, German (proficient); French (B2); Arabic (A2)

Technical: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics