

Understanding Ethnicity and Religious Identity Across-Cultures



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CURRENT RESEARCH

How identity becomes a source of conflict or growth

Religious violence and ethnic discrimination are global phenomena. Therefore, by exploring how similarly or differently these phenomena work in various parts of the world, we can better understand when and how identity becomes a source of conflict or growth. Dr. Claire Adida, of the University of California, San Diego researches when and why differences emerge among ethnic groups and when and why those differences matter for political and economic development. This theme has guided her research agenda which is comprised of three broad projects with varying implications.

Her research on Muslim immigrants to Europe sheds light on why these groups are failing to integrate into their host societies, which in turn helps understand why some might turn to radicalism or violence. Her work in West Africa also digs into the foundations of social disintegration and instability, by researching how people's ethnic and religious identities are exploited for political and economic gain. Finally, her work with mobile technology relies on networks of trust within ethnic groups to encourage adoption of new technology. In many ways, Dr. Adida's work identifies, at the micro-level, some of the prerequisites to peaceful, stable, and growing societies.

Dr. Adida's current research includes:

- The Ebola Outbreak: One of Dr. Adida's latest projects attempts to track and understand the American public's response to the current Ebola outbreak and its politicization by the media and political leaders alike into an immigration problem. Through survey waves, this research effort will track American attitudes toward, and knowledge of, Ebola as the outbreak progresses; furthermore, it will test how the American response varies with issue framing (as a public health problem, as an immigration problem, etc...), and how political ideology and partisanship influence this response. This effort is one of the first to systematically track public opinion as it...

AFFILIATION

 University of California, San Diego

EDUCATION

- B.S. in Political Science and Communication Studies 2000, Northwestern University
- M.A. in International Affairs 2003, Columbia University
- Ph.D. in Political Science 2010, Stanford University

AWARDS

- EGAP Regranting Initiative Award, 2014
- PDEL Pilot Grant, 2013
- UCSD COR Research Grant, 2013
- UCSD Faculty Development Career Grant, 2013
- UCSD Hellman Fellow, 2012
- Gates Grand Challenges Exploration Award for 2015

RESEARCH AREAS

- Humanities
- Political Science
- Global Policy

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contribution will continue to support the research of Dr. Adida as she studies how identity shapes political, social, and economic outcomes. Donations will support the necessary \$700K that includes the cost of travel, technological development, field experiments, collaborations, and workshops. Within the next five years, each of her projects will be coming to conclusions that could highlight restorative opportunities for more peaceful, stable, and growing environments.

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