

## ***"Welfare and Politics in the Middle East"***

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Melani Cammett is Associate Professor of Political Science, the Dupee Faculty Fellow at the Watson Institute, and a faculty associate at the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University. She specializes in the political economy of development and the Middle East and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on comparative politics, development, and Middle East politics. Cammett's first book, *Globalization and Business Politics in North Africa: A Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2007) examines how global economic integration affects state-business relations and industrial development, focusing on Morocco and Tunisia. Her second book, *"Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Plural Societies,"* explores how sectarian organizations allocate social welfare goods. The book is based on extensive research in Lebanon with additional case studies of organizations in Iraq and India. An article based on this research won the 2011 Alexander L. George Award of the Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Section of the American Political Science Association. Cammett's co-edited book manuscript, *"The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare in the Global South,"* examines the consequences of non-state welfare provision for state-building and human security in diverse regions. Her current research focuses on public and social goods provision by Islamists and other types of public and private actors in several Middle Eastern countries. Cammett has published articles in *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, the *International Journal for Equity in Health*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Development*, *World Politics*, and other scholarly journals. Cammett holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and a M.A. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and has consulted for various development policy organizations.

