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EDUCATION

Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Ph.D. in Political Science 2022–present

Dissertation: *Putting the ‘Take’ in Takeover: Causes and Consequences of Confiscation as a Revolutionary Practice*

Committee: Eric Lob (Chair), Todd Makse, Eduardo Gamarra, Zachary Levenson (Sociology).

Subfield(s): Comparative Politics, Political Methodology.

Florida International University, Miami, FL.

M.A. in Political Science 2024

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran.

Ph.D. in Political Science 2021

Subfield: Iran Issues.

Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Pre-doctoral Visiting Scholar 2019

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran.

M.A. in Political Science 2014

Subfield: Political Theory.

Kharazmi University, Tehran, Iran.

B.A. in Political Science 2011

Additional Training

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2026

Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Math Bootcamp 2024

Graduate Certificate in Middle East and Muslim World Studies 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Democratization, Authoritarian Regimes, Political Behavior, Political Economy of Development, Global South.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies, Tehran, Iran.

Senior Visiting Research Fellow 2020–2021

Visiting Research Fellow 2015–2018

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran.

Research Assistant 2014–2015

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- [6] “Corruption, Electoral Trust, and Democratic Process in Advanced Democracies.” 2026. In: Stockemer, D., Abou-El-Kheir, E., & Kolodziejczyk, K. (eds.), *Democracy Under Scrutiny*. Contributions to Political Science. Springer, Cham.
- [5] “Neo-Prebendalism and Development Dilemma: A Theoretical Introduction to Understanding the Political Economy of Development Suspension in Iran.” 2024. *Journal of Politics Quarterly*. University of Tehran. 54(4): 623–647. [in Persian]
- [4] “Emergence of Market Risk Society in Post-1400 Iran and the Factors Affecting It” (with Amir Ragheb). 2022. *Strategic Studies Quarterly*. 25(1): 7–38. [in Persian]
- [3] “Causal Layered Analysis and the Possibility of Future Studies in the Political Sphere: The Application of Post-Structuralism in Understanding the Future” (with Aliashraf Nazari). 2020. *Journal of Public Policy*. University of Tehran. 6(2): 201–221. [in Persian]
- [2] “Contextual Analysis of the Formation of the Tunisian Revolution: In Search of Dignity” (with Aliashraf Nazari and Faezeh Moradi Haghighi). 2020. *Journal of Contemporary Researches on Islamic Revolution*. University of Tehran. 2(5): 45–86.
- [1] “Islamism, Pragmatism, and Political Action in Post-Revolutionary Egypt, 2011–2014” (with Aliashraf Nazari). 2015. *Research Letter of Political Science*. Journal of Iranian Political Science Association. 10(3): 201–234. [in Persian]

BOOK REVIEWS

- [3] “Review of Audie Klotz and Cecelia M. Lynch’s *Strategies for Research in Constructivist International Relations* (Persian Translation by Hossein Salimi and Bahaador Sadeghi).” 2020. *The Iranian Council for Reviewing Books and Text on Human Sciences*. Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran. [in Persian]
- [2] “Review of Jahangir Moeini Alamdari’s *Lifeworld and Its Importance for Politics*.” 2020. *The Iranian Council for Reviewing Books and Text on Human Sciences*. Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran. [in Persian]
- [1] “Review of Abbas Varij Kazemi’s *The Everyday in Post-Revolutionary Iran*.” 2018. *The Iranian Council for Reviewing Books and Text on Human Sciences*. Institute for Humanities and Cultural Studies, Tehran, Iran. [in Persian]

WORK IN PROGRESS

- *A Neo-Prebendal Polity: Iran’s Political Economy (1989–2026)*
- *Corruption and Democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran* (with Eric Lob)

CONFERENCES

- [12] “Does Seizing Property Secure Power? Confiscation and Authoritarian Resilience.” 2026. Presented at the 122nd American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- [11] “Corruption and Democracy under the Islamic Republic” (with Eric Lob). 2025. Presented at the Middle East Studies Association’s 59th Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- [10] “Trapped in the Asymmetrical Order: Iran and the Chinese Middle Eastern Strategy” (with Jing Ge). 2025. Presented at the 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL.

- [9] “Corruption Perception, Satisfaction with the Political System, and Trust in Elections in the United States.” 2024. Presented at the Workshop on “Democracy Under Scrutiny: An Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Causes and Consequences of Democratic Dissatisfaction.” University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.
- [8] “Iran’s Post-Revolutionary IPE: Navigating Between Islam and Secularism” (with Mohiaddin Mesbahi). 2024. Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- [7] “The Symbolic Order and Recreation of Political Life in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” 2023. Presented at the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- [6] “Connecting Disciplines: More Writing, Less Lecturing!” 2022. Presented at the Interdisciplinary Writing TA Pedagogy Symposium. Florida International University, Miami, FL.
- [5] “The Anatomy of State Under the Islamic Republic.” 2022. Presented at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- [4] “Neo-Prebendalism and Development Dilemma: A New Theoretical Framework for Understanding the Political Economy of Development Suspension in Iran (1989–2017).” 2021. L-PEG Spring Research Seminars. Leiden Political Economy Group. Leiden University, Netherlands.
- [3] “The Causes and Outcomes of Neo-Prebendalism in Iran’s Political Economy (1989–2017)” (with Eric Lob). 2019. Presented at the 77th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- [2] “The Political and Peace; Ontological Impossibility of Peace in the Perspective of the Political.” 2017. First Annual Conference of Iranian Peace Studies Association: Quiddity of Peace; Conceptual-Theoretical Foundations and Strategic Perspectives. Tehran, Iran. [Abstract published in proceedings; in Persian]
- [1] “Obstacles and Capacities of Good Governance in the Middle East: Case Study of Egypt.” 2013. Annual Conference of the Iranian Political Science Association. Tehran, Iran. [Abstract published in proceedings; in Persian]

INVITED PRESENTATIONS ---

- “Political Economy of Development Suspension.” 2022. Academic Research Presentation Series, Iranian Political Science Association Student Committee. Tehran, Iran.
- “Political Governance, Development, and Welfare State in Iran and the Middle East.” 2020. The Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies. Tehran, Iran.
- “Critical Realism, Structure, and Agency: Lessons of Roy Bhaskar for the Analysis of Iran’s Political Economy.” 2018. The Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies. Tehran, Iran.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE ---

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations, Miami, FL.

Instructor of Record:

- POS 3703: Methods of Political Analysis (Fall 2026)
- CPO 3010: Comparative Politics: Theory and Practice (Fall 2025)
- CPO 2002: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2025, Summer 2025)

Teaching Assistant:

- POS 4233: Public Opinion (Summer 2026)

- CPO 4057: Political Violence and Revolution (Fall 2024)
- CPO 3403: Politics of the Middle East (Fall 2024)

Florida International University, Department of English, Miami, FL.

Instructor of Record:

- ENC 1101: Writing and Rhetoric I (Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024)

Teaching Assistant:

- ENC 1101: Writing and Rhetoric I (Fall 2022)

Allameh Tabataba'i University, Department of Regional Studies, Tehran, Iran.

Adjunct Professor:

- Graduate Seminar in Political Economy of Iran (Fall 2021)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Kimberly and Dorothea Green Fellowship for Advanced Doctoral Students, FIU Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	2026
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Open Pool Fellowship, Syracuse University	Summer 2026
Conference Travel Funding, FIU Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	2026
Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship, University Graduate School, Florida International University	Spring 2026
Conference Travel Funding, FIU Mohsin & Fauzia Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies	2024
Conference Travel Funding, FIU Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	2024
Conference Travel Funding, FIU Graduate and Professional Student Committee	2024
Conference Travel Funding, FIU Graduate and Professional Student Committee	2023
Interdisciplinary Writing Teaching Assistant Fellowship (IWTA), College of Arts, Sciences, and Education, Florida International University	2022
Fee Waiver Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022
Developing Nations Scholarship, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022
Sabbatical Scholarship, University of Tehran, Iran	2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- Incoming Committee Member, Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, American Political Science Association (September 2026–September 2029)
- Abstract Reviewer, Annual Undergraduate Research at FIU (URFIU) Conference, Florida International University (Spring 2026)
- Chair, Organizing Committee, Graduate Conference on “Democratization in the Global South,” Florida

International University, Miami, FL (Spring 2026)

- Panel Chair, “Economy and the Interaction between State and Society in Iran,” 15th Annual Iranian Political Science Association Conference, Tehran, Iran (2022)
- President, Iranian Student Organization, Florida International University, Miami, FL (Spring 2023)
- Journal Reviewer, *Iranian Research Letter of International Politics*, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad Press, Mashhad, Iran (2021–2022)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical Analysis

- Stata (Advanced)
- R (Beginner)
- Python (Beginner)

LANGUAGES

- Azerbaijani (Native)
- Persian (Native)
- Turkish (Intermediate listening and speaking; basic reading and writing)
- Arabic (Limited working proficiency)