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Research Interests

- Politics in Hybrid Regimes:
 - Political Economy of Voter Turnout in Competitive Authoritarianism
 - Network Collective Action

Academic Appointments

- Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia, 2016-
- Lecturer, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) Program, Columbia University, 2015-2016
- Postdoctoral Fellow in Regional Political Economy, The Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2014-2015

Books

- [proposal stage] *Modernization and Mobilization in Eurasia: Political Beginnings in Russia, Iran, China and Turkey*
- [2016, Cambridge University Press] *Leading from the Periphery and Network Collective Action* **Cambridge Core**
 - **Winner of Best Book Award (2015-17) from American Political Science Association's Political Networks Section**

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT

- Ph.D. in Political Science, 2009–2014
- M.A. in Political Science, 2012

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

- Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, 2002–2006
- M.A. in Philosophy, 2008–2009
- M.S. in Electrical Engineering, 2004

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

- M.S. in Communication Systems, 2001–2002
- B.S. in Electrical Engineering, 1998–2001

Papers

- [*Political Communication* January 2014 – 31(1)] “Media Disruption and Revolutionary Unrest: Evidence from Mubarak’s Quasi-Experiment,” [Link](#)
 - **Winner of International Communication Association’s Keith R. Sanders and Lynda Lee Kaid Best Political Communication Article of the Year Award**
 - The New York Times feature: [Link](#)
- [Working Paper.1.] Economic Adversity and Voter Turnout in Authoritarian Elections: Evidence from Russian Elections post 2000
- [Working Paper.2.] Modernization and Voter Turnout in Authoritarian Elections: Evidence from Iranian Authoritarian Elections 1954-1975
- [Working Paper.3.] Voter Turnout and Public Goods Provision in the Face of Ethnic Diversity: Evidence from AKP’s Turkey
- [Working Paper.4.] Industrial Development versus Agrarian Constituency: The Russian Constituent Assembly Elections in 1917
- [Working Paper.5.] Political Ideology and Network Distance Metrics, Methods and Validation
- [Draft.1.] A Quasi-Experimental Study of Contagion and Coordination in Urban Conflict: Evidence from The Syrian Civil War in Damascus [Link](#)
- [Draft.2.] Hushed Dissent: Permanent Incumbency Advantage and Varieties of Online Political Dialogue under Competitive Authoritarianism [Link](#)
- [Draft.3.] The Strategy of Perception in Third Party Interventions
- [Draft.4.] Transparency and Repression: An Explanation for the Democratic Civil Peace

Teaching

- **Comparative Politics and International Relations**
 - Comparative Politics of Eurasia (HSE 2017-18)
 - History of International Relations after the Cold War (HSE-University of London 2017-18)
 - Comparative Politics: Data Methods & Applied Theory – Syllabus
- **Methods**
 - Research Methods (Econometrics, Research Design, Game Theory) titled “Theory & Methodology of Political Research” (HSE 2016-17, 2017-18)
 - Big Data and Digital Methods for Political Science titled “Data Processing and Visualization” (Columbia QMSS 2015-16)
 - Master’s Thesis (Columbia QMSS 2015-16)

Citation List

- [Link to citation list on Google Scholar](#)

Data

- Dataverse [Link](#)
- Book’s Online Appendix:
 - Cairo Survey Dataset, [Link](#)
 - Damascus GIS Dataset, [Link](#)
 - Network Experiments of Collective Action Dataset, [Link](#)
- District Level Data on Political & Economic Modernization
 - Iranian Parliamentary Elections Dataset, 1906-1975
 - Iranian Occupational/Demographic Census Datasets, 1956, 66, 76, 86, 96
 - Russian Duma/Constituent Assembly Dataset, 1906-1917
 - Russian Occupational/Demographic Census Datasets, 1897, 1926
 - (in process) Chinese and Ottoman/Turkish Parliamentary Elections Datasets

Other Writings

- [APSA *Comparative Democratization Newsletter* October 2015] “The Logic of Contagious Contention in Autocracies: A Novel Paradigm for Organization under Limited Information” [Link](#)
- [PS: *Political Science & Politics* April 2013 – 46(2)] “Tracking the Semantics of Politics: A Case for Online Data Research in Political Science” [Link](#)
- *The Monkey Cage* blog, March 2014, “Erdogan’s Twitter Flail” [Link](#)
- *The Monkey Cage* blog, June 2013, “They Said No: 2013 Iranian Presidential Post-Election Report” [Link](#)
- *Le Monde diplomatique*, February 2012, in English “Live, on the Egyptian street,” and French (edited the translation): “Révolte égyptienne, avec ou sans Twitter” English: [Link](#), French (edited the translation): “Révolte égyptienne, avec ou sans Twitter” [Link](#)

Organized Workshops

- One-day workshop at Princeton, April 2015: Iranian Electoral Politics: 1905-Present [Link to the Workshop Agenda](#)
- One-day workshop at Princeton, October 2014: Digital Methods in Political Science at Princeton [Link to Workshop Agenda](#)

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, “Leading from the Periphery and Network Collective Action”, February 2017, Baltimore, MD
- German-Russian Workshop on Institutional Change, “The Competition in Duma Elections & Russian Regional Political Economy past 1993”, October 2016, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- Peking University, “China’s Political and Economic Transitions at the Beginning of the 20th Century: Statistics & Interpretations”, Peking University, July 2016, Beijing, China
- Department of Political Science, Higher School of Economics, “Modernization Theory and Development Without Democracy: Evidence from Constitutional-Era Elections in Russia & Iran”, February 2016, Moscow, Russia
- Center for Iranian Studies, Columbia University, *Iranian Studies Seminar Series*, “The Modernization Theory Paradox: The Iranian Reconstruction Project and Elections to the Majlis 1906-1975”, December 2015, New York, NY
- School of International Relations, Saint Petersburg State University’s 4th Biannual conference, *First World War, Versailles System and Contemporary World*, “Elections to the Russian Constituent Assembly: Petrograd’s Civil and Military Vote in November 1917”, October 2015, Saint Petersburg, Russia

- Workshop on Innovations in Online Experiments, Nuffield College’s Centre for Experimental Social Sciences (CESS), “Leading from the Periphery: An Experimental Study of the Origins of Spontaneous Rebellion”, March 2015, Oxford, UK
- Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University, “Will the Revolution be Tweeted? Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Conflict”, January 2015, Stanford, CA
- Google Research’s Algorithms Workshop, Google Inc., “Leading from the Periphery: An Experimental Study of the Origins of Collective Cascades”, January 2015, New York, NY
- Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS) Workshop, “Synchronous Network Experiments on MTurk, Design and Implementation”, December 2014, Princeton, NJ
- International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Princeton University, “Hushed Dissent: Permanent Incumbency Advantage and Online Political Dialogue under Competitive Authoritarianism”, October 2014, Princeton, NJ
- Center for Information Technology Policy (CITP), Princeton University, “Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Conflict”, October 2014, Princeton, NJ
- [Theme Panel] *The Arab Public Online*, “Communication and Urban Conflict: Contagion or Coordination? Evidence from The Syrian Civil War” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, August 2014, Washington, DC
- *Panel on Big Data & Politics: The Quantified Voter: The Promise and Perils of Big Data in Political Campaigns*, *Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual meeting*, April 2014, Seattle, WA
- *Human Nature Lab, Yale Institute for Network Science*, “Revolution in the Lab: Synchronous Network Experiments of Collective Risk-Taking,” April 2014, New Haven, CT
- Review of “Ch 3: Ideological Convergence and the Fall of Mubarak,” Book workshop for Ellen Lust et al’s *Islam, Ideology and Transition: Egypt after Mubarak*, November 2013, New Haven, CT
- “Localization of the News and Urban Unrest: A Media Usage and Protest Location Survey in Cairo,” *ICT and Conflict workshop at Yale* for JPR’s special issue on Communication, Technology and Political Conflict, November 2013, New Haven, CT
- “Media Disruption and Revolutionary Unrest,” *Comparative Protest Politics Workshop at University of Oxford, Nuffield College*, May 2013, Oxford, UK
- “Social Media and Political Mobilization,” at *Social Media and Political Participation (SMaPP) Lab*, March 2013, New York, NY
- “Information and Social Action,” *Voicing Revolution Workshop at Yale*, March 2013, New Haven, CT
- at Max Planck Institute’s *Networks: Processes and Causality*, September 2012, Menorca, Spain

- *Invited Keynote* at The New School’s *Critical Themes in Media Studies 2012*, April 2012, New York, NY
- *Invited Keynote Panelist* at Yale Law School’s *Conference on Global Censorship*, April 2012, New Haven, CT
- “Media Disruption and Revolutionary Unrest,” *Yale Middle Eastern Social Science Workshop*, September 2011, New Haven, CT

Conference/Workshop Presentations

- “Economic Adversity and Voter Turnout in Authoritarian Elections,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2017, San Francisco, CA
- “Modernization Theory & Development Without Democracy: Iranian Elections 1906-75,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA
- “Incumbency Advantage and Online Dialogue in Iran,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA
- “The Logic of Electoral Competition under Authoritarianism: The elections to the Iranian Parliament, 1906-1979,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 2015, San Francisco, CA
- “Hushed Dissent: Online Political Dialogue under Competitive Authoritarianism,” Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2015, Chicago, IL
- “A Quasi-Experimental Study of Contagion and Coordination in Urban Conflict: Evidence from The Syrian Civil War in Damascus,” Political Methodology Research Seminar, Princeton University, April 2015, Princeton, NJ
- “Hushed Dissent: Online Political Dialogue under Competitive Authoritarianism,” Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2015, Chicago, IL
- [Organizer] “Communication and Contagion in Urban Conflict: Evidence from The Syrian Civil War in Damascus,” Digital Methods Conference, Princeton University, October 2014, Princeton, NJ
- [Organizer] “Leading from the Periphery: Spontaneous Rebellion Originates from the Margins,” Digital Methods Conference, Princeton University, October 2014, Princeton, NJ
- [Theme Panel] *Competitive Authoritarianism in the Digital Age*, “Online Political Dialogue under Competitive Authoritarianism: 2013 Iranian Presidential Election” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, August 2014, Washington, DC
- [Theme Panel] *Experimental Research in Social Networks and Social Media*, “Network Structure and Collective Action: Crowdsourced Online Experiments on Amazon Mechanical Turk” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, August 2014, Washington, DC

- “Communication and Urban Conflict: Contagion or Coordination? Evidence from The Syrian Civil War,” *Yale’s Middle East Social Sciences Workshop*, April 2014, New Haven, CT
- “Network Structure and Collective Action: An Experimental Study,” *Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, April 2014, Chicago, IL
- “The Strategy of Perception in Third Party Interventions,” *International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting*, March 2014, Toronto, ON
- [Organizer] “Mapping Twitter Conversation Networks: Iranian Presidential Election 2013,” *Workshop on Social Media and Political Participation*, NYU, October 2013, New York, NY
- [Organizer] “Politics of Information,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, August 2013, Chicago, IL
- “Mapping Twitter Conversation Networks,” Digital Methods Initiative at University of Amsterdam, June 2013, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- “Information and Intervention,” *Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, April 2013, Chicago, IL
- “Connectivity & Collective Action in Social Networks,” *MIT’s Interdisciplinary Workshop on Information and Decision in Social Networks*, November 2012, Cambridge, MA
- “Media Disruption and Revolutionary Unrest: Evidence from Mubarak’s Quasi Experiment,” *U.N.’s Internet Governance Forum (IGF)*, November 2012, Baku, Azerbaijan
- “Connectivity & Collective Action,” *NYU Stern’s Workshop on Information in Networks*, September 2012, New York, NY
- *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, September 2012, New Orleans, LA.
- “Information and Intervention: On the Consequences of International Omniscience,” *Harvard-MIT-Yale Graduate Student Conference on Civil Conflict*, May 2012, Cambridge, MA
- Cornell’s *From Tahrir to Wisconsin: Rethinking Revolution, Democracy, and Citizenship*, April 2012, Ithaca, NY
- “Transparency and Repression: An Explanation for the Democratic Civil Peace,” *Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, April 2012, Chicago, IL
- “Information and Intervention,” *Yale International Relations Workshop*, March 2012, New Haven, CT
- “Transparency and Repression: An Explanation for the Democratic Civil Peace,” *Yale Comparative Workshop*, December 2011, New Haven, CT
- “Media Disruption Exacerbates Revolutionary Unrest: Evidence from Mubarak’s Natural Experiment,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, September 2011, Seattle, WA (**Featured in The New York Times, [Link](#)**)

- “Illiberal Beginnings and Democratic Ends,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, September 2011, Seattle, WA
- “Logic of Repression at the Revolutionary Moment, Role of the Military,” *Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences*, July 2011
- “Dynamics of Political Action at the Revolutionary Moment,” *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute*, June 2011, Chicago, IL
- “Dynamics of Political Action at the Revolutionary Moment,” *Harvard-MIT-Yale Graduate Student Conference on Political Violence*, April 2011, New Haven, CT
- “Revolutions and the Media,” *Yale Media Theory and History Conference*, April 2011, New Haven, CT
- “Dynamics of Political Action at the Revolutionary Moment,” *Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting*, March 2011, Chicago, IL
- “Revolutions and the Centralized Media, an Inverse Relation,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting*, September 2010, Washington, DC
- “Difference and Deference: Models of Democratic Deliberation,” *Santa Fe Institute*, June 2010, Santa Fe, NM
- “Dynamic Models of Mobilization in Political Networks,” *Proceedings of 2010 Political Networks Conference*, Duke University, May 2010, Durham, NC

Additional Technical Training

- *Digital Methods Summer School*, University of Amsterdam, June 24-July 5, 2013, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- *EITM (Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models) Summer Institute*, University of Chicago’s Harris School of Public Policy Studies, June 20-July 15, 2011, Chicago, IL
- *Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences – Linking Theory and Empirical Research*, Humboldt University and WZB, July 18-29, 2011, Berlin, Germany
- *Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity*, The Santa Fe Institute, June 20-July 3, 2010, Santa Fe, NM

Professional Service

- Reviewer for *World Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *National Science Foundation*
- Panel Organizer, Chair and/or Discussant at APSA 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, MPSA 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011
- Discussant at APSA 2017, Panel on *Authoritarian Governance*

- Panel Chair and Discussant at APSA 2015, Panels on *Politics and Violence* and *Political Networks*
- Organizer of the conference *Iranian Electoral Politics 1905-present, Continuity Despite Revolutions* at Princeton University, April 2015
- Organizer of the conference *Digital Methods in Political Science* at Princeton University, October 2014
- Panel Chair at MPSA 2015, Section 29: *Mass Media and Political Communication*
- Discussant at APSA 2014, Panel on *Protests in Authoritarian Governments*
- Panel Chair at MPSA 2014, Section 39: *Information Technology and Politics*
- Organizer of the *Social Media and Political Participation Workshop* at NYU’s Center for Social and Political Behavior, October 2013
- Organizer of the roundtable *Politics of Information* at the 2013 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting
- Panel Chair and discussant on the panel *Political Economy of Civil Violence* at the 2012 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting
- Organizer of the panel *Revolutionary Crises & Representative Politics* at the 2012 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting
- Organizer of the panel *The Politics of Protest* at the 2012 Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting
- Organizer of the panel *Revolutionary Processes* at the 2011 American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting
- Organizer of the panel *Protests and Authoritarian Politics* at the 2011 Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting
- Panel Chair at the 2010 Political Networks Conference, Duke University
- Discussant at APSA 2010
- Discussant at Yale Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale Political Theory Workshop, Yale International Relations Workshop, and Yale Seminar on Order, Conflict, and Violence 2010-2012

Dissertation Advisory

Higher School of Economics, Columbia, Princeton: B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. students

Fellowships and Grants

Princeton University

- Funding for Fieldwork in Tehran
- Funding for Conference organization, *Iranian Electoral Politics 1905-present*
- Funding for Conference organization, *Digital Methods in Political Science*

Yale University

- Funding for Fieldwork in Cairo
- Funding for participation in *Digital Methods Summer School* in Amsterdam
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013
- Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 2009-2013

National Science Foundation

- NSF award for workshop presentation and participation at the 2011 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, Chicago University
- NSF travel award for conference presentation at the 2010 Political Network Conference, Duke University

Personal

Naturalized U.S. citizen

Date and Place of Birth: September 11, 1980, Tehran, Iran

Fieldwork

Beijing, Cairo, Istanbul, Moscow, Tehran

Languages

English, Persian (fluent, native); Arabic, French (intermediate high), Russian (intermediate low), Chinese (beginner)

Software

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Python, D3

References

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