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Education

- 2017 PhD in International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
Dissertation: “The Iranian Nuclear Program, U.S. Policy, and the Nonproliferation Regime, 1974-1978.”
Committee: Jussi Hanhimaki (thesis director), Thomas Biersteker (internal reader, political science), & David Holloway (external reader, Stanford University)
- 2012 MA in International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 2009 BA in History and Political Science, McGill University

Academic Appointments

- 2017-19 Postdoctoral Fellow
Global Governance Centre, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 2015-17 Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellow
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
- 2015 Visiting Fellow
Department of Government, Georgetown University (March to August)

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2017 “The April 1977 Persepolis Conference on the Transfer of Nuclear Technology: A Third World Revolt Against US Nonproliferation Policy?” *The International History Review*: 1-18.
- 2013 “Iran: Resolving the Nuclear Crisis.” *Journal of Public International Affairs*: 74-92.
- 2011 “Discoloured Revolution: The Iranian Green Movement, Coloured Revolutions and Factional Politics in Iran.” *McGill Journal of Middle East Studies* XII: 2-29. With Roozbeh Safshekan.
- 2010 “The Ayatollah’s Praetorians: The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and the 2009 Election Crisis.” *The Middle East Journal* 64.4: 543-58. With Roozbeh Safshekan.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- n.d. “The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in Iranian Domestic and Foreign Power Politics.” In *Handbook of International Relations in the Middle East*, edited by Shahram Akbarzadeh. Routledge. With Roozbeh Safshekan. (Forthcoming)

PAPERS AND REPORTS

- 2017 “The Source of Legitimacy in the Guardianship of the Jurist: Historical Genealogy Political Implications.” POMEPS Studies 28, *New Analysis of Shia Politics*. Dec. With Roozbeh Safshekan.
- 2017 “The Nuclear Renaissance and Nonproliferation Regime in 2017.” *2016-2017 Graduate Research Awards for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation*. Ottawa: The Simons Foundation and International Security Research and Outreach Programme of Global Affairs Canada.
- 2013 “The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Political Elite On Syria: Understanding What They Think Through Iranian Media Narratives.” Philadelphia: Iran Media Program, Center for Global Communication Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2013 “Soft War: A New Episode in the Old Conflict between Iran and the United States.” Philadelphia: Iran Media Program, Center for Global Communication Studies, University of Pennsylvania. With Roozbeh Safshekan.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- n.d. *Global Fission: The Iranian Nuclear Program, U.S. Policy, and Contestation of the Non-Proliferation Regime in the Seventies*.
- n.d. “The Other Iran Deal: The Failure of the Carter-Shah Nuclear Cooperation Agreement of 1978.”
- n.d. “Mansoor Hekmat, Worker Communism, and Post-Revolution Secular Left in Iran.”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

- 2017 “Iran’s Holding Presidential Elections. Here Are the Candidates to Watch.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 27.
- 2016 “The Rouhani Presidency at Three.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, August 18.
- 2016 “Iran’s 2016 elections: Change or Continuity?” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, June 09.
- 2016 “Why Iran’s Assembly of Experts election is the real race to be watching.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, February 24.
- 2016 “Ayatollah v. President.” *New America Foundation*, February 18.
- 2015 “U.S.-Iranian Relations after the Nuclear Deal: From Detente to Rapprochement?” *War on the Rocks*, September 03.

- 2015 “Iran’s Conservative Consensus on the Nuclear Deal.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, April 15.
- 2014 “Military Intervention, Iranian-style.” *War on the Rocks*, June 30.
- 2014 “Iran’s Delicate Nuclear Consensus.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, May 29.
- 2014 “Soft War: The 2014 Fajr International Film Festival.” *The Iran Media Program*, March 05.

INTERVIEWS (SELECTION)

- 2018 Peterson, Scott. “Iran protests: why Rouhani’s foes are backing off their hard line.” *The Christian Science Monitor*, July 02.
- 2017 Cunningham, Erin. “Iran calls new U.S. sanctions a violation of nuclear deal.” *The Washington Post*, August 03.
- 2017 Cunningham, Erin. “Iranians vote for president, with the nuclear deal and economy on their minds.” *The Washington Post*, May 19.
- 2017 Lister, Tim. “Rouhani, ultimate insider, promises change in Iran.” *CNN*, May 18.
- 2017 Cunningham, Erin. “In the race to unseat Iran’s president, two conservatives emerge as contenders.” *The Washington Post*, May 13.
- 2017 Nasser, Ladane, and Golnar Motevalli. “Rouhani fires away at leading rival a week before Iran election.” *Bloomberg Politics*, May 12.
- 2017 Nasser, Ladane, and Golnar Motevalli. “What we learned from Iran’s presidential debate.” *Bloomberg Politics*, May 01.
- 2017 Noorani, Ali. “Iran’s Ahmadinejad registers to run for president.” *Agence France-Presse*, April 11.
- 2016 Esfandiari, Golnaz. “Nine takeaways from Iran’s elections.” *Newsweek*, March 04.
- 2016 Moore, Jack. “Iran elections: Why they matter.” *Newsweek*, February 24.
- 2016 Ward, Olivia. “In Iran, Friday’s tightly controlled elections will be pivotal for moderates: Analysis.” *The Toronto Star*, February 24.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

- 2017-19 Postdoctoral Fellowship, European Research Council.
- 2016-17 Graduate Research Awards for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, The Simons Foundation and Global Affairs Canada.
- 2016-17 Research Travel Grant, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation.
- 2016-17 Nuclear Security Fellowship, Stanton Foundation.
- 2015-16 Doctoral Mobility Fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation.
- 2014-15 Travel Grant, Department of International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.
- 2011-12 Scholarship, Department of International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.

Invited Talks

- 2018 “The April 1977 Iran Conference on the Transfer of Nuclear Technology: A Global Revolt Against U.S. Nonproliferation Policy,” Campus Visit, Global Studies Programme, National University of Singapore, Singapore, May 24.
- 2018 “The Other Iran Nuclear Negotiations: The Failed U.S.-Iran Nuclear Cooperation Agreement under President Jimmy Carter, 1977-1978,” Going Nuclear: A Symposium On American Nuclear Politics, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, April 12.
- 2017 “The Nuclear Renaissance and Nonproliferation Regime in 2017,” 2016-2017 Graduate Research Awards For Disarmament, Arms Control And Non-proliferation Award Winners Seminar, The Simons Foundation and the International Security Research and Outreach Programme of Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Canada, February 09.
- 2016 “The Iranian Nuclear Program, U.S. Policy, and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime, 1968-1978,” 2016 Stanton Foundation Nuclear Security Seminar, Washington, D.C., October 21.
- 2016 “Nuclear Security in Iran,” Nuclear Security in the Middle East panel, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Washington, D.C., March 29.
- 2015 “Iran and the Global Nonproliferation Regime before the Islamic Revolution of 1979,” Non-Proliferation in a Historical Perspective: New Insights and Policy Perspectives Policy, Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva, Switzerland, November 05.
- 2015 “U.S.-Iran Nuclear Negotiations,” Iranian Studies Group at MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 05.
- 2014 “P5+1-Iran Nuclear Negotiations and Iranian Domestic Politics,” Advanced Nuclear Boot Camp, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, September 10.
- 2013 “After the Election: The Principalist Political Current and Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps,” Real Politics of Iran: Views from Within, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., July 15.
- 2013 “The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Political Elite On Syria: Understanding What They Think Through Iranian Media Narratives,” Milton Wolf Seminar, Vienna, Austria, April 17.
- 2012 “Soft War: A New Episode in the Old Conflict Between Iran and the United States,” From Soft Power to Soft War: Changing Geopolitical Narratives in Iran, Center for Global Communication Studies (UPenn), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 26.

Conference Participation

PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2016 “The Nuclear Nexus: Nuclear Technology, Proliferation and International Politics in the 1970s,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, San Diego, California, June 25.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2017 “The April 1977 Persepolis Conference - A “Third World Revolt” Against U.S. Nuclear Nonproliferation Policy?” ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference 2017, Washington, D.C., October 14.
- 2017 “The Source of Sovereignty in the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini’s Guardianship of the Jurist: Historical Evolution and Political Implications,” POMEPS Islam in a Changing Middle East Initiative: Shi’a politics in a changing Middle East Workshop, Washington, D.C., October 12.
- 2016 “The Other Iran Nuclear Negotiations: Iran’s Quest for Western Nuclear Technology in the 1970s,” The Nuclear Nexus: Nuclear Technology, Proliferation and International Politics in the 1970s panel, Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, San Diego, California, June 25.
- 2015 “Iran and the Global Nonproliferation Regime before the Islamic Revolution of 1979,” The Historiography on the 1970s and the Making of the Nuclear Order workshop, Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy, December 10.
- 2014 “Worker Communism and the Post-Revolution Secular Left in Iran,” Party, Politics, and Elections in Post-Revolutionary Iran panel, Tenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 08.
- 2013 “Minorities and the secular left in post-revolutionary Iran,” The Fragments Imagine The Nation? Minorities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Middle East International Workshop, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, November 08.
- 2013 “The Iran-U.S. Nuclear Negotiations,” Nuclear Boot Camp, Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy, July 03.
- 2012 “Iran’s Islamic Paradigm in International Relations,” Curricula, Scholarship, and Knowledge Production: Experiences from Brazil, Sudan, and Iran panel, First Global South International Studies Conference, Menton, France, November 30.

DISCUSSANT

- 2013 “The Ba‘qubah Refugee Camp and the Makings of the Modern Iraqi State,” The Fragments Imagine The Nation? Minorities in the Colonial and Postcolonial Middle East International Workshop, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, November 08.

Campus Talks

- 2017 “The Iranian Nuclear Program, U.S. Policy, and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime, 1969-1979,” Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, Stanford, California, May 22.
- 2017 “The Nuclear Renaissance and Nonproliferation Regime in 2017,” Nuclear Reading Group, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, California, April 19.
- 2017 A “Third World Revolt” in Persepolis: The Iranian Nuclear Program and U.S. Nonproliferation Policy, and Persepolis Conference on the Transfer of Nuclear Technology, April 1977,” Nuclear Reading Group, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, California, February 06.
- 2016 “The Other Iran Nuclear Negotiations: The Failed U.S.-Iran Nuclear Cooperation Negotiations, 1974-1978,” Social Science Seminar, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, California, April 07.
- 2013 “Implications of the Iran Nuclear Deal,” Rapid Response Seminar, MENA Initiative, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, December 09.

Teaching Experience

- 2018 Guest Instructor, Interdisciplinary Programme, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.
The Nuclear Negotiation with Iran course, The Origins of the Iranian Nuclear Program Session, March 02.
- 2017 Guest Instructor, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
New Dilemmas in Ethics, Technology, and War Workshop, April 24.
- 2016 Guest Instructor, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, California.
International Security in a Changing World, NPT RevCon Simulation, Feb. 12-13.
- 2014 Guest Instructor, Department of Political Science, Roma Tre University, Italy.
Il Potere Nucleare Nel Sistema Internazionale (Nuclear Power in the International System course), E3+3-Iran Nuclear Negotiations: Context and Key Issues, May 09.
- 2014 Guest Instructor, Executive Master in International Negotiation and Policy-Making, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.
E3+3-Iran Nuclear Negotiations: Getting to an End-State Agreement, April 25.
- 2013-15 Teaching Assistant, Interdisciplinary Programme, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.
Applied Research Seminar; Qualitative Methods; State Building and War-Making; History and Development; Global Islam; and Law and Economics of International Trade Disputes.
- 2011-12 Co-Instructor, Department of International Law, The Graduate Institute, Geneva.
International Moot Court.

Specialized Training

Military Immersion Map Exercise, RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C., May 02-04, 2017. (Funded by the Stanton Foundation)

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, January to June, 2017.

Fellows Policy Workshop, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 2015-2017.

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, The Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., May 26-29, 2015. (Funded by Cold War International History Project)

Advanced Nuclear Boot Camp, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, September 6-13, 2014. (Funded by the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project)

Nuclear Boot Camp, Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy, June 26-July 06, 2013. (Funded by the Nuclear Proliferation International History Project)

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer, International Security, Middle East Journal, and Insight Turkey.

Head TA, Interdisciplinary Programme, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 2014-15.

Member, Hiring Search Committee, Department of International History, The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 2012.

Co-Instructor, ELSA Moot Court Competition Team (World Champions), The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 2011-12.

Masters Representative, Department of International History, Graduate Institute Student Association (GISA), The Graduate Institute, Geneva, 2010-12.

Professional Memberships

International Security Studies Section of ISA and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (ISSS-IS).

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR).

Cold War International History Project (CWIHP), The Wilson Center.

Fondation Pierre du Bois pour l'histoire du temps présent.

Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP), The Wilson Center.

Middle East Next Generation of Arms Control Specialists (MENACS), James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

Language Skills

English (native) | Persian (native) | French (intermediate)

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