Dr. Shirin Saeidi

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Nationality Iranian American (Dual Citizenship)

Language Skills English, fluent/native

Farsi, fluent/native

**SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

Saeidi, S. (2022, forthcoming). *Women and the Islamic Republic: How Gendered Citizenship Conditions the Iranian State*. Book Manuscript (Cambridge University Press. PUBLICATION DATE: JANUARY 27, 2022).

**AFFILIATIONS**

July 2020- Faculty in Residence

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

September 2020- Adopt a Professor Program

University Housing

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

August 2018- Assistant Professor of Political Science

(tenure-track)

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

August 2018- The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arkansas

May 2018- Advisory Board Member: Cambridge Centre for Palestine Studies Cambridge, UK

October 2016- Advisory Board Member: European Center for the Study of Extremism

Cambridge, UK

**EDUCATION**

2015-

2016 Post-doctoral Fellow at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

October 2012 Cambridge University, Fitzwilliam College, UK

Ph.D., Politics and International Studies

May 2002 University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA

B.A., Government and Politics

*cum laude*

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

September 2018-

2019 Participated in numerous training courses on teaching offered by the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

August 2-15, 2009 Research Methods in Political Science

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) summer school in methods and techniques: Mixed Methods Research

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

June 16-18, 2010 Best Teachers Summer Institute

What the Best College Teachers Do

15th Annual International Summer Institute

New York City, USA

July 8-18, 2013 Decolonizing Knowledge and Power: Postcolonial Studies, Decolonial Horizons

Centre of Study and Investigation for Global Dialogues

Summer School, Barcelona, Spain

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My teaching and research interest focuses on international relations; comparative politics; qualitative methodology; theory; deviance; state formation, conflict and state formation in authoritarian contexts; citizenship and nationalism; Islamism; women’s studies, sexuality and gender studies; religion; with special focus on the Middle East region.

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Saeidi, S. Forthcoming (ACCEPTED in October 2021). “Hezbollah in Global Arena.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies,* Oxford University Press.

Saeidi, S. 2020. “’We Don’t have Citizenship:’ Liberation and Other Conceptual Frameworks for Understanding Iranian Women’s Activism in the MENA and Beyond.” APSA MENA Politics Section: MENA Politics Newsletter | Volume 3, Issue 2, Fall 2020, pp. 26-31.

Saeidi, S. 2020. Politics of the Erotic: Pious Women’s Emotional Experiences in Hizbollah Cultural Institutes and the Surprises of the Antifeminist Movement in Post-2009 Iran

*International Feminist Journal of Politics* (Published SEPTEMBER 15, 2020)

Saeidi, S. Spatial Politics in Contemporary Iran. Roundtable editor. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES), VOL. 52, ISSUE 2, May 2020.

Saeidi, S. Introduction to Spatial Politics in Contemporary Iran. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES). VOL 52, ISSUE 2, May 2020

Saeidi, S. “Hojaji’s Gaze: Post-2009 Islamization Projects and a Reimagining of an Islamic Civilization in Contemporary Iran.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES) VOL. 52, ISSUE 2, May 2020.

Abbasi, Zahra, Saeidi, S. 2020 (MARCH 24). The Fantastic Politics of Martyrdom: Legacies of War and Celestial Spaces of Women’s Empowerment in Contemporary Iran.*International Feminist Journal of Politics.*

Saeidi, S. and Vafa, AmirHossein. 2019. “After Isolation: Mirrors Between Parallel Worlds and New Conceptual Spaces of Activism in Post-Revolutionary Iran.” *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (SPECIAL ISSUE ON REVOLUTION AND RESISTANCE IN WORLD POLITICS VOL. 47 NO. 3)

Saeidi, S. 2018. “A Passionate Pursuit of Justice: Towards an Ethics of Islamic Feminist Research Practice.” *The* *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 35:2, 1-27.

Saeidi, S. 2017. “Becoming Hezbollahi: Religion and the Unintended Consequences of Propaganda in Post-2009 Iran.” *Project on Middle East Political Science, POMEPS Studies 28,* pp.20-25.

Saeidi, S. and Rivetti, P. 2017. “Out of Space: Securitization, Intimacy, and New Research Challenges in Post-2009 Iran.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (roundtable on fieldwork in the post-uprising Middle East) 49(3), pp. 515-520.

Saeidi, S. 2012. “Reconsidering Categories of Analysis: Possibilities for Feminist Studies of Conflict” *Gender & History* 24(3). (special issue on feminist methodologies)

Saeidi, S. 2011. “Politicizing Emotions: Historicizing Affective Exchange and Feminist Gatherings.” Co-authored with Heather M. Turcotte in “The Forum: Emotion and the Feminist IR Researcher,” edited by Christine Sylvester. *International Studies Review* 13 (4): 7-9.

Saeidi, S. 2010. “Creating the Islamic Republic of Iran: Wives and Daughters of Martyrs, and Acts of Citizenship.” *Citizenship Studies.*  14 (2): 113-126. (*Selected as editor’s choice article of the edition*).

**PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS**

Saeidi, S. (2020). “The Islamic Republic and Citizenship in Post-1979 Iran” *Routledge Handbook of Citizenship of the Middle East and North Africa* edited by Zahra Babar, James Sater, and Roel Meijer.

Saeidi, S. (2018). “Iran’s Hezbollah and Citizenship Politics: The Surprises of Religious Legislation in a Hybrid Regime.” In *The Middle East in Transition: The centrality of Citizenship* Roel Meijer and Nils Butenschon (editors)Publisher: Edward Elgar.

Saeidi,S. and Rivetti, P. (2018). “What Is So Special About Field Research in Iran? Doing Fieldwork in Religiously Charged Authoritarian Settings” Chapter for the book *Doing Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa: Methodological and Ethical Challenges*edited by Janine A. Clark and Francesco Cavatorta, Oxford University Press.

Saeidi, S. 2014. Gender, Citizenship and Religion in the Modern Iranian State. In: E.F. Isin, P. Nyers, eds. *The Routledge Handbook on Citizenship Studies.* London: Routledge.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Saeidi, S. 2022 (forthcoming). *Review of Mateo Mohammad Farzaneh's Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War. International Journal of Contemporary Iraq and the Arab World.*

Saeidi, S. 2019. *Faith and Resistance: The Politics of Love and War in Lebanon. The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences.*

Saeidi, S. 2018. *Driving Culture in Iran: Law and Society on the Roads of the Islamic Republic. The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 35:2.

Saeidi, S. 2017 *A review of Duress: Imperial Durabilities in our Times. Journal of International and Global Studies*.

Saeidi, S. 2017 *A review of The New Global Politics: Global Social Movements in the Twenty-First Century. Journal of International and Global Studies.*

Saeidi, S. 2014. *A review of Women, Power and Politics in 21st Century Iran. Gender & History* 26(1), pp. 184-191*.*

Saeidi, S. 2012. *A review of Conceiving Citizens: Women and the Politics of Motherhood in Iran. Gender & History* 24(1), pp. 240-241.

Saeidi, S. 2010. *A review of Women and States: Norms and Hierarchies in International Society by Ann Towns. Ethics & International Affairs* 24(4), pp. 435-437*.*

**BOOK PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Saeidi, S., (work in progress). *The Ethics of Survival: Kinship, Solidarity, and Hezbollah Activism in Global Politics*

Saeidi, S. and Mohammad Farzaneh (eds.) *I.B.Tauris Handbook on the Iran-Iraq War. (*Invited in fall 2021).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Assistant Editor *Citizenship Studies* 2019-

Editorial Board, *Citizenship Studies Journal* 2018-2021

Editorial Board, *Citizenship Studies Journal* 2014-2017

Content expert for Virginia International University during the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) visit of the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)

International Advisory Board for the *Journal of International and Global Studies*

Journal Referee, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series (FALL 2018), International Political Sociology (FALL 2018)*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Journal of Feminist Scholarship, International Feminist Journal of Politics (FALL 2018), Contemporary Social Science, International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES), International Relations and Diplomacy, Oriente Moderno, Political Studies Review (FALL 2018), Journal of Feminist Scholarship; Middle East Critique (Fall 2019); Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies (Spring 2020); International Journal of Middle East Studies (Spring 2020/ November 2020). Third World Quarterly (Summer 2020) International Political Sociology (October 2020). International Feminist Journal of Politics (October 2020)*

*Third World Quarterly (2021); Citizenship Studies (2021).*

Monograph proposal reviewer for Bloomsbury, Palgrave Macmillan (2018, 2019), Rutgers University Press (Fall 2019).

United Nation Women’s Program, technical advisor 2011

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)**

2021 University of Arkansas Office of Nationally Competitive Awards

Outstanding Mentor Award

2021 Phenomenal Woman Award: Awarded through Diversity and Inclusion during Women’s History Month.

2020 $750 SURF Grant Faculty Mentor (The Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship funding awarded to mentors working with a student from the Honors College on a thesis project)

2020 $500 Office of Diversity and Inclusion as a reward for my Diversity and Dialogue Series with housing

2020 $400 Travel Assistance Grant Office of the Provost University of Arkansas

2019 2018-19 Teaching Award Recipients

Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center

2019 $1000 Travel Assistance Grant Office of the Provost University of Arkansas

2019 Honorarium ($500) University of Oklahoma

2018 $750 Travel Assistance Grant Office of the Provost University of Arkansas

2018 $15,000 Startup money for new tenure-track faculty University of Arkansas

2018 $560 dollars travel grant given by the Interpretivism in International Relations BISA (British International Studies Association) Working Group and the University of Hamburg, Germany.

2017 $250 honorarium for participating in POMEPS workshop at George Washington University

2016 $250 honorarium for participating in conference at International Institute of Islamic Thought

2016 $800 honorarium for participating in summer institute at International Institute of Islamic Thought

2016 Short-term research grant International Institute of Islamic Thought

Herndon, Virginia USA ($1000)

2015-

2016 Post-doctoral fellow scholarship at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany ($45,000 approximately)

2014 Royal Irish Academy Mobility Grant (declined, due to other responsibilities in Iran)

2012 Travel Grant, Barnard Centre for Research on Women (BCRW), New York, USA

2010 International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant

2010 European Consortium for Political Research Mobility Fund

2010 Doctoral Fellowship on “Gendered Violence”

Centre for Gender Excellence and Department of Gender Studies

Linköping University, Sweden (awarded and fully funded)

2009 College Senior Scholarship for First-Class Research  
Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

2008 College Senior Scholarship for First-Class Research

Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)**

April 12, 2022

The Johns Hopkins SAIS

Book Launch: Discussion of my book *Women and the Islamic Republic: How Gendered Citizenship Conditions the Iranian State*

February 9, 2022

Princeton University

Book Launch: discussion of my book *Women and the Islamic Republic: How Gendered Citizenship Conditions the Iranian State*

December 2, 2021

Middle East Studies Association Meeting

Panel Organized: The Future of Academic Studies on the Iran-Iraq War

Paper Presentation: Women and the Islamic Republic: How Gendered Citizenship Conditions the Iranian State

April 15, 2021

MEST Invited Presentation (Middle East Studies Program, UARK)

Paper Presentation (co-authored with Dr. Shohreh Pirani):

Sinking into the Body: Meditation as a Critical Security Approach for Fleshy Worlding

April 6-9, 2021

International Studies Association Conference (ISA)

Paper Presentation: Shirin Saeidi & Paola Rivetti; Precarity, ‘Surplus Citizens,’ and the Limits of Acts of Citizenship

Roundtable Organizer and Chair: Saeidi et. al.; The Erotics: Global South Approaches to Decolonization.

February 24, 2021

Diversity and Dialogue Series

University of Arkansas (housing department)

Lecture on Women’s Rights in the Middle East (via zoom)

February 1, 2021

Middle East Studies (MEST)

Conference on Middle East Update

Presentation: Will the Biden Administration renew the Iranian Nuclear Deal?

October 5-17, 2020

Middle East Studies Association (MESA 54th Annual Meeting)

October 6: Panel Presentation on Feminist Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa: An Introduction

October 16: Paper Presentation: The Everyday Struggles and Creativity of Iranians amidst International Sanctions (co-authored with Dr. Shohreh Pirani)

September 19, 2020

Workshop on Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa **(**APSA Newsletter)

Paper Presentation: “We Don’t have Citizenship:” Liberation and Other Conceptual Frameworks for Understanding Iranian Women’s Activism in the MENA and Beyond

Paper Discussant: “Unequal Citizens: State Limitations on Women’s Nationality Rights”

September 9, 2020

American Political Science Association (APSA)

APSA Pre-Conference Short Course

Best Strategies to Teach Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Panel presentation: “Teaching Gender and Politics of the Middle East Comparatively: Experiences from the US South”

Small group discussion leader: Race in Middle Eastern Studies

March 6-7, 2020

International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference

Vanderbilt University

Panel: Feminism and Editing (PANEL ORGANIZER)

November 25, 2019

Invited Workshop: Gender, Activism, and Subjectivity in Contention and Conflicts:

A Comparative Perspective

Dublin City University

Paper Presentation: “Exploring the Limits of Citizenship and the Possibilities of Liberation through the Writing of Belgheys Solyemani”

Co-authored with Zahra Abbasi

November 14-17, 2019

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

New Orleans, Louisiana

Paper presentation: “It will not be easy, but you can be strong:” martyrdom and gendered strategies for cultivating resilience in contemporary Iran

Co-authored with Zahra Abbasi

March 27-30 2019

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto

Paper Presentation: After Isolation: Transnational Solidarity and Utopian Imaginings in Contemporary Iran

Paper Presentation: Affectively Exhausted: How a Gendered Lens Reveals the Unintended Consequences of Authoritarian Upgrading

February 7, 2019

Invited Lecture: “Reflecting on an Idealised Past: Memory and Women’s Rights Struggles in Post-Revolutionary Iran”

University of Oklahoma

Department of International and Area Studies

December 13-14, 2018

Workshop title: “The Iranian Revolution as a World Event” organized by the   
Amsterdam Institute for Humanities Research (AIHR), The University of Amsterdam Paper: “Revolutionary Citizens: The Confrontation of Power and Spiritual Acts of Citizenship from 1980-88”

October 27-28, 2018

Conference title: “Revolution and Resistance in World Politics” organized by the London School of Economics (annual Millennium Conference)

Paper (co-authored with Amirhossein Vafa): “After Isolation: Transnational Solidarity and Utopian Imaginings in Contemporary Iran”

Panel: The Political Geography of Resistance (LSE “Revolution and Resistance in World Politics”)

DISCUSSANT

September 6-8, 2018

The Annual Conference of the Italian Political Science Association at Turin University, Italy

Conference paper: “Affectively Exhausted: Hezbollah Affiliates in Iran and the Precarity of State Guided Political Participation” (Presentation via Skype)

August 26-27, 2018

Workshop title: “Narrating International Relations: Exploring Narrative as Concept and Method” organised by Maren Hofius, University of Hamburg and supported by the Interpretivism in International Relations BISA Working Group

Workshop paper (co-authored with Paola Rivetti): The politics of Silence and Disappearances: Forced displacement in Europe and hezbollahi activism in Iran

April 26th, 2018

Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID), 19th Annual Conference, Washington DC

Paper Presentation: A Sovereignty of Pleasure: Hardship, Religion and the Politics of Statecraft in Post-2009 Iran. (DECLINED)

October 13, 2017

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS)

George Washington University, USA

Workshop paper: Becoming Hezbollahi: Religion and the Unintended Consequences of Propaganda in Post-2009 Iran

April 27-28 2017

Virginia International University Political Science Conference (Fairfax, VA USA)

Rethinking Regions: Asia, Africa, Middle East and Central Asia

Paper presentation: Citizens of God: Iran’s Hezbollah Supporters and the Difficulty of

Governance in Post-Revolutionary Hybrid Regimes

November 14 2016

International Institute of Islamic Thought Herndon, VA (USA)

seminar on fiqh al-muwatanah (by invitation only)

paper presentation: What is the Shi’i Perspective on Citizenship?

August 8-13 2016

Summer Institute on 'Islamic Thought and Secular Modernity' at the International Institute of Islamic Thought Herndon, VA (USA)

April 2016

Co-organized Workshop

Kate Hamburger Center for Global Cooperation Research and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

“Mobile Muslim Professionals: Transregional Connectedness and (Non-State) Cooperation in Central Asia, South East Asia and the Middle East”

Funding:Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK) Duisburg /Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies (BGSMCS)

November 4, 2015

Kate Hamburger Dialogue

Kate Hamburger Center for Global Cooperation Research

Iran after the Nuclear Deal: Cooperation Partner for a Peace Settlement in the Middle East?

In conversation with Prof. Dr. Udo Steinbach and Dr. Jochen Hippler

February 23, 2012

Barnard Centre for Research on Women (BCRW)

New York, USA

Invited Talk

“A Question of Methodology: Feminist Studies of Gender and the State in Contemporary Iran”

December 9, 2011

Fifth Roundtable of the Persian Gender Network

London, UK

Invited Talk

Sponsored by the World Bank and Centre for Arab Women Training and Research

“Islamist Women in the Iran-Iraq War”

December 1-4, 2011

45th Middle East Studies Association Meeting

Washington, DC, USA

“Gender and Post-Revolutionary Iran: Configuring Feminist Approaches for Examining the Warring State”

November 16-20, 2011

110th Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting

Montreal, QC, Canada

“Reconsidering Categories of Analysis: Possibilities for Feminist Studies of Conflict”

March 16-19, 2011

52nd International Studies Association International Conference

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

“The Affective Turn in IR? Historicizing Labor, Feminist Knowledges and the Politics of Emotions” (Co-Authored with Heather M. Turcotte)

**NEW COURSES DESIGNED AT UARK**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:**

PLSC 400V-003-12193: Introduction to Gender and Politics in the Middle East    (FALL 2018)

PLSC 4523 GENDER/POLITICS IN MIDDLE EAST (FINAL CATELOGUE NUMBER)

PLSC 390V-002-12554: Introduction to Citizenship Studies (SPRING 2019)

PLSC 3543 Intro to Citizenship Studies (FINAL CATELOGUE NUMBER)

MEST 4103-002 SPT (12279): Citizenship in the Middle East (FALL 2019)

PLSC 3543 CITIZENSHIP IN THE MIDDLE EAST (FINAL CATELOGUE NUMBER)

**GRADUATE COURSE:**

Qualitative Methods (SPRING 2020/ COURSE CODE IN PROGRESS)

PLSC 5823 Qualitative Methods in Political Science (FINAL CATELOGUE NUMBER)

**THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR UARK**

Kaylin Oliver (Political Science) MA thesis committee member

Thesis title: The Infringement of Black Women: The Plexiglass Ceiling of Systemic Racism and Sexism in Public Institutions (SPRING 2021, April 19)

Chloe Riggs (Political Science) MA Thesis committee member

Thesis Title: “The Role of Sex: An Analysis of U.S. Attitudes Toward Climate Change.”

Defended Fall 2021, September 30)

Max Frank (Architecture and design)

Research Project Title: “Privatization of Social Space in Social, Political Contexts.”

Capstone Committee Member (SPRING 2021, April 20)

Director of Honor’s Thesis for William Motazedi: Iranian-Americans and Identity Formation (FALL 2019, defended SPRING 2021)

Committee member for Alejandra Campos MA Thesis titled: Ser Americano: The Cost of Being American (SPRING 2020)

Committee member for Esmeralda Verdin Gomez’s Honor Thesis: What Are You? An Examination of Multi-Racial Latinos and Linked Fate (FALL 2019/DEFENDED SPRING 2020)

Committee member for Madison Lester’s Honor Thesis: *A Queered Belonging: How The Clothesline Swing and Guapa Reclaim and Relocate Queerness during the Arab Spring* (SPRING 2019)

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

committee member, Elected on the Peer Review Committee (PRC). (September 2021 - Present).

Committee Member, Comparative Politics Committee. Appointed. (September 2019 - Present).

Committee Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Approx. Number of Hours Spent Per Year 10. (September 2019 - Present).

Committee Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee. Elected, Approx. Number of Hours Spent Per Year 30. (September 2019 - Present).

Vice Chair, Diversity and Inclusion. (2019 - Present)

Guest Speaker,

Table Talk events, hosted by the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC).

Discussed Religion and Intersectionality (November 2021 - Present).

FALL 2020-: Adopt a professor

SUMMER 2020-: Faculty in Residence (extensive academic exchanges with students in resident halls).

SPRING 2020: Forum on 2019 Protests in Iran (Organized by myself and MEST)

SPRING 2019: Initiated strategic group meeting with Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs to address the unique struggles that female faculty of face encounter in the classroom

FALL 2019: Faculty supervisor/mentor for student organization “Preemptive Love Coalition,” <https://preemptivelove.org>

FALL 2019 Comparative Politics Committee (Faculty of Political Science)

FALL 2019 Tenure and promotion Committee (Faculty of Political Science)

FALL 2019 Podcast Interview with Short Talks from the Hill (University Relations)

FALL 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Faculty of Political Science)

FALL 2019 Guest lecture on Gender and Citizenship in Iran for Mohja Kahf’s MEST Gateway Course

FALL 2018: Round Table on Iran (Organized by MEST)

FALL 2018: Comparative Politics Committee (Faculty of Political Science)

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

FALL 2021: Guest Speaker

Springdale Public Library

Discussant on Homiera Qaderi's book *Dancing in the Mosque: An Afghan Mother's Letter To Her Son.*

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Middle East Studies Association

International Studies Association

Feminist Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa-FEMME (Spring 2020)

**REFERENCES**

Professor Mohja Kahf

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