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Education

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley. Department of Near Eastern Studies 2014
A.M. Harvard University. Center for Middle Eastern Studies. 2003
B.A. Columbia University. Political Science Department. 2000

Languages

Persian (fluent), Arabic (advanced), Russian (reading knowledge), Urdu (elementary).

Professional Appointments

Deputy Director- Academic Affairs 2021-
Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences
Research Fellow 2017-
Oriental Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences
United States Library of Congress 2016-2017
Kluge Fellow
United States Naval Academy 2015-2016
Class of 1955 Chair in Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science Department
Roshan Institute for Persian Studies, University of Maryland 2014-2015
Visiting Scholar
Social Science Research Council Inter-Asia Program 2013-2014
Postdoctoral Fellow for Transregional Research

Publications

“Pathways to Persotopias,” *PMLA/Publications of the Modern Language Association of America* 139.2 (2024): 299-306, with Aria Fani and Samuel Hodgkin.

“Introduction: propagandas, cultural production, and negotiating ideology in Iran,” special issue for *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol 51. No 2 (2024): 241-248, with Goulia Ghardashkhani and Olmo Golz.

“A Lost Literacy: Reading Tadhkiras of Persian Poets in the 21st Century,” in K. Talattof *Routledge Handbook of Ancient, Classical and Late Classical Persian Literature*, Routledge, 2023.

“Special Issue: Persianate Pasts, National Presents: Persian Literary and Cultural Production in the Twentieth Century,” *Iranian Studies* 55.3 (2022), ed. with Aria Fani.

“‘Citizen Martyrs’: The Fatemiyoun Brigade in Iran,” *Afghanistan* 5.1 (2022): 93-121.

“Re-Staging American Triumph as American Carnage,” *Visual Studies* 37.4 (2022): 403-404, with Olmo Golz.

“Balancing Ideology and Responsibility in Iran’s Battle Against COVID-19,” *Middle East Research Information Project (MERIP)*, March 2, 2022, with Olmo Golz.

Legacies of 9/11 and the Global War on Terror: Volume 1, ed. with Ameem Lutfi, Prague, Oriental Institute.

“Visual Propaganda at a Crossroads: New Techniques at Iran’s Vali Asr Billboard,” *Visual Studies* 36.4-5 (2021): 476-490, with Olmo Golz.

“Going to War with the Coronavirus and Maintaining the State of Resistance in Iran,” *Middle East Research Information Project (MERIP)*, Sept. 1, 2020, with Olmo Golz.

Remapping Persian Literary History, 1700-1900, Edinburgh University Press, 2020.

“A Transregional Persianate Library: The Production and Circulation of *Tadhkiras* of Persian Poets in the 18th and 19th Centuries,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 52.1 (2020), pp. 109-135.

“Revisiting Revolutionary Slogans in Iran Forty Years Later,” *MES Insights*, Vol. 10, no. 2, April 2019.

“The Curious Case of Carnatic: The Last Nawâb of Arcot (d. 1855) and Persian Literary Culture,” *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 53, 4 (2016), pp. 533-560.

“The Local Lives of a Transregional Poet: ‘Abd al-Qâdir Bîdil and the Writing of Persianate Literary History,” *Journal of Persianate Studies*, 9 (2016), pp. 83-106.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships (Selected)

Guest Researcher, University of Freiburg	2021-2022
Czech Academy of Sciences Strategy 21 Grant (Prague, CZ)	2020-2024
Bahari Visiting Fellowship on the Persian Book (Oxford Bodleian Libraries)	2020 (decline)
Kluge Fellowship, Library of Congress	2016-2017
SSRC Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research (College Park, MD)	2013

Projects

9/11 Legacies Project- Mapping the unknown and understudied ways the Global War on Terror has impacted language, politics, and societies around the world. <http://911legacies.com/>

Persian Tadhkira Project- An online database mapping the production and circulation of Persian biographical anthologies of poets across Islamic Eurasia from 1200-1900. <https://ptp.daoyidh.com/>

Reviews

“The City and Wilderness: Indo-Persian Encounters in Southeast Asia by Arash Khazeni,” *Iranian Studies* 55.3: 820-821.

“Writing Self, Writing Empire by Rajeev Kinra,” *International Journal of Persian Literature* 6 (2021): 147-153.

“Something Else: ‘After Tomorrow the Days Disappear: Ghazals and other Poems’ by Hasan Sijzi, trans. Rebecca Gould,” *Glasgow Review of Books*, September 8, 2016.

“Persian Letters: “The Allure and Enduring Legacy of Persian Nasta‘liq Calligraphy,” *REORIENT*, November 24, 2014. (Reprinted in *Persian Tribune*, vol. 1, no. 12, Jan. 2015)

“A Thousand Years of the Persian Book: Celebrating a Millennium of Persian Textual Production,” *REORIENT*, September 2, 2014.

Commentary and Online Media (Selected)

“The enduring problem with proxies,” *Responsible Statecraft*, March 12, 2024.

“America’s Middle East Foreign Policy is on Autopilot,” *The New Arab*, February 6, 2024.

“Iran Protests: What the Islamic Republic’s Propaganda Tells Us,” *Qantara*, May 2, 2023, with Olmo Golz.

“Iran Protests: Women Subverting the Hyper-Masculine Order in Iran,” *The New Arab*, October 17, 2022, with Olmo Golz.

“Nové Formy Propagandy v Íránu,” *Dějiny a Současnot*, February 2002, with Olmo Golz.

“20 Year Later, the Legacies of 9/11 and the War on Terror Have Just Begun,” *The Hill*, September 8, 2021, with Ameem Lutfi.

“Persian New Year is Poetic Moment for Biden to Influence Iranians,” *The Hill*, March 18, 2021

“The Fallacy of the Great-Power Rivalry in the Middle East,” *Responsible Statecraft*, March 10, 2021, with Mandy Terc.

“Biden Should Rethink America’s Fraught Relationship with the Saudis,” *The Hill*, November 26, 2020.

“Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Egypt are Exporting Autocracy Across the Middle East,” *Responsible Statecraft*, April 14, 2020.

“American Hypocrisy on Display Again in the Middle East,” *The Hill*, January 8, 2020.

“The U.S.-Iran Off Ramp Goes Through Yemen,” *LobeLog*, September 30, 2019.

“India’s Bludgeoning of Kashmir is New Low for Global Anti-Muslim Violence,” *The New Arab*, September 5, 2019.

“Fourth of July a Good Time to Consider the Freedoms Opposes by US Allies in the Middle East,” *The Hill*, July 4, 2019.

“War with Iran: The Pretext of Proxies,” *LobeLog*, May 22, 2019.

“Revisiting Revolutionary Slogans in Iran Forty Years Later,” *MES Insights*, Vol. 10, no. 2, April 2019.

“There is No ‘Other’ But Iran: Misdiagnosing the Causes of Regional Instability,” *The New Arab*, February 19, 2019.

“Iran and the Destabilisation of the Middle East,” *The New Arab*, September 24, 2018.

“After the Iran Protests,” *MES Insights*, Vol. 9, no. 2, April 2018.

“John Bolton and Washington’s Iran Policy Industry,” *Al Jazeera English*, March 25, 2018.

“The Resurfacing of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,” *The New Arab*, March 22, 2018.

“Why Declaring Qatar a Sponsor of Terrorism is Dangerous,” *Muftah*, August 22, 2017. “Critics Ostracize a Rational ‘Qatar First’ Policy,” *The Hill*, June 27, 2017.

“Yemen: The Graveyard of U.S. Policy Myths,” *War on the Rocks*, April 19, 2017.

“The Muslim as a ‘Manchurian Candidate,’” *Al Jazeera English*, January 17, 2017.

“Understanding the Rivalry between Iran and Saudi Arabia,” *Muftah*, December 8, 2016.

“Beyond 28 Pages: Saudi Arabia and the West,” *Counterpunch*, July 22, 2016.

“Syrian Civil War: US Should not Arm the Rebels,” *Al Jazeera English*, April 4, 2016.

“What Constitutes Terrorism in Syria?” *Al Jazeera America*, December 2, 2015.

“Iran’s Diplomatic Leap of Faith,” *Muftah*, October 27, 2015.

“The United States Should Rethink Its Relationship with Iran,” *Muftah*, July 20, 2015, with Arjun Sethi.

“Crafting a Cultural Idiom of Engagement: The US President’s Persian Poetry (Part I and II),” *Words without Borders*, April 23 and 24, 2015, with Aria Fani.

“The Danger of Blaming Iran: Hyping a Proxy War in Yemen,” *Counterpunch*, April 6, 2015.

“No Way Out: Netanyahu, Iran and the US Congress,” *Counterpunch*, March 9, 2015. “Yemen: Much Ado About Proxies,” *Asia Times Online*, February 12, 2015.

“Iran: An Enemy Revisited,” *The Baltimore Sun*, opinion section, July 13, 2014.

“The Complicated Legacy of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad,” *Jadaliyya*, June 13, 2013.