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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor in the History and Politics of Iran Oxford School of Global and Area Studies Fellow of St Antony's College <i>University of Oxford</i>	2022-present
Postdoctoral Research Associate Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies <i>Princeton University</i>	2020-2022
Junior Research Fellow Crown Center for Middle East Studies <i>Brandeis University</i>	2018-2020

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Sociology, <i>University of Chicago</i> <i>Dissertation: Institutionalization of a Revolutionary Army: The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, 1979-82</i>	2018
Non-degree Graduate Studies, Theoretical-Cultural Sociology, <i>University of Tehran</i>	2011
Master of Arts, Cultural Studies, <i>Allameh Tabatabaei University, Tehran</i>	2008
Bachelor of Arts, Iranian Music, <i>University of Tehran</i>	2005

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Contemporary Middle East; Iranian Revolution; State Building; Social Movements; Comparative-Historical Sociology

## **TEACHING AREAS**

Contemporary Iran; Militias, States, and Revolutions; Historical Methods

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2024. “Revolutionary Politics of the Normal.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Volume 55, Issue 4, pp. 724 – 728.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2023. “Iran Protests and Patterns of State Repression.” *Iranian Studies*, Volume 56, Issue 3 ,July 2023 , pp. 557 - 561.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2023 (online first 2021). “The Attraction of Direct Action: The Making of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in the Iranian Kurdish Conflict.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 50:3, 589-608.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2019 (online 2018). “The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps in the Iran-Iraq War: An Unconventional Military’s Survival.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 46:4, 622-639.  
*Honorable Mention*, the American Sociological Association’s Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, Elise Boulding Student Paper Award (2018).

Azadarmaki, Taghi and **Maryam Alemzadeh.** 2010. “Immaterialism and Minimal Religiousness in Iran.” *OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development*, 2 (1): 17-26.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam,** and Samina Rastegari. 2015. “Dindari-ye javanan, ide’al-ha va vaqe’iyyat-ha [Youth Religiosity, Ideals and Realities].” *Motale’at-e jame’ehshenakhti [Sociological Studies]*, 1393, 21 (2): 159-188.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2010. “Olgu-ye ide’al-e dindari dar gofteman-e sonnatgrayi-e mo’aser [Ideal Pattern of Religiosity in Contemporary Traditionalism].” *Nameh-ye farhang va ertebatat [Journal of Culture and Communication]*, 1389 (2): 55-82.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam** *Iran’s Revolutionary Guards: A History* (under contract with Princeton University Press).

**Alemzadeh, Maryam** “Boundaries of Expertise: Revolutionary Guards’ Selective Professionalism during the Iran-Iraq War” (Article in Progress).

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** “Routines of a Revolution: State Building and Everyday Practice in 1979 Iran” (Article in Progress).

### BOOK CHAPTERS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2024. “The Islamic Republic Party and the Palestinian Cause, 1979-80: A Discursive Transformation of the Third Worldist Agenda.” In Rasmus Elling and Sune Haugbolle (eds.) *The Fate of Third Worldism in the Middle East: Iran, Palestine and Beyond*. London: Oneworld Academic, 170-90.

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**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2021. "Revolutionaries for Life: The IRGC and the Global Guerrilla Movement." in Arang Keshavarzian and Ali Mirsepassi (eds.), *Global 1979: Geographies and Histories of the Iranian Revolution*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## POLICY PAPERS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2022. "[Woman, Life, Freedom and the Progressive Academe](#)." *Contexts (Online Magazine)*, Nov. 18.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam,** David Patel, and Kelly Stedam. 2020. "Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon after Soleimani." Crown Center for Middle East Studies, *Crown Conversations*, no. 1.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2020. "Ordinary Brother, Exceptional General: What Major General Soleimani's Killing Means for the IRGC." *Foreign Affairs*.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam,** Eric Lob, and Arshin Adib-Moghaddam. 2020. "Roundtable: Backdrop and Reverberations of Soleimani's Assassination (Part 1: Iran)." *Jadaliyya*.

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2019. "The Informal Roots of the IRGC: Implications for Iranian Politics Today." Crown Center for Middle East Studies, *Middle East Brief*, no. 130.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2023. "The Unfinished History of the Iran-Iraq War: Faith, Firepower, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards, by Annie Tracy Samuel." *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 54(1): 197-199. (Book Review).

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2022. "Iranian Women and Gender in the Iran-Iraq War, by Mateo Farzaneh." *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 54(1): 197-199. (Book Review)

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2021. "Iran's Reconstruction Jihad: Rural Development and Regime Consolidation after 1979, by Eric Lob." *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 1-3. doi:10.1017/S0020743821000283. (Book Review)

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2020. "A Political Prosopography of the Islamic Republic: Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Handbook, Mehrzad Boroujerdi and Kourosh Rahimkhani." *Iranian Studies*, 53(3-4): 680-682. (Book Review)

**Alemzadeh, Maryam.** 2018. "Vanguard of the Imam: Religion, Politics, and Iran's Revolutionary Guards, by Afshon Ostovar." *Global Change, Peace & Security*, 31(3): 371-3. (Book Review)

## SELECTED TRANSLATIONS (English to Farsi)

Skinner, Quentin. Forthcoming. *Bazgasht-e kalan-nazariyeh dar olum-e ensani* [*The Return of Grand Theory in the Human Sciences* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh**. Tehran: *Farhang-e Javid* Publications.

Jaccard, James, and Jacob Jacoby. 2017. *Maharatha-ye modelsazi va nazariyehpardazi* [*Theory Construction and*

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*Model-Building Skills* (New York: Guilford Press, 2010)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh**. Tehran: Institution for Cultural and Social Studies.

Gandhi, Leela. 2009. *Pasa'este'margarayi* [*Postcolonial Theory* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1998)]. Trans. **Maryam Alemzadeh** and H. Kakasoltani. Tehran: Institution for Cultural and Social Studies.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS**

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Middle East Initiative at Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (declined)	2020-21
Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$38,000	2017-18
University of Chicago Center for Social Science Research, Dissertation Fellowship (honorary)	2017-18
Department of Sociology Robert Park Lectureship Award, University of Chicago, \$6,000 (declined)	2017-18
Social Sciences Division Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, \$5,000	2016
Social Sciences Division Summer Grant, University of Chicago, \$3,000	2015

### **SELECTED TALKS and CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Boundaries of Expertise: Iran’s Revolutionary Guard and the professionalization dilemma.” Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK, 2023.

“Politics of the Normal: Young Iranians’ Departure from Conventional Activism.” *MIT Center for International Studies, STARR Forum*. Cambridge, MA, USA (held remotely via Zoom), 2023.

“Revolutionary or Authoritarian? Reflections on the Nature of the State in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Saint Antony’s College Middle East Center Seminar Series*, University of Oxford. Oxford, UK (held remotely via Zoom), 2020.

“Routines of a Revolution: State Building and Everyday Practice in 1979 Iran.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA (held remotely via Zoom), 2020.

“Iran’s Other Army: Understanding the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.” *Project on Shi’ism and Global Affairs Workshop*, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2019.

“Bringing Religion Back In: State Building in Post-revolutionary Iran.” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA, 2019.

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“Revolutionary Guards and the Status of Women in Iran.” *Women’s Studies Research Center*, Brandeis University, 2019.

“Perpetuating the Revolution: Institutionalization of Informality in the IRGC during the Kurdish Conflict, 1979-80.” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. Phoenix, AZ, 2018.

“Bureaucracy of Brotherhood: The Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps and Revolutionary Institution-Building During the Iran-Iraq War.” *Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference*. Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

“Wars That Make Shadow States: the 1979 Kurdish Conflict and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards’ Rise to Prominence.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA, 2018

“Formalizing Informality: State-building and the Birth of Revolutionary Militias in Post-revolutionary Iran.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Montreal, QC, 2017.

“Charisma as a Source of Everyday Cohesion in an Unconventional Military.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA, 2016.

“An Unconventional Military in a Conventional Battle: The Informal Organization of Revolutionary Guards in the Iran-Iraq War.” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, 2015.

“Ideals and Realities of Youth Religiosity in Tehran.” *Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard University*. Cambridge, MA, 2013.

## **SERVICE**

### JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

<i>Iranian Studies Journal</i> , Social Sciences Book Review Editor	2021-present
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , Manuscript Review Board	2017
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , Book Review Board	2014-2015

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

<i>American Sociological Association, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section</i> Council Member	2022-present
<i>American Sociological Association, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section</i> Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Committee Member	2020-21, 2023-24
<i>American Sociological Association, Culture Section</i> Student Travel Awards Selection Committee Member	2019-20
<i>American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict</i> Student Paper Award Selection Committee Member	2018-19

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SELECTED ORGANIZED PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

<i>Comparative Historical Analysis and Theory</i> , Member of Event Organizing Committee	2021-22
<i>Can Revolutions Be Permanent? New Approaches to Assessing Revolutionary Outcomes</i> Invited panel organized at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia	2021
<i>The Forgotten Mundane: Contemporary Iran Beneath and Beyond Politics</i> Invited roundtable organized at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (held on Zoom)	2021
<i>University of Chicago Politics, History &amp; Society Workshop</i> , Student Coordinator	2015

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

<i>American Journal of Sociology; Gender and Society; Governance</i>	2014-present
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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
Middle East Studies Association  
Association for Iranian Studies  
Iranian Sociological Association

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Fluent in Farsi and English, reading knowledge of Arabic and German

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**REFERENCES**

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