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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2018 – Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2015–2018 <i>Faculty Director</i> , M.S. in Data Science for Public Policy program, 2017–2018 <i>Affiliated Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Government, 2017–2018	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Political Science (Chair: Michael Ross), University of California, Los Angeles, 2015. M.S. in Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015. M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012. M.A. in International Policy, Stanford University, 2009. B.A. in Economics, Columbia University, 2006.	
RESEARCH	Comparative Political Economy, Methodology, Energy Policy, Middle Eastern Politics	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	John Ishiyama and Paasha Mahdavi. “Dynamics of the inner elite in dictatorships: Evidence from North Korea.” Accepted, <i>Comparative Politics</i> . Paasha Mahdavi. “Scraping public co-occurrences for statistical network analysis of political elites.” Forthcoming, <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> . ( <a href="#">FirstView</a> ) Michael Ross, Chad Hazlett, and Paasha Mahdavi. 2017. “Global progress and backsliding on gasoline taxes and subsidies.” <i>Nature Energy</i> . 2, 16201. Paasha Mahdavi. 2015. “Explaining the oil advantage: Effects of natural resource wealth on incumbent reelection in Iran.” <i>World Politics</i> . 67(2): 226–67. Paasha Mahdavi. 2014. “Why do leaders nationalize the oil industry? The politics of resource expropriation.” <i>Energy Policy</i> . 75(C): 228–43.	
CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES	Miriam Golden and Paasha Mahdavi. 2015. “The institutional components of political corruption.” 2015. In Ruben Ruiz Rufino and Jennifer Gandhi (eds.), <i>Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions</i> . New York, NY: Routledge Press. Paasha Mahdavi. 2012. “Oil, monarchy, revolution, and theocracy: A study on the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC).” In David Victor, David Hults and Mark Thurber (eds.), <i>Oil and Governance: State-owned Enterprises and the World Energy Supply</i> . Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.	
PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW	<i>To Take or Not to Take: The Politics of Natural Resource Nationalization</i> Book manuscript. Invited to Revise & Resubmit at <i>Cambridge University Press</i> . Institutions and the ‘resource curse’: Evidence from cases of oil-related bribery. Invited to Revise & Resubmit at <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> . No taxation, no representation? Oil-to-cash transfers and the dynamics of government responsiveness in Alaska How taking from foreigners affects domestic human rights. Oxford University Blavatnik School of Government Working Paper Series. (with Noel P. Johnston and Nicole Janz)	

WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>Do cash transfers decrease political participation? Evidence from a natural experiment in Alaska</p> <p>Taking back the well: The Shah’s re-nationalization of Iranian oil, 1973–1976</p> <p>Clustering time: Applying Bayesian mixture models to estimate temporally heterogeneous effects in longitudinal analysis</p> <p>Share the wealth? How leaders distribute natural gas revenues in Peru (with Felipe Nunes)</p> <p>Capture the flare: The political economy of natural gas flaring (with Raphael Calel)</p>
OTHER WRITINGS	<p>“Recommendations on the Draft Lebanese National Oil Company Bill.” 2018. Report prepared for the Lebanese Parliamentary Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Energy, and Water.</p> <p>“Oil Conflict and Kurdish Independence.” 2017. <i>Global Policy</i>. (with Morgan Bazilian, Perikhan Aqrabi-Whitcomb, and Cyril Widdershoven)</p> <p>“How to get reelected if you are an Iranian MP.” 2015. <i>Washington Post / Monkey Cage</i>.</p> <p>“Will Iran’s parliament block the nuclear deal?” 2015. <i>Washington Post / Monkey Cage</i>. - Reprinted in Marc Lynch (ed.), <i>Iran and the Nuclear Deal</i>. The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Studies, Vol. 13.</p> <p>“Oil and Politics in Iran’s <i>Majles-e Shurā-ye Eslāmi</i>.” 2014. <i>The International Society for Iranian Studies Newsletter</i>. 34(4): 10-13.</p> <p>“Reforming National Oil Companies: Nine Recommendations.” 2014. <i>Natural Resource Governance Institute Briefing</i>. (with Patrick Heller and Johannes Schreuder)</p> <p>“The Petroleum Industry Bill and the Future of NNPC.” 2012. <i>Revenue Watch Institute Briefing</i>. (with Aaron Sayne, Patrick Heller, and Johannes Schreuder)</p> <p>“The Future Impact of Climate Change on the California Wine Industry.” 2009. Stanford IPS Report, prepared for California State Assembly Member Noreen Evans. (with Jonathan Gatto, Byung-oh Kim, Hirochika Namekawa, and Hung Tran)</p>
DATA SETS	<p><a href="#">Oil and Gas Data, 1932–2014</a>. Sep 2015. Harvard Dataverse, V2. (with Michael Ross)</p>
AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS	<p>External</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GFC Fellow for the Council on the Future of Energy, World Economic Forum, 2016–2018</li> <li>• Payne Institute Non-resident Fellow, Colorado School of Mines, 2018–</li> <li>• Initiative for Sustainable Energy Policy (ISEP) Fellow, Johns Hopkins SAIS, 2017–</li> <li>• Energy for Economic Growth Research Programme, U.K. Department for International Development (DfID) seed grant (with Michael Ross, PI), 2016–2020 (£15,000)</li> <li>• Data Collection Grant, Natural Resource Governance Institute, 2014–15 (\$3,300)</li> <li>• Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2013–14 (\$6,750)</li> <li>• NSF travel grant, Political Methodology Summer Conference, 2013 &amp; 2014 (\$500)</li> <li>• Research Grant, Revenue Watch Institute and DfID, 2012 (\$9,000)</li> <li>• EITM travel grant, University of Houston, 2012 (\$1,000)</li> <li>• FLAS Fellowship for Persian (Farsi), U.S. Department of Education, 2011–12 (\$18,000)</li> </ul>

## Internal

- Leslie Whittington Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year Award, McCourt School of Public Policy, 2017
- Seed grant (PI), Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2017–2018
- Seed grant (with Raphael Calel, co-PI), Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2016–17
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2014–15
- Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012–13
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2010 & 2011
- Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, Program on Energy and Sustainable Development, Stanford University, 2008–09
- Susan Ford Dorsey International Policy Fellowship, Stanford University, 2007–08
- Departmental Honors, Columbia University Department of Economics, 2006

- PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS
- 2018: Global Comparative Politics of Climate Change Policy Workshop (Stanford University); Research Frontiers in the Political Economy of Energy Policy (Princeton University, scheduled); Williams College (scheduled).
- 2017: DC Area Climate & Energy Research Workshop (George Washington University); MPSA; University of Alaska Anchorage ISER Seminar; Environmental Politics & Governance Conference (Indiana University); APSA (San Francisco); Johns Hopkins SAIS Research Seminar on Politics and Political Economy; Harvard University Growth Lab Research Seminar Series.
- 2016: Columbia University International Politics Seminar; MPSA; Oxford University Department of Politics & International Relations Seminar; APSA (Philadelphia); Energy and Economic Growth Research and Matchmaking Conference (Center for Strategic & International Studies); Harvard University Comparative Politics Speaker Series.
- 2015: Energy & Extractives Communities of Practice (World Bank); MPSA; University of California Board of Visitors for Political Science (UCLA); APSA (San Francisco); Extractive Resources and Global Governance Workshop in memory of Natasha Chichilnisky-Heal (Yale University); International Political Economy Society (Palo Alto).
- 2014: MPSA; New Faces in Political Methodology (Pennsylvania State University); Energy Politics Colloquium (ETH Zürich); Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings poster presentation (University of Georgia); APSA (Washington, DC).
- 2013: University of Tulsa Collins College of Business Energy Lecture Series; MPSA; Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Learning Event (World Bank); Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings poster presentation (University of Virginia); APSA (Chicago).

- TEACHING
- POLSCI 15: Introduction to Research in Political Science. Undergraduate lecture (methods requirement). Winter 2019.
- POLSCI 206: Political Research Methods II. Graduate seminar (part two of core methods sequence). Winter 2019.
- PPOL 637: Comparative Politics & Policy of Energy. Graduate seminar (elective). Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017.
- PPOL 502: Regression Methods for Policy Analysis. Graduate seminar (part two of required three-semester statistics sequence). Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018.

## SERVICE

- University
- Co-organizer, Energy & Climate Policy Research Seminar, 2015–18
  - Advisory committee, Massive Data Institute, 2016–18

- Masters in Public Policy Thesis Prize committee, 2016.
- Steering committee, Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2016–18.
- Faculty search committee, Assistant Professor in Data Science, 2017.
- Judge, Georgetown University Energy Prize panel, 2017.
- Steering committee, Data Analytics Program, 2017–18.

Profession

- Discussant: APSA 2015, 2016; DC Area Climate & Energy Research Workshop 2016; MPSA 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Chair: MPSA 2015; APSA 2016

Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Electoral Studies, Energy Research & Social Science, International Organization, Journal of East Asian Studies, Journal of International Development, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Political Analysis, Research & Politics, Review of Policy Research, World Politics*, Cambridge University Press

SPECIALIZED  
TRAINING

*Languages:* English (native), Persian (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

*Computing:* JAGS/STAN, Python, Unix

*Field Work:* Iran (June-July 2009); United Arab Emirates (July 2012); Qatar (August 2012); British Petroleum Archives, Coventry UK (June 2016); Alaska (May 2017)

CONSULTING  
& RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

PRIX Index

- Country analyst for the PRIX Political Risk Index for Oil Exports, 2015–2017.

Ergo Consulting

- Risk analysis of the Iranian political elite, 2013.
- Research analysis of the National Iranian Oil Company, 2011.

Natural Resources Governance Institute (formerly Revenue Watch Institute) & Transparency International

- Lead Researcher for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. project, 2012.
- Iran Country Researcher, 2010; Country Reviewer, 2016.

ICF International

- Research assistance for the Wholesale Power (Electric Utilities) division, 2006–07.

REFERENCES

*Available upon request*

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