

KEVAN HARRIS

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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

- 2015 – Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
University of California-Los Angeles
- 2012 – 2015 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Near Eastern Studies
Princeton University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The Johns Hopkins University, Sociology, 2012
- M.A. The Johns Hopkins University, Sociology, 2008
- B.A. Northwestern University, Economics & Political Science, 2001

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017-18 UCLA Hellman Fellow
- 2013 American Sociological Association Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section
Outstanding Article Award
- 2013 American Sociological Association Comparative-Historical Section Theda Skocpol
Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
- 2011-12 U.S. Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar
- 2009-10 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellow

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

A Social Revolution: Politics and the Welfare State in Iran. Oakland: University of California Press, 2017.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

"Making and Unmaking of the Greater Middle East." *New Left Review* 101 (2016): 5-34.

"Social Welfare Policies and the Dynamics of Elite and Popular Contention." Pp. 70-100 in *Power and Change in Iran: Politics of Contention and Conciliation*, edited by Daniel Brumberg and Farideh Farhi. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2016.

- “All the Sepah’s Men: Iran’s Revolutionary Guards in Theory and Practice.” Pp. 97-118 in *Businessmen in Arms: How the Military and Other Armed Groups Profit in the MENA Region*, edited by Elke Grawert and Zeinab Abul-Magd. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.
- “A Hidden Counter-Movement? Precarity, Politics, and Social Protection Before and Beyond the Neoliberal Era,” with Ben Scully. *Theory & Society*, Vol. 44, No. 5 (2015): 415-444.
- "Notes on the Method of World-Systems Biography," with Brendan McQuade. *Journal of World-Systems Research*, special issue edited by Kevan Harris and Brendan McQuade, Vol. 21, No. 2 (2015): 276-286.
- "The Breakaway Boss: Semiperipheral Innovations and the Rise of Mahmoud Ahmadinezhad." *Journal of World-Systems Research*, special issue edited by Kevan Harris and Brendan McQuade, Vol. 21, No. 2 (2015): 417-447.
- "World-Systems Analysis," with Georgi Derluguian. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, edited by Janeen Baxter, 2015.
- “Did Inequality Breed the Arab Uprisings? Social Inequality in the Middle East from a World Perspective.” Pp. 87-111 in *The Arab Revolution of 2011: A Comparative Perspective*, edited by Saïd Amir Arjomand. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2015.
- “The Rise of the Subcontractor State: Politics of Pseudo-Privatization in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 1 (2013): 45-70.
- “A Martyrs Welfare State and Its Contradictions: Regime Resilience and Limits through the Lens of Social Policy in Iran.” Pp. 61-80 in *Middle East Authoritarianisms: Governance, Contestation, and Regime Resilience in Syria and Iran*, edited by Steven Heydemann and Reinoud Leenders. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2013.
- “Recognize the Structural Crisis of the World-System: Immanuel Wallerstein in Conversation with Kevan Harris.” Pp. 169-185 in *22 Ideas to Fix the World: Conversations with the World’s Foremost Thinkers*, edited by Piotr Dutkiewicz and Richard Sakwa. New York: NYU Press, 2013.
- “Vectors of Iranian Capitalism: Privatization Politics in the Islamic Republic.” Pp. 211-243 in *Business Politics in the Middle East*, edited by Steffen Hertog, Giacomo Luciani, and Marc Valeri. London: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “The Brokered Exuberance of the Middle Class: An Ethnographic Analysis of Iran’s 2009 Green Movement.” *Mobilization: An International Journal*, Vol. 17, No. 6 (2012): 435-55.
(--Winner of the American Sociological Association Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section Outstanding Article Award--)
- Giovanni Arrighi interviewed by Kevan Harris. “‘At Some Point Something Has to Give’ – Declining U.S. Power, the Rise of China, and an Adam Smith for the Contemporary Left.” *Journal of World-Systems Research* Vol. 18, No. 2 (2012): 157-166.
- “The Politics of Welfare After Revolution and War: The Imam Khomeini Relief Committee in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Pp. 134-150 in *The Cup, The Gun and The Crescent: Social Welfare and*

Civil Unrest in Muslim Societies, edited by Sara Crabtree, Jonathan Parker, and Azlinda Azman. London: Whiting and Birch, 2012.

"Reorienting Iran: Following Gunder Frank's Advice One Decade at a Time." Pp. 196-210 in *Andre Gunder Frank and Global Development: Visions, Remembrances, and Explorations*, edited by Patrick Manning and Barry Gills. London: Routledge, 2011.

"Lineages of the Iranian Welfare State: Dual Institutionalism and Social Policy in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Social Policy & Administration*, Vol. 44, No. 6 (2010): 727-45.

"A Tale of Two Nationalisms: Bringing Class Back In to Iran's Green Movement" [in German]. *Prokla*, Vol. 40, No. 161 (2010): 635-45.

"Islam's Land of Ideas." *New Left Review*, II, No. 65 (Sept/Oct 2010): 151-60.

"The Evolution of the Commanding Heights of Capitalism: Venice – Holland – London – New York," with Georgi Derluguian. Introduction to Russian translation of Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century*, pp. 6-30. Moscow: Territoria Buduschego, 2006.

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

"The Social Question in the Middle East: Past and Present." In *The Social Question in Global Perspective*, edited by Jan Breman, Marcel van der Linden, Ching Kwan Lee, and Kevan Harris, volume in progress.

"Of Eggs and Stones: Divergent Outcomes from Two Economic Shocks in Postrevolutionary Iran." In *Economic Shocks and Authoritarian Stability*, edited by Victor Shih, volume in progress.

"Analyzing Diversified Business Groups in the Islamic Republic." In *The Political Economy of Muslim Societies*, edited by Adeel Malik and Ishac Diwan, volume in progress.

"International Political Economy." Chapter for *The SAGE Handbook of Political Sociology*, edited by William Outhwaite and Stephen Turner, volume in progress.

SHORTER PIECES AND REVIEWS

"What is Activism?" with Jillian Schwedler. *Middle East Reports*, No. 281 (2017): 2-5.

Review of *Days of Revolution: Political Unrest in an Iranian Village*, by Mary Hegland. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (2016): 1248-1249.

"Class and Politics in Post-revolutionary Iran: A Brief Introduction." *Middle East Reports*, No. 277 (2016): 2-5.

"Iran's Uncertain Course After the Deal." *Current History*, December 2015: 361-363.

- Review of *On the Arab Revolts and the Iranian Revolution: Power and Resistance Today*, by Arshin Adib-Moghaddam. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 4 (2015): 849-850.
- "Three Types of Attractions for Investment in Iran" (in Persian). *Donyā-ye Eqtesād*, May 14, 2015.
- "Iran's Political Economy Under and After the Sanctions." Project on Middle East Political Science, Briefing 13 (2015): 10-12.
- Review of *Independence without Freedom: Iran's Foreign Policy* by R.K. Ramazani. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 69, No. 3 (2015): 477-479.
- Review of *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran*, by Ali Ansari. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 12, No. 4 (2014): 934-935.
- "The Rise of the Machines: Islamist Social Services in Comparative Perspective." *Project on Middle East Political Science*, Briefing 9 (2014): 18-20.
- "The Sociologist Has Left the Building." *Middle East Reports*, No. 270 (2014): 45-47.
- "A Domestic Playbook for Iran's Moderate President." *Foreign Affairs*, January 20, 2014.
- Review of *The Global Development Crisis*, by Ben Selwyn. *Journal of World-Systems Research*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (2014): 315-318.
- "The Signal and the Noise in Middle Eastern Elections." with Alex Hanna. *Foreign Policy*, December 13, 2013.
- "Failure and Success from the Inside and Outside: Studying Iran's Green Movement." *Mobilization* blog, December 1, 2013.
- "A Fistful of Tomans." *London Review of Books*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (2013): 28-29.
- "An 'Electoral Uprising' in Iran." *Middle East Reports Online*, July 19, 2013.
- "The True Cost of Sanctions" [In Italian]. *Aspenia*, Vol. 60 (2013): 56-61.
- Review of *Iran's Struggle for Economic Independence*, by Evaleila Pesaran. *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 3 (2013): 484-488.
- Review of *Going to Tehran: Why the United States Must Come to Terms with the Islamic Republic*, by Flint and Hilary Leverett. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 67, No. 2 (2013): 317-318.
- Review of *Immanuel Wallerstein and the Problem of the World: System, Scale, Culture*, edited by David Palumbo-Liu, Bruce Robbins, and Nirvana Tanoukhi. *Journal of World History*, Vol. 24, No. 3 (2013): 661-664.
- Review of *Tarashidam, Parastidam, Shikastam: Guftarhay-i dar Siyasat va Huvviyat-i Irani*, by Mehrzad Boroujerdi. *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 46, No. 6 (2013): 1013-1017.

Review of *The Power and the People: Paths of Resistance in the Middle East*, by Charles Tripp. *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 67, No. 4 (2013): 660-662.

“The Politics of Subsidy Reform in Iran.” *Middle East Reports*, No. 254 (2010): 36-39.

“The Bazaar in Contemporary Iran.” In *The Iran Primer*, edited by Robin Wright, pp. 108-11. Washington DC: US Institute of Peace, 2010.

“The Imam’s Blue Boxes.” *Middle East Reports*, No. 257 (2010): 22-23.

Review of *Democracy in Iran: History and the Quest for Liberty* by Vali Nasr and Ali Gheissari and *Democracy in Modern Iran: Islam, Culture, and Political Change* by Ali Mirsepassi. *Middle East Journal* Vol. 64, No. 4 (2010): 660-662.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA, Assistant Professor

- Welfare and Citizenship in Global Perspective SOC 285 (Spring 2017)
- Economic and Social Change in Modern Middle East and North Africa IAS 191 (Spring 2017)
- Foundations and Contemporary Debates in Political Sociology SOC 233 (Winter 2017)
- Development Policies in Historical Perspective IDS 191 (Spring 2016)
- Economics of Development Countries IDS 130 (Winter 2016, Winter 2017)
- Methods in Comparative-Historical Sociology SOC 211 (Winter/Spring 2016)

Princeton University, Instructor

- Street Politics: Revolutions and Social Movements in the Middle East (Spring 2014)
- Soldier, Worker, Mullah, Citizen: Welfare and Labor Politics in the Middle East (Spring 2013)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (2015-PRESENT)

“Topologies of Citizenship in the Middle East.” Invited Seminar at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, Cambridge University, UK, July 6-7, 2017.

“Difference in Difference: Ethnicity and Language in the Islamic Republic of Iran.” Invited Talk at the Department of Sociology, University of California-Santa Barbara, May 17, 2017.

“Rethinking State Development and the Origins of Civil Society”

“Promises and Challenges of Historical Sociology to Theories of Economic Development”

“The Middle East in the World-Economy: Inequality, Uprisings, and Possible Futures”

“Iran's Great Transformations: Post-Revolutionary State and Society in the Islamic Republic”

Fulbright Lectures at the Department of Sociology, Kiev Polytechnic University, Kiev, Ukraine, June 16-22, and Odessa Law Academy, June 24, 2016.

“The Day After: Short and Long-Term Consequences of the 1979 Revolution.” Invited Talk at Department of Literature, Rethinking Revolutions Conference, UCSD, San Diego, CA, April 22, 2016.

“Of Eggs and Stones: Divergent Outcomes from Two Economic Shocks in Postrevolutionary Iran.” Invited paper for the Economic Shocks and Authoritarian Stability conference, UCSD, San Diego, CA, December 4-5, 2015.

- "Iran and the Precarious Balance: Four Decades of the Persian Gulf Power Struggle." Invited Talk at the Contemporary Crises in the Middle East conference, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 23, 2015.
- "Unruly Corporatism: Rethorizing Civil Society in West Asia and North Africa." Invited Lecture at Department of Sociology, Wits University, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 13, 2015.
- "Youth Trends in Iran: Credentialization and Consumption." Invited Participant at Youth in the Contemporary Muslim World conference, Boston University, April 8-9, 2015.
- "Can an Oil State be a Welfare State: Social Policy in Theory and Practice in Post-revolutionary Iran." Invited Lecture at Department of Sociology Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University, March 24, 2015.
- "The Martyrs Welfare State: Politics and Social Policy in the Islamic Republic of Iran." Invited Lecture at Department of Sociology Seminar Series, University of California-Berkeley, January 26, 2015.
- "Media, Intellectuals, and Politics in the Islamic Republic: A Geometry of Overlapping Fields." Invited Lecture at Central European University; Center for Media, Data, and Society; Budapest, Hungary, January 22, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (2015-PRESENT)

- "The Future of Muslim Societies: Governance, Movements, and Religion." Presentation at the American Sociological Association meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15, 2017.
- "An American Road to Tehran: Land Reform and Class Formation in Modern Iran." Paper presented at the Capitalist Development in Hostile Environments conference, University of Calabria, Cosenza, Italy, June 6-8, 2017.
- "Iran's Commanding Heights: Conglomerate Ownership in the Islamic Republic." Paper presented at the Economic Research Forum Seminar on the Political Economy of the Private Sector in the Middle East. Marrakesh, Morocco, December 22, 2016.
- "The Iran Social Survey: Theoretical Orientations and Preliminary Results." Paper presented at the Surveying Iran: The Future of Social Research After the Nuclear Thaw workshop, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, September 1-2, 2016.
- "Capital at the Margins: Logics of Investment Across Iran's Private and Semi-Public Sectors." Paper presented at the 11th Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of Vienna, Austria, August 2-5, 2016.
- "The Social Question in the Middle East: Past and Present." Paper presented at The Social Question of Neoliberal Capitalism conference, UCLA, April 1-2, 2016.
- "Entrepots Unraveling: The Persian Gulf after the Great 2000s Commodity Supercycle." Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 12-15, 2015.
- "Rapacious or Reciprocal? Chinese Investment and Trade in the Persian Gulf During the 2000s Commodity Supercycle." Paper presented at the Capital, Labor and South-South Development Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 9-11, 2015.
- "A Hidden Counter- Movement? Precarity, Politics, and Social Protection before and beyond the Neoliberal Era." Paper presented at the Southern Africa Beyond the West conference, Livingstone, Zambia, August 7-11, 2015.
- "Partisans without Parties: A Movement-Centered Analysis of Iran's Post-Revolutionary Politics." Paper presented at the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies conference, Venice, Italy, January 16-17, 2015.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Program Committee Member, *Association for Iranian Studies*, 2017-2019.

Editorial Committee Member, *Middle East Report (MERIP)*, 2015-2018.

Advisor, Princeton University Iranian Periodicals Digitization Project, 2015-2017.

Chair, Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2016

Fulbright Specialist, Council for International Exchange of Scholars; Fulbright Lecture Series at Kiev Polytechnic University, June 2016

Organizer and Presider, Iranian Graduate Student Workshop, Princeton University, April 29-30, 2016.

Organizer and Presider, European Iran Research Group Workshop on Class in Iran, Lund University, March 12-13, 2015.

Member, Middle East Studies Association Program Committee, 2014.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Social Forces*; Columbia University Press; *International Sociology*; *Mobilization*; *Social Policy & Administration*; *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change*; *Journal of Human Rights*; *Journal of World-Systems Research*; *Democratization*; *Middle East Journal*; *British Journal of Middle East Studies*; *Iranian Studies*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, *American Sociological Association*

Member, *Social Science History Association*

Member, *Middle East Studies Association*

Member, *International Sociological Association*

MEDIA AND INTERVIEWS

Interviewed for Scholars Strategy Network's *No Jargon* podcast, May 30, 2017.

"Rouhani is More Successful than the Reformists: Iran's Domestic and Regional Politics are Intertwined" (in Persian). Op-ed in *Andisheh-ye Pouyā* 25 (2015): pg. 27.

Interviewed for Central European University's *Media and Change* videocast, January 22, 2015.

"Realistic Pessimism, Imaginary Success: Eastern European Trajectories after 1989" (in Persian). Essay in *Andisheh-ye Pouyā* 22 (2014): pg. 49.

Interviewed for Baylor University's *Research on Religion* podcast, June 22, 2014.

“Why the Revolutionary Guards Do Not Run Iran’s Economy.” *The Diplomat*. Published March 21, 2013.

Interviewed for *Council on Foreign Relations, Crisis Guide: Iran*. Published September 25, 2011.

“What Iran’s Green Protest Movement Lacks: Labor.” Published on *TIME.com*, February 22, 2011.

Appeared or Quoted in *National Public Radio, Reuters, Bloomberg, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist, The New Yorker, Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, TIME, CNN, ABC Radio, Al Jazeera English TV, Folha de Sao Paulo, Al-Arabiya, The Chronicle of Higher Education*