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Education

PhD in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA (2016).

Dissertation: Democratization in Comparative Perspective.

Committee: Charles Kurzman (Chair), Kenneth Andrews, Chris Bail, Neal Caren, Graeme Robertson

MA in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA (2011).

MA in Political Sciences, Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran (2007).

BA in Political Sciences, Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Tehran University, Tehran, Iran (2005).

Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Sociology and International Studies. Boston College (2018-present).

Postdoctoral Fellow. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs (2016-2018).

Research Interests

Politics, Comparative Historical Analysis, Social Movements, Global Sociology, Middle East, Iran

Publications

Kadivar, Mohammad Ali, and Vahid Abedini. 2020. "Electoral Activism in Iran: A Mechanism for Political Change." *Comparative Politics* 52(3):493–514.

Kadivar, Mohammad Ali, Adaner Usmani, and Benjamin H. Bradlow. 2020. "The Long March: Deep Democracy in Cross-National Perspective." *Social Forces* 98(3):1311–1338.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Neil Ketchley. 2018. "Sticks, Stones and Molotov Cocktails: Unarmed Collective Violence and Democratization." *Socius: The Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 4:1-16.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2018. "Mass Mobilization & the Durability of New Democracies." *American Sociological Review* 83(2): 390-417.

Farsi translation: Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2019. "Basij-e Tude'i va Baqa-ye Demokrasi-ha-ye Jadid." *Mashq-e Farda* 1(1): 59-92.

Best Graduate Student Publication. Global & Transnational Sociology of American Sociological Association. 2015.

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award. The Comparative Historical Sociology Section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award. The Peace, War, and Social Conflict section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Sociology of Development Best Student Paper (Honorable Mention). The Sociology of Development Section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2017. "Preelection Mobilization and Electoral Outcome in Authoritarian Regimes." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 22(3): 293-310.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Neal Caren. 2016. "Disruptive Democratization: Contentious Events and Liberalizing Outcomes Globally, 1990-2004." *Social Forces* 94(3): 975-996.

Kadivar, Mohammad Ali. 2013. "Alliances and Perception Profiles in the Iranian Reform Movement, 1997 to 2005." *American Sociological Review* 78(6):1063-86.

Mayer Zald Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper. Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section of the American Sociological Association. 2013.

Farsi Translation: Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2015 "E'telif-ha va Tasavvurat dar Jonbesh-e Eslahat-e Iran 1376-1384" *Goftegu Quarterly*, 67.

Book Manuscript in Progress

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. *Popular Politics and the Path to Durable Democracy*.

Articles in Progress

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Abolfazl Sotoudeh. "The Internet, Political Process, and Grievances in a Wave of Anti-Regime Protests in Iran." (Working Paper).

Honors, Fellowships, and Grants

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award. The Comparative Historical Sociology Section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Sociology of Development Best Student Paper (Honorable Mention). The Sociology of Development Section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award. The Peace, War, and Social Conflict section of American Sociological Association. 2016.

Best Graduate Student Publication. Global & Transnational Sociology of American Sociological Association. 2015.

Max Weber Fellow. European University Institute (Declined), 2016.

Harvard Academy of International and Area Studies Fellow (Finalist), 2016.

Odum Award for Excellence in Research. Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina. 2014.

Mayer Zald Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award. Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section (CBSM) of American Sociological Association (ASA). 2013.

The Bodman Award for a Graduate Paper, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar. 2013.

Summer Research Fellowship. The School of Arts and Sciences. University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill. Summer 2013.

Selected Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "Development, Demography, Politics, and Diffusion: A Wave of Anti-Regime Protest in Iran." Politics and Social Change Workshop, Harvard University, October 15, 2018.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar “After the Iranian Protests: Prospects and Obstacles to a Democratic Transition in Iran” University of Denver, February 22, 2018.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “The Ayatollahs and the Republic: The religious establishment in Iran and its interaction with the Islamic Republic” *New Shia politics across the Middle East*, Elliott School for International Affairs, George Washington University, October 12th, 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “The Predicaments of Rapid Success: Egypt’s Failed Democratization, 2011-2013.” *American Sociological Association*. Seattle, August 2016.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Popular Transitions and the Fate of Young Democracies.” *Department of Sociology Colloquium Series*. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 2015.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Pre-Election Mobilization and Democratization in Authoritarian Elections,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Washington DC, August 2014.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Neal Caren. “Disruptive Democratization: Contentious Events and Liberalizing Outcomes Globally, 1990-2004”. *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, August 2014.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Ali Reza Eshraghi. “When Do Grand Ayatollahs support pro-democracy movements?” *American Sociological Association*, New York, August 2013.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Alliances and Opportunities in the Iranian Reform Movement, 1997-2005” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, August 20 2012.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Electoral Effervescence; Micro Mobilization in the Iranian Green Movement (2009)” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C. December 2011.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Tumultuous Democratization” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 22 2011.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Contested perceptions of opportunity and threats and Changing Coalitions Within Iran’s reform Movement (1997-2005)” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego November 18-21 2010.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "The Streets of Tehran," Elon University, November 16, 2009.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “A La Recherche Du Temps Perdu; The Failure of the Reform Movement in Iran (1997-2005)” in *Annual Meeting of Northeast Political Science Association*, Boston Nov. 23-25 2008.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Machiavellian Democratization” *Annual Meeting of Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans January 7-10 2009.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. “Transition to Democracy in Spain: a Multi-Dimensional Analysis” to *international and interdisciplinary colloquy on "Pathways to Democracy"* by UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Peace and Democracy. Tehran Iran, April 2007. (In Farsi).

Teaching

Reassessing Contentious Politics and Social Movements with Cases from the Middle East. Brown University: Spring 2017, Fall 2018. Boston College: Spring 2019.

Social Movements and Collective Behavior. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Spring 2013, Fall 2014.

Social Theory. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016. Boston College: Fall 2018.

Perspectives on Sociology. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Summer I 2015.

Engaged Scholarship

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Blowback? U.S. Assassination of Soleimani May Weaken Growing Protest Movement in Iran](#)" *Democracy Now*. January 8, 2020.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar, Saber Khani, and Abolfazl Sotoudeh. "[Iran's Protests Are Not Just About Gas Prices](#)." *Foreign Affairs*. December 5, 2019.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Iran shut down the Internet to stop protests. But for how long?](#)" *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. November 27, 2019.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Why Haven't Reformists Joined the Protests Sweeping Iran?](#)" *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. January 4, 2018.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[The Ayatollahs and the Republic: The religious establishment in Iran and its interaction with the Islamic Republic](#)" *Project on Middle East Political Science*. December 17, 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Tajrobe-ye Hezb-e Kargar dar Brezil](#)" [The Experience of the Workers Party in Brazil]. *Shargh Daily*. July 22 2017. (Farsi)

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Iranian President Rouhani won reelection. Here's how reformists got him there.](#)" *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. May 23 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar "[Iran's Elections: A Conversation with M. Ali Kadivar](#)" *Project on Middle East Political Science*. May 13 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Working for Democracy; Trapped in the U.S.](#)" *AFT Voices*. May 7 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Fallout from Trump Action on Immigration](#)" *Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs*. February 7 2017.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar & Ali Honari. "[Iran's Grass-roots Politics and the Nuclear Deal](#)" *Washington Post's Monkey Cage*. April 6 2015.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[The Battle Over Higher Education in Iran](#)" *Middle East Report*. February 20 2014.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Iran's Moderation Project and Lessons of the Reform Era](#)". *Lobellog*, November 12 2013.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Az Dard-e Bi-Archivi](#)" [The Problem of Archiving in Iran]. *Bahar*, August 11 2013. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Political Prisoners: A Strong Voice in Iranian Politics](#)". *Inter Press Agency*, August 09 2013.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[A New Oppositional Politics: The Campaign Participants in Iran's 2013 Presidential Election](#)". *Jadaliyya*, June 22 2013.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Bahar-e Arabi va Mas'ale-ye Sazmandehi](#) [The Arab Spring and the Question of Organizing] *BBC Persian*. November 16 2012. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Tahddiyat Al-intikhabat Ar-Riyasiyyat-i Al-Iraniyyat-i Al-Muqabila](#) [The Challenges of the Forth Coming Presidential Election in Iran]" *Jadaliyya* September 30 2012 (Arabic).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[To Participate or Boycott? Challenges of the 2013 Election and the Iranian Opposition](#)." *Jadaliyya*, September 4 2012.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Water-pistol Rebels in Iran](#)," *Institute for War & Peace Reporting*, August 17, 2011.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Rahpeymayi-ha-ye pish-e ru: Forsati bara-ye tavajjoh be Aqshar-e Mahrum](#) [Forthcoming Demonstrations as an Opportunity to Attract Lower Classes to the Green Movement]." *Jomhuri-Khahi*, March 6th 2011. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Darsi az Enqelab-e Tunis bara-ye Sabz-ha](#) [The Tunisian Revolution and a Lesson for the Greens]." *Kaleme*, February 7th 2011. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Javanan-e Mesr va Javanan-e Jonbesh-e Sabz](#) [Egyptian Youth, and the Green Movement Youth]." *Kaleme*, February 3rd 2011. (Farsi).

Farzin Vahdat, Mehrzad Boroujerdi, Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Roshanfekran-e Irani](#) [Iranian Intellectuals]" *BBC Persian*. January 6th 2011. (Farsi).

Abdi Kalantari, Hosein Qazian, Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Soqut-e Nezam-e Siyasi](#) [A Discussion on the Collapse of Political Regime]. *BBC Persian*, January 14th 2011. (Farsi).

Said Amir Arjomand, Abdi Kalantari, Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Eslam-e Siyasi](#) [the Political Islam]. *BBC Persian*, June 27th 2010. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Pishnahad-ha-ye Musavi va Senario-ha-ye Pish-e ru](#) [Musavi's Propositions and Likely Scenarios]" *Jaras*, January 2nd 2010. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Musavi-ye Sarmaye-dar](#) [The Capitalist Musavi]." *Puyesh-e Moj-e Sevvom*. May 24th 2009. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar. "[Tavazon-e Qova va Bazigaran-e Siyasi dar Entekhabat-e Dahom](#) [The Balance of Power and the Political Actors in the 10th Presidential Election]. *Puyesh-e Moj-e Sevvom*. May 15th 2009. (Farsi).

Mohammad Ali Kadivar, "Entekhabat-e Majles va Aghaz-e Fasli Naw [7th Parliament Election in Iran and Failure of Reformists]", *Aftab Monthly*, March 2004. (Farsi).

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Professor Charles Kurzman, summer 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2013.

Research Assistant for Iran Data Project funded by Social Science Research Council, 2009-2011
<http://www.princeton.edu/irandataportal/>

Translations (to Farsi)

Adam Przeworski, "Some Problems in the Study of the Transition to Democracy" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Nancy Bermeo, "Myths of Moderation; Confrontation and Conflict During Democratic Transitions" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Samuel P. Huntington, "One Soul at a Time; Political Science and Political Reform" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Terry Lyn Karl, "Pacts and Petroleum: the Transition to Democracy in Venezuela" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Donald Share, "Transition to Democracy and Transition through Transaction" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Alfred Stepan, " Paths Toward Redemocratization: Theoretical and Comparative Considerations" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Alfred Stepan, "Tasks of a Democratic Opposition" Translated by **Mohammad Ali Kadivar**, in *Transition to Democracy; Conceptual and Theoretical Consideration*, Tehran, Game No Publication (2007).

Professional Service

Associate Editor of Book Reviews for *Social Forces*, 2012-2016.

Occasional Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Theory and Society*, *Mobilization*, *Social Movement Studies*, *the Journal of World System Research*, *British Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, and *Iranian Studies*.

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Middle East Studies Association

Languages

Farsi (Native)

English (Fluent)

Arabic (Advanced)

Turkish (Elementary)