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Academic Appointments

University of Rhode Island (Fall 2022–)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.
Director, Security Forces, Rights, & Society Lab
Associate Director, Center for Non-Violence and Peace Studies

Cornell University (2023–)

Research Associate, [Gender and the Security Sector Lab](#), Department of Government.

Cornell University (2022–2023)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, [Gender and the Security Sector Lab](#), Department of Government.

Cornell University (2021–2022)

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, [Gender and the Security Sector Lab](#), Department of Government.

Education

Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Political Science

Ph.D, 2022

Dissertation: *Military Involvement in the Economy and Its Political Consequences*

Winner of 2022 Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University Graduate School

Graduate Committee: David H. Clark (Chair), Benjamin O. Fordham, Katja B. Kleinberg

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Department of Political Science

M.A, 2016. Political Science

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran; Department of Political Science

B.A & M.A, 2014. Political Science

Publications

2025. Izadi, Roya. [From Bullets to Balance Sheets: How Military Involvement in the Economy Shape Leader Survival](#). *International Studies Quarterly*.

Winner of the 2020 “Stuart A. Bremer Award for the Most Outstanding Paper” from the Peace Science Society (International).

2025. Izadi, Roya and Lindsey Pruett. [Bread, Butter, Barricade: Economic Grievance, Military Industry and Mutinies](#). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

2023. Bayer, Markus, Aurel Croissant, Roya Izadi, and Nikitas Scheeder. [Multidimensional Measures of Militarization \(M3\) - A Global Dataset](#). *Armed Forces and Society*.

2023. Asadzadeh, Peyman, Behzad Attarzadeh, Roya Izadi, Skip Mark, and Almira Sadykova. [Significant Incidents Against Americans Abroad: Introducing a New Dataset](#). *International Interactions*.

2022. Izadi, Roya. [State Security or Exploitation: A Theory of Military Involvement in the Economy](#). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(4-5) 729-754

Winner of the 2021 “Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding International Security Studies Section Paper” from International Studies Association (ISA).

Winner of the 2021 “Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Graduate Student Best Paper Award.”

2022. Asadzade, Peyman and Roya Izadi. [The Reputational Cost of Military Aggression: Evidence from the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine](#). *Research and Politics*.

Books

In Progress: “*Militarized Markets: A Study of the Economic Role of Armed Forces (working title)*.”

Articles Under Review

“Public Support for Military Service in the Shadow of International Conflict.” (*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Politics*)

“Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” With *Michael Kenwick*. (*Revise and Resubmit at Security Studies*)

“Introducing the Cross-national Dataset of Military Involvement in the Economy (MIITE Data), 1950-2024.”

“Not All Uniforms Are Alike: Experimental Evidence on Citizens’ Views of Security Forces in Iran.” With *Laura Huber* and *Skip Mark*.

“The Syrianization Effect: How Movement Failure Shapes Support for Protest and Repression.” With *Skip Mark*.

“Sign Me Up: Why Security Force Personnel Enlist and Why it Matters.” With *Lindsey Pruett*, *Sabrina Karim*, *Priscilla Torres*, *Laura Huber*, *Cameron Mailhot*, and *Michael Kriner*.

Selected Working Papers

“The Domestic Benefits of UN Peacekeeping Homecoming: How Deployment Diffuses Norms.” with *Sabrina Karim*, *Laura Huber*, *Lindsey Pruett*, *Cameron Mailhot*, *Michael Kriner*, and *Priscilla Torres*.

“Captains of Industry: The Political Economy of Profiteering Armed Forces.”

“How Threat Perception Impacts Support for Domestic Usage of the Military: Experimental Evidence from Iran.”

“Fighting Wars, Debating Service. How War Exposure Shapes Views of Military Recruitment”

“Institutional Changes to the Security Forces.” With *Sabrina Karim, Laura Huber, and Ruby French.*

“Strategic Restraint and Tolerance: Gendering Violence by Security Force Personnel.” With *Sabrina Karim, Priscilla Torres, Laura Huber, Lindsey Pruett, Cameron Mailhot, and Michael Kriner.*

“Gender Stereotypes and UN Peacekeeping Deployments: Conjoint Survey Analysis from Security Force Personnel from around the World.” With *Sabrina Karim, Priscilla Torres, Laura Huber, Lindsey Pruett, Cameron Mailhot, and Michael Kriner.*

“Institutional Differences in Views of Restraint: Results from a Cross-national Survey of Military and Police Personnel.” With *Sabrina Karim, Priscilla Torres, Laura Huber, Lindsey Pruett, Cameron Mailhot, and Michael Kriner.*

Selected Policy Works, Media & Engaged Scholarship

2025. [Interview with Boston Globe on militarization.](#)

2024. “[Cambodian Royal Armed Forces Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report.](#)” *UN Women.* With *Sabrina Karim, Zinab Attai, DeAnne Roark and Taylor Vincent.*

2023. *Roya Izadi (ed.). [Military Behavior During Civilian Uprisings in Authoritarian Regimes.](#) Daneshkadeh, Vol 5, Nashr-e Aasoo (in Farsi).*

2023. *Alireza Eshraghi and Roya Izadi (ed.). [Armed Forces and the Economy.](#) Daneshkadeh, Nashr-e Aasoo (in Farsi).*

2023. “[Bangladesh Armed Forces Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report.](#)” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.* With *Niloy Ranjan Biswas, Lailufar Yasmin, Sabrina Karim, Sara Fox, Cameron Mailhot, Michael Kriner, Priscilla Torres, Zinab Attai, and Heather Huhtanen.*

2023. “[Jordan Police Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report.](#)” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.* With *Sabrina Karim, Zinab Attai, Radwa Saad, Sana’a Al Banawi, Sara Quteishat, Solène Brabant, Ingrid Munch, Leilah Gordon-Bates, Linda Sanchez, Camille Risler, and Mennatallah Saed.*

2022. *Izadi, Roya. “[Iran’s security forces have little incentive to ease up on protesters.](#)” *Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com.**

2022. Interview with Washington Post, “[As protests rock Iran, its most feared security force is lying in wait](#)”, By *Miriam Berger*, Nov 21.

2022. “[The Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces Report on Results of the Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations \(MOWIP\) Assessment.](#)” *Elsie Initiative Fund.* With *Sabrina Karim, Michael Kriner, Sara Fox, Lindsey Pruett, Cameron Mailhot, Roya Izadi, Taylor Vincent, Zinab Attai, Priscilla Torres, and Emily Jackson.*

2022. “[Old Expectations, New Challenges: What we Look for in a Peacekeeper and Why it Matters.](#)” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.* With *Sara Fox, Cameron Mailhot, Priscilla Torres, and Callum Watson.*

2022. “National Police of Uruguay Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report.” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance*. With Sara Fox, Radwa Hesham Saad, Laura Huber, Sabrina Karim, Michael Kriner, Cameron Mailhot, Lindsey Pruett, Priscilla Torres, Riina Allinen, Solène Brabant, Ingrid Munch, Kim Piaget and Camille Risler.

2022. “National Police and National Gendarmerie of Senegal MOWIP Report.” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance*. With Sabrina Karim, Priscilla Torres, Sara Lynn Fox, Michael Kriner, Cameron Mailhot, Lindsey Pruett, Radwa Hesham Saad, Solène Brabant, Ingrid Munch, Kim Piaget, Camille Risler, Callum Watson, Christiane Agboton Johnson and Ndéye Amy Ndiaye.

Fieldwork & External Activities

2025-2026: Faculty Consultant, [Effective Peacebuilding Initiative](#).

June 2025: Fieldwork in Liberia: Conducted interviews with 19 members of the leadership of the Armed Forces of Liberia.

Scheduled March-April 2026: Fieldwork in Fiji, interviews with members of the leadership of the Fijian Military and Police.

2020-now: Working on [Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations](#) in cooperation with the [Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance \(DCAF\)](#) by designing, implementing, and analyzing surveys and interviews of security sectors (Armed Forces, Police, Gendarmerie) in multiple Troop Contributing Countries to UN Peace Operations in order to help overcome barriers and increase the meaningful participation of uniformed women in UN Peace Operations. **Project Lead** for Jordanian Police and Gendarmerie, Bangladeshi Armed Forces, and Cambodian Armed Forces. Assisting Uganda National Police, Uruguay Armed Forces and Police projects.

Selected Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

“Reflecting on 25 Years of the WPS Agenda: Lessons Learned from Gender Research and UN Peace Operations.” Invited Talk at International Peacekeeping Institute. October 9 2025.

“Foreign Aid Shocks and the Militarization of Civilian Spaces.” *Peace Science Society International*. November 2025.

“Perceptions of Security Forces: Experimental Evidence From Iran.” September 2024: *American Political Science Association*.

“Bread, Butter, Barricade: Economic Grievance, Military Industry and Mutinies.” September 2024: *American Political Science Association*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” University of Pennsylvania. May 2024.

“Financial Interventions and Military Ventures: IMF Programs and Militarization of the Civilian Economy.” July 2024: *European Political Science Association*.

“Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran.” University of Missouri Saint Louise. May 2024.

“The Impact of Failed Social Movements on Future Protest Participation: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Iran.” Binghamton University. April 2024.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Conference. October 2023. Reston, Virginia.

“Bringing Peace Home: Peace Operations as a Socializing Factor for Restraint.” November 2022: *Peace Science Society Meeting*; September 2022: *American Political Science Association*; March-April 2022: *International Studies Association*; April 2022: *WGAP Conference, Cornell University*.

“Captains of Industry: The Political Economy of Profiteering Armed Forces.” March-April 2022: *International Studies Association*; September-October 2021: *American Political Science Association*.

“Institutional Changes to the Security Forces.” January 2022: *Southern Political Science Association*; September 2022: *American Political Science Association*.

“Buying Repressive capacity: How the Military’s Interests Shape State Repression.” September-October 2021: *American Political Science Association*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and Leader Survival.” October 2021: *International Biennial Conference of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS)*.

“Bringing Peace Home: Peace Operations as a Socializing Factor for Restraint.” September 2021: *Conflict Research Society Conference*.

“Who is Under the Blue Beret? The Determinants of Peacekeeper Selection.” June 2021: *Network of European Peace Scientists*.

“Captains of Industry: The Political Economy of Profiteering Armed Forces.” May 2021: *Virtual Workshop on Civil-military Relations*; May 2021: *Cornell University Comparative Politics Workshop*.

“State Security or Exploitation: A Theory of Military Involvement in the Economy.” May 2021: *Boston University Political Economy of Security Workshop*.

“Buying Repressive Capacity.” April 2021: *International Studies Association*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and Occurrence of Coups d’état and Military Defections.” January 2021: *Southern Political Science Association*; November 2020: *International Studies Association-Midwest*; and *Peace Science Society International*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and Implications for Civil-military Relations.” October 2020: *Triangle Institute for Security Studies Annual New Faces of International Security Conference*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and Leader Survival.” September 2020: *American Political Science Association*.

“Political Economy of State Security: Why do Some Militaries Become Involved in the Economy?” November 2019: *Peace Science Society International*.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record:

PSC 580: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2025)

PSC 435: Theories of International Conflict (Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2026). University of Rhode Island.

PSC 322: Politics of the Middle East (Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Fall 2023). University of Rhode Island.

PSC 482: Civil-military Relations (Fall 2024, Fall 2025). University of Rhode Island.

PSC 582: Comparative Political Behavior (Fall 2024). University of Rhode Island.

PSC 310: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Spring 2024). University of Rhode Island.

PSC 312: Politics of Authoritarianism (Spring 2023, Spring 2026). University of Rhode Island.

PLSC 486Z: Security, Peace, and Conflict (Fall 2020). Binghamton University.

PLSC 380H: Militaries in Politics (Winter 2020). Binghamton University.

PLSC 486D: Dictators & Decision-making (Fall 2019). Binghamton University.

PLSC 380M: Militaries, Coup, and War (Summer 2019). Binghamton University.

Guest Lecture and Workshops:

Instructor of “Experimental Survey Research Workshop,” Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM), University of Rhode Island.

Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran. The Edwin H. Fedder Annual Lecture in Foreign and International Affairs. University of Missouri, Saint Louis; May 2024.
Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran. Harvard University, 2023.
Workshop on Civil-military Relations. University of Pennsylvania; May 2024.
Political Violence. November 2021; Cornell University.
Instructor of “Using Conjoint Analysis in Analyzing Individuals’ Underlying Preferences.” September 2021; Cornell University (with *Priscilla Torres*).

Grants, Honors & Awards

2025: NSF Grant Under Review (\$817,000)
2025: Project Completion Grant (\$3,000). University of Rhode Island.
2024: Proposal Development Grant (\$20,000). University of Rhode Island.
2024: Social Science Institute for Research, Education, and Policy 2024 Public Policy Lab Fellowship (\$5,500). University of Rhode Island.
2023: Book Workshop Grant, University of Rhode Island (\$10,000).
2023: Dean’s Summer Faculty Research Program Award (\$5,000), University of Rhode Island.
2022: Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University Graduate School.
2021: Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding International Security Studies Section Paper by International Studies Association (ISA).
2021: Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Graduate Student Best Paper Award.
2020: Stuart A. Bremer Award for the Most Outstanding Paper from the Peace Science Society (International).
2020: University-wide Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award. Binghamton University.
2019: Dr. David Cingranelli Award for an Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, Binghamton University.
2020: New York State Graduate Student Professional Development Award.
2017-2020: Provost’s Doctoral Summer Fellowship, Binghamton University.
2016: Harpur Collage Award, Binghamton University.

Professional Skills

Proficient in R, Stata, Latex & Overleaf, Tableau, & Microsoft Office.
Intermediate Knowledge in Python & Java.
Survey & Survey Experiments.
Fluent working with Qualtrics, ISurvey & SurveyCTO.

Languages

Persian: Native, English: Fluent, Standard Arabic: Advanced

Professional Activities

2025. Faculty Consultant, Effective Peace-building Initiative.
May 2025, June 2024, May 2023 : Organizer, Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM) Workshop. University of Rhode Island.
2025, 2024: Organizer, Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM) Workshop. Peace Science Society International.
2023: Graduate Student Best Paper Award Committee Member, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society.
September 2022: Discussant: Protesters, Soldiers and the State: Re-Examining Military Response to Resistance Panel. *American Political Science Association*.
September 2022: Chair: Gendering Transitions from Conflict Panel. *American Political Science Association*.
September 2021: Discussant: Peacekeeping Effectiveness and Socialization Panel. *Conflict Research Society Conference*.
May 2021: Discussant: *Cornell University Comparative Politics Workshop*.
January 2021: Chair: International Politics: Conflict and Security Panel. *Southern Political Science Association*.
November 2020: Discussant: Authoritarianism Panel. *International Studies Association-Midwest*.
September 2020: Discussant: States as Protectors and Violators of Human Rights Panel; Discussant: The Public and Conflict Dynamics Panel. *American Political Science Association*.
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019: President of Political Science Department Graduate Student Organization, Binghamton University.