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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil-military Relations, Security Studies, Political Violence

## EMPLOYMENT

### 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, 2022 Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University Graduate School

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, IRAN · DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

B.A. & M.A., 2014 · Political Science

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Izadi, Roya. 2025. "From Bullets to Balance Sheets: How Military Involvement in the Economy Shapes Leader Survival." *International Studies Quarterly*.

Winner, 2020 "Stuart A. Bremer Award for the Most Outstanding Paper," Peace Science Society (International)

Izadi, Roya and Lindsey Pruett. 2025. "Bread, Butter, Barricade: Economic Grievance, Military Industry and Mutinies." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Bayer, Markus, Aurel Croissant, Roya Izadi, and Nikitas Scheeder. 2023. "Multidimensional Measures of Militarization (M3) – A Global Dataset." *Armed Forces and Society*.

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

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

Winner, 2021 "Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding International Security Studies Section Paper," ISA

Winner, 2021 "Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Graduate Student Best Paper Award"

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

## EDITOR REVIEWED

Izadi, Roya. 2026. "The War with Iran Made the IRGC Stronger." *Journal of Democracy*.

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BOOKS

“*Militarized Markets: A Study of the Economic Role of Armed Forces*” (working title). Expected Submission: Fall 2026

*In Progress*: “Capitalizing on Crisis: How Economic Downturns Shape Military’s Fortunes” (working title).

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UNDER  
REVIEW

Izadi, Roya. 2026. “Public Support for Military Service in the Shadow of International Conflict.” Conditional Accept, *Journal of Politics*.

“Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” With *Michael Kenwick*. *Revise and Re-submit, 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* and *Amanda Queiroz*.

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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*.

“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*.

“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*.

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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 et al.
2023. “Jordan Police Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report.” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance*. With Sabrina Karim et al.
2022. Izadi, Roya. “Iran’s security forces have little incentive to ease up on protesters.” *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*.
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 MOWIP Assessment.” *Elsie Initiative Fund*. With Sabrina Karim et al.
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 Sabrina Karim et al.
2022. “National Police and National Gendarmerie of Senegal MOWIP Report.” *Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance*. With Sabrina Karim et al.

- 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.
- March–April 2026*: Fieldwork in Fiji — interviews with members of the leadership of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and Police Force.
- 2020 – present: Working on the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations in cooperation with the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF): designing, implementing, and analyzing surveys and interviews of security sectors in multiple Troop Contributing Countries to UN Peace Operations. Project Lead for Jordan Police and Gendarmerie, Uruguay Military, Bangladesh Armed Forces, and Cambodia Armed Forces.
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SELECTED  
TALKS  
& CONFERENCES

- “Foreign Aid Shocks and the Militarization of Civilian Spaces.” Invited Talk, *Colgate University*. November 2025.
- “Reflecting on 25 Years of the WPS Agenda: Lessons Learned from Gender Research and UN Peace Operations.” Invited Talk, *International Peacekeeping Institute*. New York City, October 2025.
- “Foreign Aid Shocks and the Militarization of Civilian Spaces.” *Peace Science Society International*. November 2025.
- “Perceptions of Security Forces: Experimental Evidence From Iran.” *APSA*. September 2024.
- “Bread, Butter, Barricade: Economic Grievance, Military Industry and Mutinies.” *APSA*. September 2024.
- “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.” *European Political Science Association*. July 2024.
- “Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran.” Invited Talk, *University of Missouri Saint Louis*. May 2024.
- “Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran.” Invited Talk, *Harvard University*. 2023.
- “The Impact of Failed Social Movements on Future Protest Participation.” Invited Talk, *Binghamton University*. April 2024.
- “Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” *IUS*. October 2023.
- “Bringing Peace Home: Peace Operations as a Socializing Factor for Restraint.” *Peace Science Society* (Nov 2022); *APSA* (Sep 2022); *ISA* (Mar–Apr 2022); *WGAPPE, Cornell* (Apr 2022).
- “Captains of Industry: The Political Economy of Profiteering Armed Forces.” *ISA* (Mar–Apr 2022); *APSA* (Sep–Oct 2021).
- “Institutional Changes to the Security Forces.” *SPSA* (Jan 2022); *APSA* (Sep 2022).
- “Military Involvement in the Economy and Leader Survival.” *IUS*. October 2021.
- “Captains of Industry.” *Cornell Comparative Politics Workshop* (May 2021).
- “State Security or Exploitation.” *Boston University Political Economy of Security Workshop*. May 2021.
- “Military Involvement in the Economy and Occurrence of Coups d’état and Military Defections.” *SPSA* (Jan 2021); *ISA-Midwest* (Nov 2020); *Peace Science Society International*.
- “Military Involvement in the Economy and Leader Survival.” *APSA*. September 2020.
- “Political Economy of State Security.” *Peace Science Society International*. November 2019.

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TEACHING

- PSC 582: Introduction to Survey Methods & Experimental Designs (Fall 2026) URI
- PSC 580: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2025) URI
- PSC 435: Theories of International Conflict (Spring 2026, 2025, 2023) URI
- PSC 322: Politics of the Middle East (Spring 2025; Fall 2023, 2022) URI
- PSC 482: Civil-military Relations (Fall 2025, 2024) URI
- PSC 582: Comparative Political Behavior (Fall 2024) URI
- PSC 310: Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (Spring 2024) URI
- PSC 312: Politics of Authoritarianism (Spring 2026, 2023) URI
- PLSC 486Z: Security, Peace, and Conflict (2020) Binghamton University
- PLSC 380H: Militaries in Politics (2020) Binghamton University
- PLSC 486D: Dictators & Decision-making (2019) Binghamton University
- PLSC 380M: Militaries, Coup, and War (2019) Binghamton University
- Instructor, “Experimental Survey Research Workshop,” CRAM, University of Rhode Island.

SELECTED  
GRANTS  
& AWARDS

2025 · NSF Grant Under Review (\$817,000)  
2025 · Project Completion Grant (\$3,000) · URI  
2024 · Proposal Development Grant (\$20,000) · URI  
2024 · Social Science Institute for Research, Education, and Policy Public Policy Lab Fellowship (\$5,500) · URI  
2023 · Book Workshop Grant (\$10,000) · URI  
2023 · Dean's Summer Faculty Research Program Award (\$5,000) · URI  
2022 · Distinguished Dissertation Award · Binghamton University Graduate School  
2021 · Patricia Weitsman Award for Outstanding International Security Studies Section Paper · 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 · 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 · Binghamton University  
2020 · New York State Graduate Student Professional Development Award  
2017–2020 · Provost's Doctoral Summer Fellowship · Binghamton University  
2016 · Harpur College Award · Binghamton University

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PROFESSIONAL  
SKILLS

Proficient in R, Stata,  $\LaTeX$  & Overleaf, Tableau, & Microsoft Office.  
Intermediate Knowledge in Python & Java.  
Survey & Survey Experiments; Qualtrics, iSurvey & SurveyCTO.

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LANGUAGES

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

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PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

May 2026, May 2025, June 2024, May 2023 · Organizer, Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM) Workshop, URI.  
2023 · Graduate Student Best Paper Award Committee, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society.  
Sep 2022 · Discussant: Protesters, Soldiers and the State Panel · *APSA*.  
Sep 2022 · Chair: Gendering Transitions from Conflict Panel · *APSA*.  
Sep 2021 · Discussant: Peacekeeping Effectiveness and Socialization Panel · *Conflict Research Society*.  
May 2021 · Discussant · Cornell University Comparative Politics Workshop.  
Jan 2021 · Chair: International Politics: Conflict and Security Panel · *SPSA*.  
Nov 2020 · Discussant: Authoritarianism Panel · *ISA-Midwest*.  
Sep 2020 · Discussant: States as Protectors and Violators of Human Rights Panel; The Public and Conflict Dynamics Panel · *APSA*.