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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 Nonviolence 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*.

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).

UNDER REVIEW

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

Izadi, Roya and Michael Kenwick. 2026. “Military Involvement in the Economy and the Erosion of Civilian Control.” Conditional Accept, *Security Studies*.

“Who Does What to Whom? A Framework for Studying Repertoires of Repression.” With *Rachel D. Van Nostrand, Margaret Frost, Santiago Sosa, and Thorin M. Wright*. R&R at *International Interactions*.

“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 *Peyman Asadzade, Skip Mark* and *Amanda Queiroz*.

“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

“Foreign Aid Shocks and Militarization of Civilian Economies.” With *Katja Kleinberg*.

“Introducing the Cross-national Dataset of Military Involvement in the Economy (MIITE Data), 1950–2025.”

“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.”

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

“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*.

“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*.

2026. Izadi, Roya. "The War with Iran Made the IRGC Stronger." *Journal of Democracy*.
2026. Republic of Fiji Military Forces Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report." *UN Women*. With Sabrina Karim et al.
2026. Republic of Fiji Police Forces Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations Report." *UN Women*. With Sabrina Karim et al.
2025. Interview with *Boston Globe* on militarization.
2025. "Liberia Steps Up Action on Women, Peace, and Security." Cornell University. With Priscilla Torres and Sabrina karim.
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.

- 2026–2027: Non-resident Fellow, Good Authority.
- 2025–2026: Faculty Consultant, Effective Peacebuilding Initiative.
- March–April 2026*: Fieldwork in Fiji — interviews with members of the leadership of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and Police Force.
- June 2025*: Fieldwork in Liberia — interviews with members of the leadership of the Armed Forces of Liberia.
- December 2022*: Fieldwork in Cambodia
- August–September 2022*: Fieldwork in Jordan
- 2020 – present: Working on the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations in cooperation with the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF), UN Women, and Government of Canada: designing, implementing, and analyzing surveys and interviews of security sectors in multiple Troop Contributing Countries to UN Peace Operations.

SELECTED
TALKS
& CONFERENCES

- “Foreign Aid Shocks and the Militarization of Civilian Spaces.” Invited Talk, *Colgate University*. December 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*. April 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.

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

SELECTED
AWARDS
& FELLOWSHIPS

NSF Grant Under Review (\$678,000)
 2026 · Dean's Summer Faculty Research Program Award (\$6,000) · URI
 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

PROFESSIONAL
SKILLS

Proficient in R, Stata, L^AT_EX & Overleaf, Tableau, & Microsoft Office.
 Intermediate Knowledge in Python, Java & HTML.
 Survey & Survey Experiments; Qualtrics, iSurvey & SurveyCTO.

LANGUAGES

Farsi: Native · English: Fluent · Standard Arabic: Advanced

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Reviewer: Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Armed Forces & Society, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Perspective, International Interactions, Political Studies Review.
 May 2026, May 2025, June 2024, May 2023 · Organizer, Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM) Workshop, URI.
 May 2025, Instructor, "Experimental Survey Research Workshop," CRAM, University of Rhode Island.
 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.
 September 2021, Instructor, "Using Conjoint Analysis in Analyzing Individuals' Underlying Preferences." Cornell University (with *Priscilla Torres*)
 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.