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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ✉ **Comparative politics:** comparative social movements, authoritarian regimes
- ✉ **Women and gender politics:** feminist resistance, fourth wave feminism
- ✉ **Social media politics:** comparative social media, digital activism
- ✉ **Qualitative methods:** interpretive methods, visual analysis, comparative case study

EDUCATION

2020 – Present

University of Oregon

Ph.D., Political Science (2025 Expected)

Dissertation Title: “A Space Between Resistance and Repression: Exploring the Role of Women's Image-based Activism in Iran”

Committee: Erin Beck (chair), Tuong Vu, Gerald Berk, Anita Weiss (Int’l Studies), and Jillian Schwedler (CUNY – Hunter College)

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Theory

2018 – 2020

University of Oregon

Master of Arts, Political Science

2011 – 2014

Saint Louis University – Madrid

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Spanish

Thesis: “The Evolution of Revolution: An Analysis of the Changes in Revolutionary Practice in Post-Modern History”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024

American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women (AAUW), \$25,000

2023

Research Grant, Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF), \$4,000

- 2023** Centennial Center Research Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA), Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund, \$2,316
- 2023** Harvey E Lee Grad Scholarship, University of Oregon, \$3,600
- 2023** Collaborative Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA) MENA Program, \$3,500
- 2022** Jane Grant Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon, \$18,000
- 2022** Graduate Fellowship for International Research, Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF), \$15,000
- 2022** William C. Mitchell Graduate Summer Research Scholarship, University of Oregon, \$2,000
- 2022** Northwest Community Scholarship, Northwest Community Credit Union, \$1,000
- 2021** Professional Development Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA) MENA Program, \$1,000
- 2021** Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research (IQMR) Tuition Scholarship, University of Oregon, \$2,500
- 2021** Graduate Student Travel Scholarship, University of Oregon, \$500
- 2021** Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA), \$300
- 2021** Virtual Opps Award, University of Oregon, \$200
- 2020** Graduate Student Research Grant, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon, \$3,000
- 2013** Summer Congressional Fellowship, National Iranian American Council, \$1,000
- 2011** Javier III Scholarship, Saint Louis University, Madrid, €19,800

PUBLIC WRITINGS

Kazemi, P. (2024). [¿Cómo afectará el conflicto en el Medio Oriente a América Latina?](#) *Electoralia*, November 2024

Kazemi, P. (2022). [How Female Iranian Activists Use Powerful Images to Protest Oppressive Policies](#), *The Conversation*, December 21, 2022.

Kazemi, P. (2022). [From Digital Visual Activism to Mass Public Protest: The Role of Social Media Images and Videos in the 2022 Iranian Movement](#), *Mobilizing Ideas*, October 27, 2022

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Kazemi, Parichehr (2024). *Subverting Patriarchal Control and Resignifying Space with Social Media Images: The Case of “My Stealthy Freedom,”* under review, August 2024

Kazemi, Parichehr (2024). *Between Stealth and Capture: The Dynamics of Resistance and Repression in Iranian Women’s Digital Activism,* under review, September 2024

Vu, Tuong and Kazemi, Parichehr (2024). *How Revolutions Die: Twentieth-Century Lessons for the Twenty-First Century;* in preparation

INVITED TALKS

- Feb 2024** “Woman, Life, Freedom: One Year Later,” Guest Lecturer, Seattle Central College
- May 2023** “Amplifying Women's Voices: The Protest Potential of Social Media Images,” Guest Speaker, Northern Illinois University, Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies
- Mar 2023** “Social Media Images as a Source of Protest: Lessons from Iran,” Keynote Speaker, UN CSW67 panel event: “Learning and Mobilizing in the Digital Space: Experiences of Global Young Women”
- Mar 2023** “Power and Protest: Compulsory Veiling, State Violence, and Women’s Resistance in Iran,” Guest Lecturer, WGS 101: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Oregon
- Mar 2023/May 2024** “Power and Protest: Compulsory Veiling, State Violence, and Women’s Resistance in Iran,” Guest Lecturer, PS 380: Gender and Politics in Developing Countries, University of Oregon
- Nov 2022** “Iran’s Feminist Revolution: How the Murder of Mahsa Amini Catalyzed a Movement 43 Years in the Making,” Guest Speaker, Saint Louis University – Madrid
- Oct 2022** “Women and Protests in Iran: Conversations with Iranian Researchers at UO,” Panel Discussant, University of Oregon
- May 2022** “Social Media’s Possibilities and Pitfalls,” Guest Lecturer, PS 312: Shadows of Modernity, University of Oregon
- Nov 2021** “Gender and Politics in Iran: A Special Look at My Stealthy Freedom,” Guest Lecturer, WGS 251: Transnational and Indigenous Feminisms, University of Oregon
- Nov 2021** “Gender and Politics in Iran: A Special Look at My Stealthy Freedom,” Guest Lecturer, PS 380: Gender and Politics in Developing Countries, University of Oregon

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Aug 2024** “Women as symbols of visual injustice in Iranian protest movements: A comparative analysis of Neda Agha-Soltan and Mahsa Amini,” Paper Presenter, Iranian Studies Association annual conference, Mexico City, Mexico
- Jan 2024** “Between Stealth and Capture: The Dynamics of Resistance and Repression in Iranian Women’s Digital Activism,” Paper Presenter, Doha Winter School, Doha, Qatar
- Aug 2023** “Forging Online/Offline Spaces in the Iranian Women’s Movement,” Paper Presenter, American Political Science Association annual conference, Los Angeles, CA
- Jul 2022** “Visualization as a Means of Resistance,” Paper Presenter, APSA MENA annual conference, Amman, Jordan
- Jul 2022** “Trajectories of State Feminism: The Limitations of Modern-State Building Projects on Understanding Women’s Oppression in Egypt and Iran,” Paper Presenter, International Feminist Journal of Politics conference
- Sept 2021** “Hostility is Not Destiny: The Iranian Revolution and the United States,” Paper Presenter, American Political Science Association annual conference, Seattle, WA

ORGANIZED EVENTS

- May 2023** “**From Iran and Beyond: Bodily Rights Debates and Transnational Solidarity in SWANA**”
Organized and hosted a two-day workshop on academia and activism, with the support of a grant from APSA MENA, at the Arabic Council for the Social Sciences (ACSS) biannual conference in Beirut, Lebanon

ACADEMIC TRAINING

“**Social Media, Surveillance and Societies of Control**,” six-day research forum on the interactions between social media, surveillance, and control under hostile governments, *International Winter School, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar, January 2024*

“**New Landscapes in MENA Politics Research**,” four-day research symposium on research strategies, topics, and problems core to the MENA region, *APSA MENA Annual Conference Amman, Jordan, Summer 2022*

“Trauma-Informed Pedagogy,” workshop on the experiences of trauma in the classroom and best practices to support and nurture students in their learning journeys, *University of Oregon, January 2022*

“Visuality and the Creation of Liminal Spaces of Participation: Middle East and North African Perspectives,” two-week virtual workshop around the themes of visuality and liminality and the ethical, practical, and political challenges of immersive research in the MENA Region, *APSA MENA Workshops, Summer 2021*

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, two-week virtual research symposium (virtual due to the pandemic) on various qualitative methodological approaches to social science, *Syracuse University, Summer 2021*

DREAMER Ally Training, one-day intensive training on support strategies for students protected under the Undocumented and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) plan, *University of Oregon, May 2019*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sole Instructor

2024 Spring (PS 485) Social Media and Social Change, University of Oregon

Teaching Assistantships

2023 Fall/24 Wint (PS 275) Legal Process
2022 Spring (PS 312) Shadows of Modernity (Modern & Contemporary Political Thought)
2022 Wint/19 Spr (PS 330) Latin American Politics
2021 Fall (PS 380) Gender & Politics in Developing Countries
2021 Spring (PS 304) Democracy, Dictatorships, and Development
2021 Winter (PS 310) Roots of Democracy (Ancient Political Thought)
2020 Fall (PS 449) Racial Politics of the US
2020 Spring (PS 311) Sovereignty and Revolution
2020 Winter (PS 199) Ethics, Identity, and Society (Introduction to Political Theory)
2019 Fall (PS 201) US Politics
2019 Winter (PS 375) Race, Politics, and the Law
2018 Fall (PS 371) US Congress

Discussion Lead _____

2020 Winter (PS 199) Ethics, Identity, and Society (Introduction to Political Theory)
2019 Fall (PS 201) US Politics

SERVICE _____

2023-24 Student Mentor, University of Oregon, Political Science Department
2022-23 Advisory Board Member – Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon
2019-21 Member Organizer (2021), Department Steward (2019-2021) – Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation
2019-21 Graduate Council – University of Oregon, Political Science Department
2019-21 Counselor – Student Academy to Inspire Learning, University of Oregon

MEDIA APPEARANCES _____

[Accelerator: The Political Scientist Parichehr Kazemi on the Importance of Images for Protests in Iran](#) (original title: “Brandbeschleuniger: Die Politikwissenschaftlerin Parichehr Kazemi über die Bedeutung von Bildern für die Proteste im Iran”). *DATUM*, September 15, 2023

[How Protest Movements Use Feminine Images and Social Media to Fight Sexist Ideologies of Authoritarian Regimes – Podcast](#), *The Conversation Weekly*, June 21, 2023

[Iranian Woman Shakes Off Hijab to Give Her Life for Freedom](#) (original title: 掙脫頭巾 伊朗女性以生命換自由), *U-Beat Magazine*, March 18, 2023

[The Protest Potential of Social Media Images](#), *The Academic Minute*, February 14, 2023

[Interview with Iranian-born Female Scholar: Our Fight is Not Limited to Headscarves, Not Limited to Women, What We are Fighting Against is the Regime Itself](#) (original title: 專訪伊朗裔女性學者：不止於頭巾、不止於女性，我們對抗的是政權本身), *Initium News*, December 26, 2022

["Denouncing Gender Apartheid in Iran: Women in Mexico Unite in Worldwide Resistance"](#) (original title: “Denuncian Apartheid de Género en Irán: En México Mujeres Se Unen a la Resistencia Mundial”), *Cimacnoticias*, October 24, 2022

["The Keys to Understanding the Protests in Iran Following the Death of Mahsa Amini"](#) (original title: “Las Claves para Entender las Protestas en Irán a Raíz de la Muerte de Mahsa Amini”), *En Todo Caso*, October 24, 2022

["The Death of Mahsa Amini and the Protests in Iran"](#) (original title: "La Muerte de Mahsa Amini y las Protestas en Irán"), *N+ Prime*, October 3, 2022

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-18** **PR & Media Manager | Epic Foundation**
Oversaw content creation and placement for publications including: *The Guardian*, *Business Insider*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Fortune Magazine* for Epic Foundation, a non-profit philanthropic startup in New York
- 2016** **Research & Legal Assistant | I.A.T.S.E**
Conducted legal and legislative research on disputes, grievances, and political campaigns for the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees, a labor union for backstage artists, in New York
- 2014-15** **Senior Litigation Specialist | MidFirst Bank**
Worked in tandem with company attorneys to review case files and testify in contested foreclosure and bankruptcy proceedings for the mortgaging arm of a national bank in Oklahoma City
- 2014** **ESL Teacher | Northwest Classen High School**
Taught English as a second language to recently emigrated 14-17-year-olds at an inner-city high school in Oklahoma City
- 2011-14** **ESL Tutor | freelance**
Tutored individuals ranging from 6 to 40 years in age in Madrid, Spain on their English using creative lesson plans, conversation, games, and focused learning

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Middle East Scholars Association
Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa
Association for Iranian Studies

LANGUAGES

English, fluency
Spanish, fluency

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Persian (Farsi), fluency
French, proficiency
Arabic, proficiency

REFERENCES

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