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Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics, Modern Iran, Diaspora Studies and Immigration, Identity Politics and Nationalism, Collective Memory, Islamophobia, Discourse Analysis

Education

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| 2018- 2024 | Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, Canada |
| 2014-2018 | M.A. in Political Science, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, USA |
| 2011-2012 | M.A. in International Relations (Middle East), with Merit, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University, UK |
| 2004-2008 | Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Shahid Beheshti University, Iran |

Academic Positions

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| 2024- Present | Postdoctoral Fellow, <i>Iran Beyond Iran</i> project, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark |
| 2021- 2024 | Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta |
| 2018- 2024 | Research Assistant for the ECMC Chair in Islamic Studies, University of Alberta |
| 2018-2021 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta |
| 2017-2018 | Instructor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida |
| 2014-2016 | Teaching Assistant, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida |
| 2016 | Research Assistant, Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, University of South Florida |
| 2013- 2014 | Instructor, Naser Khosrow Institute of Higher Education |
| 2010-2011 | Instructor, Naser Khosrow Institute of Higher Education, Iran |

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Kashfi, E. (2023). The politics of street names: Reconstructing Iran's collective memory. *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 23(2), 122-143.

Kashfi, E. (2023). Football as a platform for ethnic identity assertion. In Z. Babar & M. Lynch (Eds.), *Politics of sports in the Middle East*. The Project on Middle East Political Science.

Rasooli, A. & Kashfi, E. (2023). The lived justice experiences of Global South students in modern educational institutions: The cases of alienation and contributions. In L. Ge & J. Callaghan (Eds.), *Curriculum theory and pedagogy for student mobility: Research and practice in international higher education*. Star Scholars Publishing.

Kashfi, E. (2021). The politics of calendar: State appropriations of the contested Iranian past. *Religions*, 12(10), 861.

Kashfi, E. (2018). The path toward Islamic reformism: A study of religious intellectual discourse. In B. Reiter (Ed.), *Constructing the pluriverse*. Duke University Press.

Manuscripts under Review

Kashfi, E. (accepted for publication). More than a game: Football and ethnic contestation in contemporary Iran. Manuscript accepted for publication in *Digest of Middle East Studies*.

Kashfi, E. (under review). Minority within: Negotiating space, identity, and belonging in the Iranian Azeri diaspora. Manuscript under review with *Diaspora Studies*.

Kashfi, E. (under review). The field divided: Team Melli and diasporic Iranian politics. Manuscript under review with *Soccer and Society*

Works in Progress

Kashfi, E. (in preparation). Dis-Islamia in Diaspora: Negotiating Identity and Islamophobia among Iranian Immigrants in Canada. Manuscript to be submitted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Kashfi, E. (in preparation). Digital echoes of division: The rise of nationalist and far-right movements on social media in the Iranian diaspora. Manuscript to be submitted to *the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

Conference Presentations (Selected)

Kashfi, E. (2025, September). *Minority within: Negotiating space, identity, and belonging in the Iranian Azeri diaspora* [Paper presentation]. Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Oslo, Norway.

Kashfi, E. (2024, November). *National unity, Team Melli, and diasporic Iranian politics* [Paper presentation]. Football, Politics, and Religion in the Middle East Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey.

Kashfi, E. (2023, March). *Twitter nationalism: New nationalisms resurfaced* [Paper presentation]. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2023, February). *Football and the contestation of national identity* [Paper presentation]. The Politics of Sports in the Middle East and North Africa Workshop, Georgetown University in Qatar, Doha, Qatar.

Kashfi, E. (2022, September). *Mapping the nation: Street names and Iranian identity* [Paper presentation]. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2022, May). *The commemorative construction of Shia identity in post-revolutionary Iran* [Paper presentation]. Canadian Association for the Study of Islam and Muslims Conference, Hamilton, ON, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2021, July). *Football and the contestation of Iranian identity* [Paper presentation]. British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference. Online.

Kashfi, E. (2019, June). *A reflected community: How foreign policy reorients Iran's national identity* [Paper presentation]. Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2019, April). *Ali Shariati and the question of national identity: A decolonial narrative* [Paper presentation]. Imagining Indigenous Glocal Social Democracy Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2019, March). *Discourses of otherness: The role of online media in Iranian-Saudi relations* [Paper presentation]. International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2018, October). *Between homogeneity and heterogeneity: Examining Iran's national identity problematic* [Paper presentation]. International Studies Association South Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.

Invited Talks

Kashfi, E. (2023, March 8). *Iranian identities* [Invited talk]. Aftab Association, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2022, October 26). *The 2022 uprising and minorities* [Invited talk]. Andisheh Association of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Kashfi, E. (2020, November 25). *Calendar, collective memory and the question of national identity* [Invited talk]. Andisheh Association of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada.

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards (Selected)

- 2025 Global Studies Research Grant, Gulf University for Science and Technology (5000 USD)
- 2025 Best Dissertation Award, Western Political Science Association
- 2024 Andrew Stewart Memorial Graduate Prize, University of Alberta (5000 CAD)
- 2024 The Center for Islam in the Contemporary World Research Grant, Shenandoah University (1750 USD)
- 2024 The Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Alberta
- 2024 The Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Teaching Assistant Award, University of Alberta
- 2024 The Graduate Student Principal Instructor Teaching Award, University of Alberta (1000 CAD)
- 2023 Edmonton Consular Corps Award (4000 CAD)
- 2023 Graduate Student Research Award, Association for Iranian Studies (1150 USD)
- 2023 Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Alberta (7000 CAD)
- 2022 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (12000 CAD)
- 2022 Makhzoumi Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta (6000 CAD)
- 2022 J Gordin Kaplan Graduate Student Award, University of Alberta (1500 CAD)
- 2022 Frederick and Mary Engelmann Graduate Travel Scholarship, University of Alberta (1200 CAD)
- 2020 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (12000 CAD)
- 2020 Makhzoumi Graduate Scholarship, University of Alberta (6000 CAD)

- 2020 Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship, University of Alberta (7000 CAD)
- 2019 State of Kuwait Graduate Scholarship in Islamic Studies, University of Alberta (8600 CAD)
- 2018 Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship, University of Alberta (5000 CAD)
- 2017 Student Government Conference Presentation Grant, University of South Florida (1500 USD)
- 2017 Prestage-Cook Award, Southern Political Science Association (300 USD)
- 2016 School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies Travel Grant, University of South Florida (1000 USD)

Professional Activities

- 2022 Organizer, Graduate Student Virtual Symposium: “Rethinking MENA and the Muslim World,” University of Alberta, May 31.
- 2022 Coordinator, PSGSA Annual Conference, University of Alberta, April 29-30.
- 2020 Reviewer, *The Canadian Review of Sociology* and *Journal of Civil and Human Rights*
- 2019 Coordinator, International Symposium: “Imagining Indigenous Glocal Social Democracy,” University of Alberta, April 27-28.
- 2017 Search Committee Member for the Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics Position, University of South Florida, Fall 2017.

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

“Introduction to Politics” (Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Winter 2022), “Politics of Nationalism and Ethnicity” (Winter 2023), “Introduction to International Relations” (Spring 2022, Fall 2017), “Nationalism: Reality and Myth” (Spring 2020), “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Spring 2017, Winter 2024)

Teaching Assistant:

“Introduction to Politics” (Winter 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019), “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Winter 2020), “Terrorism and Counterterrorism” (Winter 2019), “International Relations” (Fall 2018), “Globalization” (Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016), “Conflict in the World” (Summer 2017), “The Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process” (Fall 2015), “The Middle East” (Fall 2014)

Professional Development

- 2019 Graduate Teaching and Learning Program (Levels 1-3), Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta
- 2017 Preparing for College Teaching Certificate, Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of South Florida
- 2017 Online Instructor Certificate, Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of South Florida

Services

2020- 2024 Lead Member, Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science (TaPPS), University of Alberta

2020- 2022 The International Students' Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association,
University of Alberta

2018- present President of Andisheh Graduate Student Association, University of Alberta

Organizational Memberships

Middle East Studies Association, Canadian Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Association for Iranian Studies

Languages

Persian (Native), English (Fluent), Arabic (Basic)

References

Mojtaba Mahdavi, Professor of Political Science and ECMC Chair in Islamic Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, mahdavia@ualberta.ca

Rasmus Christian Elling, Associate Professor of Persian Studies and Head of the Middle Eastern Studies Section, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, elling@hum.ku.dk