

# Mohammad R. Isaqzadeh

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

### Princeton University

Ph.D. Candidate in Politics Expected 2023

Fields: comparative politics, field experiments, and quantitative methods

Committee: Amaney Jamal (Chair), Jacob N. Shapiro, Leonard Wantchekon, and Michael Callen (LSE)

M.A., Politics May 2018

### University of Oxford

M.Phil., International Development Studies June 2010

### UC Berkeley

B.A., Political Science (Highest Honors) May 2008

**Sadiqqiyya Madrasa** (Herat, Afghanistan) 1994-2000

Islamic jurisprudence and theology

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Policing Afghanistan: The Politics of The Lame Leviathan* (with Antonio Giustozzi), Oxford University Press, 2013.

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Studying Sensitive Topics in Fragile Contexts” (with Saad Gulzar and Jacob N. Shapiro), in Hoogeveen J., Pape U. (eds) *Data Collection in Fragile States*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

“Clerics and Scriptures: Experimentally Disentangling the Influence of Religious Authority in Afghanistan” (with Luke Condra and Sera Linardi), *British Journal of Political Science*, pages 1-19: 2017, lead article.

“Violence and Risk Preference: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan” (with Michael Callen, James D. Long, and Charles Sprenger), *American Economic Review*, 2014, 104 (1): 123-48.

### Policy and Other Writings

“Digital Fieldwork: Lessons Learned from Afghanistan”, *Digital Fieldwork*, Georgetown University, March 28th, 2022.

“Senior Appointments and Corruption within the Kabul City Police: Practices and Perceptions” (with Antonio Giustozzi), *Integrity Watch Afghanistan*, 2015.

“Afghanistan National Corruption Survey 2014”, *Integrity Watch Afghanistan*, 2014.

“On Afghanistan’s Roads: Extortion and Abuse Against Drivers” (with Antonio Guistozzi), *Integrity Watch Afghanistan*, 2013.

“Point and Shoot Elections” (with Michael Callen and James Long), *Foreign Policy*, December 15th, 2011.

“Afghanistan’s Paramilitary Policing in Context: The Risk of Expediency” (with Antonio Guistozzi), *Afghanistan Analysts Network*, 2011.

### Working Papers

“No Household Left Behind: Afghanistan Targeting the Ultra Poor Impact Evaluation” (with Guadalupe Bedoya, Aidan Coville, Johannes Haushofer, and Jeremy P. Shapiro), *NBER*, Working Paper 2598, June 2021.

”Perception of Corruption and the Support for the Enforcement of Sharia: Evidence from Afghanistan”, September 2018.

“Community Monitors vs. Leakage: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan” (with Eli Berman, Michael Callen, Luke N. Condra, Mitch Downey, and Tarek Ghani), June 2017.

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### GRANTS

Conflict and Violence Initiative, J-PAL, 2022. (\$49,984)

Multi-Center Dissertation Grant, Princeton University, 2022. (\$15,000)

Pre-Dissertation Grant, Bobst Center, Princeton University, 2020. (\$5,000)

Peace and Recovery Exploratory Grant, IPA, 2020. (\$3,880)

Research Grant, Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University, 2020. (\$1,800)

Pre-Dissertation Grant, Bobst Center, Princeton University, 2019. (\$5,000)

Small Projects Grant, IGC, (with Michael Callen, Eli Berman, Tarek Ghani, Mitch Downey, and Luke Condra), Co-Investigator, 2015. (£20,000)

Central Research Development Fund, University of Pittsburgh (with Luke Condra). Co-Investigator, 2012. (\$13,800)

Research Grant, Integrity Watch Afghanistan, 2014. (\$30,000)

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### AWARDS

Harold W. Dodds Honorific Scholarship, Princeton University 2022-2023  
Awarded for the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work during the year.

CCSR Research Fellow, Princeton University (*declined*) 2022-2023

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Princeton University 2021-2022

Co-winner of Kellogg/Notre Dame Award Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA Conference.	2015
Alexadros Petersen Research Fellowship, American University of Afghanistan	2015
Distinguished Educator Award, American University of Afghanistan	2013
Students' Choice Award, American University of Afghanistan	2013
Clarendon Scholarship, University of Oxford	2008-2010
Outstanding Honors Thesis Award, UC Berkeley	2008
Dean's Honors List, University of California Berkeley	2007
Regents' Scholarship, and Freeman Scholarship, UC Berkeley	2006-2007
Regents' Scholarship, and Douglass G. Scholarship, UC Berkeley	2005-2006

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## TEACHING

POL 345: Introduction to Quantitative Social Science Teaching assistant, Professor Marc Ratkovic, Princeton University, Fall 2019.
POL 351: The Politics of Development Teaching assistant, Professor Atul Kohli, Princeton University, Spring 2019.
POL 386: Violent Politics Teaching Assistant, Professor Jacob N. Shapiro, Princeton University, Fall 2018.
POL 130: Introduction to Afghanistan Government and Politics American University of Afghanistan, 2011-2015.
POL 335: State-Building and Political Development in Afghanistan American University of Afghanistan, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014.
POL 250: Introduction to Political Theory American University of Afghanistan, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2014.
POL 110, Introduction to Political Science American University of Afghanistan, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2015.
POL 117: History of Western Political Philosophy – From Machiavelli to Marx Herat University, Fall 2010.
POL 320: Political Development Herat University, Fall 2010.

PROFESSIONAL  
POSITIONS

**Integrity Watch Afghanistan**

Board of Directors, Member

2019 - 2022

**American University of Afghanistan**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

2011 - 2015

**World Bank**

Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager

Oct 2014 - July 2016

Targeting the Ultra-Poor (TUP) project, Afghanistan

Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager

Jan 2015 - Mar 2016

Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) project, Afghanistan

Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager

June 2012- Sep 2013

Labor-Intensive Public Work (LIPW) project, Afghanistan

Evaluation Consultant

April 2014 - Nov 2014

National Emergency Rural Access Program (NERAP), Afghanistan

Consultant: Impact Evaluation Specialist

March 2011- Dec 2011

National Solidarity Program (NSP), Afghanistan

**Washington University**

Project Manager

Aug 2014 - June 2015

Research on M-Pasandaz program, Afghanistan

**Afghanistan Ministry of Interior (MoI)**

Consultant and Instructor

Jan - Nov 2013

Policy Analysis Training, MoI Policy and Strategy Directorate

**University of Herat**

Lecturer

July- Dec 2010

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Conference and  
Invited Talks

AALIMS-MIT Graduate Student Workshop

April 2021

UCLA Politics of Order and Development Lab

January 2021

Conference on Ideology and Political Violence, Texas A&M University

Dec. 2019

ECBE 2017 Conference, University of Pittsburgh

June 2017

ISAF-Head Quarter, Kabul, Afghanistan

November 2011

Corruption and Accountability in Afghanistan Conference, UAE

October 2010

## References

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Jacob N. Shapiro  
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Leonard Wantchekon  
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Princeton University  
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Michael Callen  
Associate Professor of Economics  
London School of Economics  
Email: [m.j.callen@lse.ac.uk](mailto:m.j.callen@lse.ac.uk)