

# Mohammad R. Isaqzadeh

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## CONTACT

### INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Chapman University

Assistant Professor, Department of Government  
Department of Peace and Justice Studies

Fall 2024 –

#### Harvard University

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program

August 2023 – July 2024

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## EDUCATION

#### Princeton University

Ph.D. in Politics

July 2023

Subfields: comparative politics, quantitative methods, and international security

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

#### Sadiqiyya Madrasa (Herat, Afghanistan)

Islamic jurisprudence and theology

1994-2000

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*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 Guistozi), *Integrity Watch Afghanistan*, 2015.

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

“On Afghanistan’s Roads: Extortion and Abuse against Drivers” (with Antonio Guistozi), *Integrity Watch Afghanistan*, 2013, Web link: Library of Congress Catalog .

“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 Guistozi), *Afghanistan Analysts Network*, 2011.

## Working Papers

“The Enduring Impacts of a Big Push during Multiple Crises: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan” (with Guadalupe Bedoya, Yulia Belyakova, Aidan Coville, Thomas Escande, and Aminata Ndiaye), *World Bank*, Policy Research Working Paper 10596, November 2023.

“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)

Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science and Public Policy, 2022 (\$5,000)

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

Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University, 2022 (\$6,500)

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)

## 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 ( <i>declined</i> )	2022-2023
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Princeton University	2021-2022
Co-winner of Kellog/Notre Dame Award	2015
Best Paper in Comparative Politics, MPSA Conference.	
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
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

<b>Integrity Watch Afghanistan</b> Board of Directors, Member	2019 - 2022
<b>American University of Afghanistan</b> Assistant Professor of Political Science	2011 - 2015
<b>World Bank</b> Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager Targeting the Ultra-Poor (TUP) project, Afghanistan	Oct 2014 - July 2016
Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) project, Afghanistan	Jan 2015 - Mar 2016
Consultant: Impact Evaluation Manager Labor-Intensive Public Work (LIPW) project, Afghanistan	June 2012- Sep 2013
Evaluation Consultant National Emergency Rural Access Program (NERAP), Afghanistan	April 2014 - Nov 2014
Consultant: Impact Evaluation Specialist National Solidarity Program (NSP), Afghanistan	March 2011- Dec 2011
<b>Washington University</b> Project Manager Research on M-Pasandaz program, Afghanistan	Aug 2014 - June 2015
<b>Afghanistan Ministry of Interior (MoI)</b> Advisor and Instructor Security Policy Analysis Training, MoI Policy and Strategy Directorate	Jan - Nov 2013
<b>University of Herat</b> 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

Amaney Jamal  
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Jacob N. Shapiro  
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Princeton University  
Email: [lwantche@princeton.edu](mailto:lwantche@princeton.edu)

Michael Callen  
Associate Professor of Economics  
London School of Economics  
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