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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International relations, U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Iran relations

EDUCATION

Boston University

- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (*In Progress*)

The University of Maryland-College Park

- Master's Degree in Persian Studies

The George Washington University

- Bachelor's Degree in International Affairs, Double Concentration International Economics and Middle Eastern Studies

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The University of Chicago, Eastern Consortium in Persian and Turkish (ECPT)

- Summer Visiting Student, Intermediate Persian Intensive Study

The George Washington University

- Graduate Level Coursework: Regional Security of the Middle East; Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies of the Middle East; Comparative Politics of the Middle East

The University of Maryland-College Park

- Graduate Level Coursework: International Relations of the Middle East

The University of Texas at Austin, Persepolis Institute

- Summer Visiting Student, Intermediate Persian Intensive Study

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, 08/2017 – Present

Associate, Project on Managing the Atom (July 2019 – present)

Research Fellow, Iran Project; Associate, Project on Managing the Atom (August 2018 – July 2019)

Joint Research Fellow, Iran Project and Project on Managing the Atom, (August 2017 - July 2018)

U.S. Department of State, 04/2017 – 07/2017/Present (Currently on sabbatical for education)

Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Iranian Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA/IR)

U.S. Department of State, 07/2016 – 04/2017

Member, Policy Planning Staff, Office of the Secretary of State

The White House, 08/2014 - 06/2016

Director for Iran and Iran Nuclear Implementation, National Security Council (NSC) Staff – Middle East and North Africa Directorate (U.S. Department of State Detailee)

U.S. Department of State, 10/2012 - 08/2014

Foreign Affairs Officer, Office of Iranian Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA/IR) (U.S. Department of Defense Detailee)

U.S. Department of Defense, 10/2009 - 09/2012

Team Chief and Analyst

U.S. Department of State, 02/2009 - 10/2009

Foreign Affairs Analyst, Office for Analysis of Near East and South Asia, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (U.S. Department of Defense Detailee)

U.S. Department of Defense, 08/2005 - 02/2009

Analyst

PUBLICATIONS

- Sahar Nowrouzadeh, “*Does the U.S. Have the Wrong Middle East Strategy?*” Foreign Affairs: Survey Response and Commentary, December 11, 2018.
Available online at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/ask-the-experts/united-states-middle-east-strategy>
- Andrew Miller and Sahar Nowrouzadeh, “*Saudi Arabia’s Empty Oil Threats,*” Foreign Affairs: Snapshot, November 1, 2018.
Available online at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/saudi-arabia/2018-11-01/saudi-arabias-empty-oil-threats?cid=int-flb&pgtype=hpg>
- Graham Allison, Nicholas Burns, Matthew Bunn, Chuck Freilich, Hassan Ahmadian, Martin B. Malin, Steven E. Miller, Payam Mohseni, Ernest J. Moniz, Sahar Nowrouzadeh, Nawaf Obaid, Gary Samore, Elizabeth D. Sherwood-Randall, William H. Tobey, “*Belfer Center Experts on U.S. Withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal,*” Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs News, May 08, 2018.
Available online at <https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/belfer-center-experts-us-withdrawal-iran-nuclear-deal>
- Andrew Miller and Sahar Nowrouzadeh, “*Recognizing the Limitations of American Influence in Iran,*” *The National Interest*, February 14, 2018.
Available online at <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/why-america-shouldnt-try-influence-irans-future-24504>
- Sahar Nowrouzadeh, Reid Pauly and Mahsa Rouhi, “*This Is Why Trump’s Strategy for Iran Will Fail,*” *The National Interest*, December 21, 2017.
Available online at <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/why-trumps-strategy-iran-will-fail-23748>

- Sahar Nowrouzadeh and Katlyn Turner, “*How to Ensure Iran Never Resumes Reprocessing,*” The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, December 13, 2017.
Available online at <https://thebulletin.org/how-ensure-iran-never-resumes-reprocessing11349?platform=hootsuite>
- Payam Mohseni and Sahar Nowrouzadeh, “*Trumps Dangerous Shift on Iran,*” Foreign Affairs: Snapshot, October 15, 2017.
Available online at <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/iran/2017-10-15/trumps-dangerous-shift-iran?cid=int-fls&pgtype=hpg>

SELECT INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

- *Coercion, Diplomacy, and Nuclear Weapons: Eyes on Iran*, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Belfer Policy Chats, Cambridge, MA, April 18, 2019.
- *The Importance of Science in Negotiating and Policymaking*, Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Interview, Cambridge, MA, Fall/Winter Newsletter.
Available online at <https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/sahar-nowrouzadeh-importance-science-negotiating-and-policymaking>
- *Iran’s Nuclear Decision-Making*. The Loomis Chaffee School Global & Environmental Studies Certificate (G&ESC) Senior Seminar, Bussel Family International Lecture Series, Windsor, CT, January 8, 2019.
- *Nukes in the Middle East: Who will get the bomb?*, Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge, MA, October 4, 2018.
- *Iran’s Nuclear Decision-Making: Historical Trends and the Role of U.S. Policy*, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Project on Managing the Atom, Cambridge, MA, May 17, 2018.
- *Consequences of the U.S. Withdrawal from the JCPOA*, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Iran Project, Cambridge, MA, May 16, 2018.
- *Regional Geopolitics and the New Sectarianism in the Middle East*, First Annual Symposium on Islam, Dialogue, and Sectarian De-Escalation, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Iran Project, Cambridge, MA, April 14, 2018.
- *Geopolitics of the Gulf: Latest Developments in Saudi Arabia, Iran, and the Middle East*, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Middle East Initiative, Iran Project, and International Security Program Seminar, Cambridge, MA, November 21, 2017.
- *Trump’s Iran Strategy and Iran’s Nuclear Decision-Making*, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Small Group Seminar, Washington, D.C. November 16, 2017.
- *Where is U.S. Policy towards Iran Headed?* Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Iran Project Seminar, Cambridge, MA, October 19, 2017.

- *The Intersection Between Tech, Policy and Public Service*, Boston University, Persian Women in Tech - Boston Chapter, Boston, MA, October 10, 2017.
- *From Trumbull to the White House*, The Trumbull Times, Interview, Trumbull, CT, January 26, 2017
Available online at: <https://www.trumbulltimes.com/news/schools/article/From-Trumbull-to-the-White-House-13932364.php>
- *Insights into U.S. policymaking on Iran: Potential Pathways forward for the New Administration*, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Iran Working Group, Cambridge, MA, December 13, 2016.
- *Iranian American Women in the White House and the State Department*, Iranian-American Women's Foundation, 12th Women's Leadership Conference, Bethesda, MD, November 13, 2016.
- *A Conversation with the National Security Council Director for Iran*, The George Washington University, White House Initiative, Washington, D.C., March 7, 2016.
- *PAAIA Interviews Iranian Affairs Expert Sahar Nowrouzadeh*, Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans, Interview, Washington, D.C., October 11, 2016.
Available online at: <https://paaia.org/CMS/paaia-interviews-iranian-affairs-expert-sahar-nowrouzadeh-2.aspx>
- *If You Are Truly Passionate About Something, Ignore the Glass Ceilings*, Iranian-American Women's Foundation, Interview, Washington, D.C., July 8, 2016.
Available online at: <https://www.iawfoundation.org/blog-post/sahar-nowrouzadeh-if-you-are-truly-passionate-about-something-ignore-the-glass-ceilings/>
- *U.S.-Iran Relations: Giving Diplomacy a Chance*, The George Washington University, GW College Democrats, Washington, D.C., September 14, 2015.
- *An Insight Into Iran*, The George Washington University, GW Magazine, Interview, Washington, D.C., Summer 2015.
Available online at: <https://archives.magazine.gwu.edu/insight-iran>

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Non-Service Fellowship, Boston University (2019)
- Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, (2018-2019)
- U.S. Department of State "Time-Off" Award (2017)
- U.S. Department of State Quality Step Increase (QSI) (2017)
- U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award (2016)
- U.S. Department of State 10 Years of Service Recognition (2016)
- Office of the Director of National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation (2011)
- U.S. Department of State and National Counter-Proliferation Center Recognition for Outstanding Mission Support (2010)
- Department of Defense "Time-Off" Awards (2008, 2009, 2012)
- Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism (2010)
- "Outstanding Assistance to Investigative Efforts" recognition from FBI Director (2007)
- George Washington University Dean's List (2002-2005)

- George Washington University Presidential Scholarship (2002-2005)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Persian, Spanish, Arabic