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## EMPLOYMENT

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**The University of Pennsylvania**

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

October 2022 - Present

Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics

Affiliated with Penn Population Studies Center

## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

September 2016 - October 2022

Ph.D. Program

Department of Sociology

Minor: Public Affairs

Graduate Research Fellow at **Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)**

Affiliated with **Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE)**

**Doctoral Advisors:** Erik Olin Wright, Ivan Ermakoff, Jane Collins

**Dissertation Title:** Varieties of Capitalism, Income Inequality, and Mobility

**Dissertation Committee:** Ivan Ermakoff (Chair), Jane Collins, Joel Rogers, Christine Schwartz, Tim Smeeding, Gøsta Esping-Andersen

**University of British Columbia**

January 2019 - August 2019

Visiting Doctoral Student - Department of Sociology

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

September 2016 - August 2018

M.S. in Sociology (Minor: Public Affairs) - Department of Sociology

**New York University**

September 2012 - January 2015

Gallatin School of Individualized Study

M.A. Concentration: Economics and Sociology

**Qatar University**

September 2008 - May 2012

B.A. in International Affairs and Economics, *Summa Cum Laude*.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Social Stratification, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Quantitative Methods, Class Analysis and Historical Change, Comparative Historical Sociology.

## BOOK (IN PROGRESS)

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“Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequalities,” book proposal submitted.

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

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**Movahed, Masoud.** 2023. “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, [Link](#).

**Movahed, Masoud., & Goldberg, Chad.** 2023. “The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin,” *The Sociological Quarterly*, [Link](#).

**Movahed, Masoud., & Hirsh, Elizabeth.** 2023. “The Regional Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance,” *Interface: A Journal For and About Social Movements*, Forthcoming, [Link](#).

**Movahed, Masoud., & Hirsh, Elizabeth.** 2022. “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints(2009-2018),” *The Sociological Quarterly*, [Link](#).

**Movahed, Masoud.** 2020. “Industrializing an Oil-Based Economy: Evidence from Iran’s Automobile Industry,” *Journal of International Development*, [Link](#).

## WORKING PAPERS (UNDER REVIEW OR REVISE AND RESUBMIT)

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### ● Revise & Resubmit

**Movahed, Masoud., & Tiffany Neman.** “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account.” Manuscript received a “Revise & Resubmit” from *Social Forces*.

### ● Under Review

**Movahed, Masoud.** “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” under review in *American Journal of Sociology*.

**Movahed, Masoud., & Chad Goldberg.** “Working-Class Revolt, Political Alienation, or a Basket of Deplorables? Explaining the Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the U.S.,” under review in *American Journal of Sociology*.

### ● In Preparation

**Movahed, Masoud., Jeff Goodwin., & Elizabeth Hirsh.** “Collective Action in the Era of Right-Wing Populism: A Political-Economic Analysis.”

**Movahed, Masoud., & Emilio Parrado.** “Varieties of Capitalism and Fertility Rate.”

Karl Vachuska, & **Movahed, Masoud**. “Estimating the Causal Effect of Gun Violence on Neighborhood Popularity,” under review in *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY WRITINGS

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Movahed, Masoud. 2022. “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project,” *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2020. “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition*, [Link](#)

Movahed, Masoud. 2019. “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Progressive*, [Link](#) \* Re-Printed in *Common Dreams*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2019. “The Sanctions Game: Why Trump’s Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure,” *Boston Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2018. “Rebooting Iran’s Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances,” *Foreign Affairs*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2018. “Economic Sanctions and Contention,” *Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. “Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2017. “The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2016. “The Persistence of Manufacturing in Deindustrialized America,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2016. “Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2016. “Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?” *World Economic Forum*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2016. “Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran’s Economy,” *Aljazeera America*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2015. “What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2014. "The East Asian Miracle: Where did Adam Smith go wrong?" *Harvard International Review*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2014. "Everyone's Talking About Iran's Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?" *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2014. "Beyond sectarian politics: Saudi-Iranian Relations in Prospect," *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud, 2013. "Why should resource-based economies diversify?" *Aljazeera English*, [Link](#).

Movahed, Masoud. 2012. "Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan and its consequences," *Journal of Asian Development Matters*, 5(2011): 311-315.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Journal Reviewer:** *American Sociological Review, Industrial Relations*

## TEACHING

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**Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc360) †Lecturer** Spring 2021  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371) †Teaching Assistant** Fall 2020  
Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Statistics for Sociologists II (Soc 361) †Teaching Assistant** Fall 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc 361) †Teaching Assistant** Fall 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Law and Society †Teaching Assistant** Summer 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

**Methods of Social Research †Teaching Assistant** Spring 2019  
Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

**Contemporary American Society †Teaching Assistant** Fall 2016, Spring 2017  
Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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### **Princeton University**

#### **Science and Global Security (SGS) Program**

2018 - Present

##### *Research Consultant*

Consulting Princeton University's SGS Program on various issues related to the politics and the security of the Middle East and North Africa.

### **University of Wisconsin-Madison**

#### **Center for Wisconsin Strategy (COWS)**

2020 - 2022

##### *Project Assistant*

Statistical analysis on data related to cities in the US and around the worlds, econometric modeling. Project Director: Professor Joel Rogers

### **New York University's Gallatin School**

2015 - 2016

##### *Research Associate*

Econometric modeling, Causal Inference, literature review  
Structuring and econometric statistical analysis with R, STATA, and Python  
Big data analytic

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

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Sociology and Political Economy Summer Institute, University of California-Berkeley, 2023 (\$4,000).

Gerald Marwell Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (\$2,000).

Graduate Student Fellowship, University of British Columbia, Canada, (Fall & Spring 2019).

Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2017-2018)(\$30,000).

Chancellor Fellowship for doctoral studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (2016-2017) (\$30,000).

Full Merit Scholarship from Qatar University, (2008-2012).

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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"Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality," **Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility**, University of Michigan Ann-Arbor, August 13, 2023.

"Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality," **Santa Fe Institute**, August 3, 2023.

"Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality," **Sociology and Political Economy Summer Institute**, University of California-Berkeley, June 18-23, 2023.

"Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality," **Cross-National and Comparative Studies of Inequality Section, Population Association of America**, April 12, 2023.

“Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” **Section Session Presentation on Cross-National Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association**, Los Angeles, California, August 6, 2022.

“Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” **Session Presentation Poverty, Inequality and Mobility, American Sociological Association**, Los Angeles, California, August 8, 2022.

“Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” **Family, Neighborhood, and Intergenerational Mobility Session, Population Association of America**, Atlanta, Georgia, April 7, 2022.

“Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” **Session Comparative analysis of political institutions, Social Science History Association**, Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 2021.

“Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” **Session on Affirmative Action and Anti-Discrimination Policy, American Sociological Association**, August 8, 2021.

“Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” **Law and Injustice: Can Law Repair the Harms of Systemic Racism? Society for the Study of Social Problems Session**, August 7, 2021.

“Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” **Poverty and Inequality in the Global Context Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems**, August 1, 2021.

”The Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance,” **Collective Behavior and Social Movements Session, American Sociological Association**, August 5, 2020.

”The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance,” **Capitalism and Contention Conference, 2020, New York University’s Sociology Department**, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19, March 12, 2020

”The regional determinants of collective action in the era of American Resistance,” **San Diego State University, Mobilization Conference**, Paper accepted, Postponed due to COVID19, June 12-13, 2020.

”Shielded From Neoliberal Strictures: Oil, State and the Rise of Iran’s Auto Industry,” **Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University**, May 11, 2018.

“The Obduracy of the Old Economy: The Trajectory of Manufacturing in the U.S. Economy,” **American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology Pre-Conference, The University of Washington, Seattle**, August 19, 2016.

“Estimating the Effects of Disadvantaged Neighborhoods on Educational Outcomes in Norway Using Marginal Structural Model for Time-varying variable,” **Department of Psychology**,

**University of Wisconsin-Madison, Brauer's Lab Group**, October 18, 2017.

"Besieged at Home: Iran's Auto Industry," **Graduate Student Research Conference, New York University**, New York City, April 13, 2015.

"Dialogue Among Civilizations," **The Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Georgetown University's Qatar Campus**, Doha, Qatar. May 2012.

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (Read, Write, Speak)

Persian (Read, Write, Speak)

Arabic (Read, Write, Speak)

## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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R Studio, STATA, Matlab, Geoda

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

Population Association of America

## **REFERENCES**

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### **Professor Ivan Ermakoff**

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