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## EMPLOYMENT

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**University of Pennsylvania**  
**Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics**  
Affiliated with Penn Population Studies Center

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

October 2022 - Present

## EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology (minor: Public Affairs)

September 2016 - October 2022

- **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**  
Visiting Student, Department of Sociology

January 2019 - August 2019

**New York University**  
Gallatin School, Stern School of Business  
M.A.in Economics and Sociology

September 2012 - December 2014

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

September 2008 - May 2012

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Social Stratification, Economic Sociology, Political Sociology, Quantitative & Computational Methods, Machine Learning, Spatial Methods, Cross-National & Global Sociology, Panel Data Analysis.

## BOOK (IN PROGRESS)

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“Varieties of Capitalism and Social Inequalities.” Book proposal is being submitted.

## PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

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† Graduate Student Colleague, ‡ Faculty

2024 **Movahed, Masoud**, †Tiffany Neman. “Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States: A Racial-Spatial Account,” *Social Science Research*.

- 2023 **Movahed, Masoud.** “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, [Link](#).
- **Terence K. Hopkins Article Award**, American Sociological Association’s [Political Economy of the World System Section](#).
  - **Honorable Mention for Outstanding Article**, American Sociological Association’s [Sociology of Development Award for Best Article](#).
- 2023 ‡Goldberg, Chad., **Movahed, Masoud.** “The New Class and Right-Wing Populism: The Case of Wisconsin,” *The Sociological Quarterly*, [Link](#).
- 2022 **Movahed, Masoud.**, ‡Hirsh, Elizabeth. “Mobilizing Equal Employment Rights: The Social and Political Determinants of Discrimination Complaints (2009-2018),” *The Sociological Quarterly*, [Link](#).
- 2022 **Movahed, Masoud.**, ‡Hirsh, Elizabeth. “The Regional Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance,” *Interface: A Journal For and About Social Movements*, [Link](#).
- 2020 **Movahed, Masoud.** “Industrializing an Oil-Based Economy: Evidence from Iran’s Automobile Industry,” *Journal of International Development*, [Link](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### ● Revise & Resubmit

**Movahed, Masoud.** “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” Manuscript received a request to Revise & Resubmit from *Socio-Economic Review*.

**Movahed, Masoud.**, & Chad Goldberg. “The Rise of Right-Wing Populism in the United States,” Manuscript received a “Revise & Resubmit” from *Politics & Society*.

### ● Under Review

**Movahed, Masoud.** “Varieties of Capitalism & Wealth Inequality,” Manuscript is under review in *American Sociological Review*.

**Movahed, Masoud.**, & Emilio Parrado. “Varieties of Capitalism & Cross-National Variation in Fertility Rate,” Manuscript is under review in *Demography*.

**Masoud Masoud.**, & Jason Schnittker. “The Institutional Indicators of Well-being,” Manuscript is under review in *European Sociological Review*.

**Movahed, Masoud.** “Structural vs. Associational Power and Income Inequality,” Manuscript is under review in *Journal of Industrial Relations*.

Karl Vachuska **Movahed, Masoud**. “Estimating the Causal Effect of Gun Violence on Neighborhood Popularity,” Manuscript is under review in *Social Science Research*.

## ● In Preparation - Drafts Available

Cristina Bicchieri, Kevin Vallier, **Movahed, Masoud**, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Social Trust and American Poverty.”

**Movahed, Masoud.**, Cristina Bicchieri, Kevin Vallier, Daniel Putman, Shaon Lahiri. “Perceptions of Intergenerational Income Mobility: A Machine Learning Approach.”

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

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY WRITINGS

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- 2022 “The Optimism of the Intellect: Erik Olin Wright’s Real Utopias Project,” *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible*, [Link](#).
- 2020 “Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition*, [Link](#).
- 2019 “A Great Heart Stopped: Erik Olin Wright (1947-2019),” *The Progressive*, [Link](#) \* Re-Printed in *Common Dreams* [Link](#).
- 2019 “The Sanctions Game: Why Trump’s Maximum Pressure Strategy is Doomed to Failure,” *Boston Review*, [Link](#).
- 2018 “Rebooting Iran’s Economy: What Tehran Needs to Do to Fix its Finances,” *Foreign Affairs*, [Link](#).
- 2018 “Economic Sanctions and Contention,” *Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs*, [Link](#).
- 2018 “Swimming Against the Tide: State Interventions and Technical Change in the Era of Knowledge-Based Economy,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).
- 2017 “The Uneven Growth of Capitalism in India,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).
- 2016 “The Persistence of Manufacturing in Deindustrialized America,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).
- 2016 “Is Democracy Intrinsic to Economic Development?” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link](#).

- 2016 “Does capitalism have to be bad for the environment?” *World Economic Forum*, [Link.](#)
- 2016 “Nuclear Deal Could Unleash Iran’s Economy,” *Aljazeera America*, [Link.](#)
- 2015 “What is Good for Banks is not Good for the Economy,” *Harvard Economics Review*, [Link.](#)
- 2014 “The East Asian Miracle: Where did Adam Smith go wrong?” *Harvard International Review*, [Link.](#)
- 2014 “Everyone’s Talking About Iran’s Nuclear Program. What About Its Auto Industry?” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, [Link.](#)
- 2014 “Beyond sectarian politics: Saudi-Iranian Relations in Prospect,” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, [Link.](#)
- 2013 “Why should resource-based economies diversify?” *Aljazeera English*, [Link.](#)
- 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*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Industrial Relations*, *International Journal of Social Welfare*

## TEACHING

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| <b>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc360) †Lecturer</b>                        | Spring 2021 |
| Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison                       |             |
| <b>Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences (Stat 371) †Teaching Assistant</b> | Fall 2020   |
| Department of Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison                      |             |
| <b>Statistics for Sociologists II (Soc 361) †Teaching Assistant</b>            | Fall 2019   |
| Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison                       |             |
| <b>Statistics for Sociologists I (Soc 361) †Teaching Assistant</b>             | Fall 2019   |
| Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison                       |             |
| <b>Law and Society †Teaching Assistant</b>                                     | Summer 2019 |
| Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia                        |             |
| <b>Methods of Social Research †Teaching Assistant</b>                          | 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

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS

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Sociology & 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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- 2024 “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” **Research in Social Stratification and Mobility**, Montreal, August 2024.
- 2024 “The Institutional Determinants of Wealth Inequality,” **Perspectives on Wealth and Inequality**, Regular Section, Montreal, August 2024.
- 2024 “The Determinants of the Perceptions of Intergenerational Upward and Downward Mobility in America: A Machine-Learning Approach,” **Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility**, Brown University, August 7, 2024.
- 2024 Right-Wing Populism in the US, **Contemporary Right Wing Politics in Comparative Perspective**, Regular Section, Montreal, August 2024.
- 2023 “Roots of Poverty in America”, **The Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE) Society’s Seventh Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, November 1-2023.
- 2023 “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” **Research Committee 28 (RC28) on Social Stratification and Mobility**, University of Michigan Ann-Arbor, August 13, 2023.
- 2023 “Ethnic Fractionalization & Income Inequality,” **Santa Fe Institute**, August 3, 2023.
- 2023 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” **Sociology and Political Economy Summer Institute**, University of California-Berkeley, June 18-23, 2023.
- 2023 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” **Cross-National and Comparative Studies of Inequality Section, Population Association of America**, April 12, 2023.

- 2022 “Ethnic Heterogeneity and Income Inequality,” **Section Session Presentation on Cross-National Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association**, Los Angeles, California, August 6, 2022.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2021 “Varieties of Capitalism and Income Inequality,” **Session Comparative analysis of political institutions, Social Science History Association**, Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 2021.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2020 “The Determinants of Collective Action in the Era of American Resistance,” **Collective Behavior and Social Movements Session, American Sociological Association**, August 5, 2020.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2018 “Shielded From Neoliberal Strictures: Oil, State and the Rise of Iran’s Auto Industry,” **Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference, Northwestern University**, May 11, 2018.

- 2016 “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.
- 2017 “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.
- 2015 ”Besieged at Home: Iran’s Auto Industry,“ **Graduate Student Research Conference, New York University**, New York City, April 13, 2015.
- 2012 ”Dialogue Among Civilizations,“**The Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Georgetown University’s Qatar Campus**, Doha, Qatar. May 2012.

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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### **Princeton University**

**School of Public and International Affairs**

2018 - Present

*Research Consultant*

Consulting Princeton University’s School of Public and International Affairs on various research projects 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

## LANGUAGES

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English (Read, Write, Speak)

Persian (Read, Write, Speak)

Arabic (Read, Write, Speak)

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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R, 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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