

Sina Azodi, Ph.D. Candidate

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➤ Education

▪ **University of South Florida, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies**

Ph.D. Politics and International Affairs (Expected 2023)

Proposed Topic of Dissertation: Strategic Logic of Iran's Nuclear Program

Examination Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, International Security (Minor)

▪ **George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs**

M.A. International Relations (2013)

▪ **George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs**

B.A. International Relations (2010)

➤ Research Interests

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- Great power competition
 - Nuclear non-Proliferation
 - Security Studies
 - Iranian Foreign Policy
 - U.S-Iranian Relations

➤ Teaching Experience

▪ **Adjunct Faculty, Schar School of Government, George Mason University**

Comparative Politics (B.A. Level) Spring 2022

▪ **Lecturer of International Affairs, the George Washington University**

Iran in the Middle East (M.A. Level) Fall 202, Fall 2022

International Relations of the Middle East (B.A. Level) Spring 2022, Fall 2022

- **Instructor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida.**
Introduction to International Relations. (B.A. Level) Spring 2021

- **Teaching Assistant, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida**
Conflict in the World (B.A. Level)
Introduction to Wealth and Power (B.A. Level)

➤ **Research Experience**

- **Research Assistant, Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University**
September 2018- April 2019

- **Research Assistant, Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies, University of South Florida**
August 2017-January 2018

- **Research Assistant, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars**
January 2015- January 2016

- **Research Assistant, National Security Archive, George Washington University**
July 2013- September 2014

➤ **Professional Service**

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| ▪ Advisor for M.A. Level Capstone Project | Spring 2022 |
| ▪ Visiting Scholar, Institute for Middle East Studies, George Washington University | September 2020- |
| ▪ Non-Resident Fellow, Rafik Hariri Center for Middle East, Atlantic Council | March 2020 |

➤ **Publications**

• **Academic Publications**

- Sina Azodi; *The Fusion of Politics and Religion in Iran*; 141-161; In Political Islam in the Gulf Region; Gulf International Forum; Washington, DC; 2021

- *Ahmad Qavam and the 1946 Soviet-Iranian Crisis Over Iran's Azerbaijan* Florida Political Chronicle. Journal of Florida's Political Sciences Association, vol.28, n.2 (Fall 2021): p.39-48

▪ **Commentaries**

- [How Russia's War in Ukraine is Shaping National Security Debates in Iran.](#) Atlantic Council. June 2, 2022

- [Here is Why the IRGC Designation is Punishing Conscripts](#). Atlantic Council. March 11, 2022
- [New Iranian Leadership Complicates Negotiations](#). Arms Control Today. Vol.51 October 2021.
- [Iran's New Face to the World- Hossein Amir-Abdollahian Is no Zarif](#). Atlantic Council. August 24, 2021.
- [Iran Elections and the Nuclear Deal: Why Biden Can't Lose, No Matter Who Wins](#). Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. June 7, 2021.
- [Is Ahmadinejad Set for a Comeback?](#) Middle East Institute. May 21, 2021.
- [Israel's Shadow War with Iran Risks Playing Out in Open](#), Atlantic Council, April 16, 2021
- [How Iranian Phantoms Pulled off One of the Most Daring Attacks In Recent Memory](#), Atlantic Council. March 31st, 2021
- [Saeed Mohammad: The Young Face of IRGC Weighing His Political Options](#), Atlantic Council. March 1, 2021
- [What Does History Tell us About Iran's Nuclear Intentions?](#) Center For Strategic and International Studies. February 16, 2021
- [A History of Continuity in Iran's Long Nuclear Program](#). Atlantic Council, December 8, 2020.
- [Optimism and Obstacles for US-Iran Relations Under Biden Presidency](#), Atlantic Council. November 13, 2020.
- [Hossein Dehghan and other Military vets vie for Iran's Presidency](#), Atlantic Council. October 10, 2020
- [Israel's Entry into the Persian Gulf Won't Bring Middle East Peace](#), with Khalid Al-Jabir. The National Interest. September 27, 2020
- [How the Iranian Air Force Turned the Tide of the Iran-Iraq War in 1980](#), with Ali Dadpay. Atlantic Council. September 23, 2020.
- [United Arab Emirates Flexible Approach Toward Iran](#), with Giorgio Cafiero. Center for Iranian Studies in Ankara. September 10, 2020
- [Why is Iran Concerned about the Peace Agreement between UAE and Israel](#), Atlantic Council. August 20, 2020.
- [What Got You Here Won't Get You There: To Succeed in Cold War II, America Needs to Avoid the Wrong Lessons from Cold War I](#). With Christopher M. England. Atlantic Council. August 12, 2020.
- [US and Israel shift from Sanctions to Alleged Sabotage Against Iran](#), with Mohsen Solhdoost. Atlantic Council. July 14, 2020.
- [New Challenges Emerging in China](#). The National Interest. June 28, 2020
- [Iran's Satellite Launch Carries More Political Weight than Military Significance](#), Atlantic Council. April 28, 2020.
- [New Tensions Between Iran and IAEA Threaten JCPOA](#), Atlantic Council, March 26, 2020.
- [Coronavirus: An Opportunity for Intra-Gulf Rapprochement](#), with Giorgio Cafiero. Gulf International Forum. March 26, 2020.
- [The President's Time: How US-Iranian Relations are Out of Sync](#), Middle East Institute. March 4, 2020.
- [US-Iran Relations: A Cloudy 2020 Forecast](#), Atlantic Council. January 14, 2020.
- [Why Iran Wants the Uprisings in Lebanon and Iraq to fade](#), with Giorgio Cafiero. Atlantic Council. November 7, 2019.
- [How US Sanctions Hinder Iranians Access to Medicine](#), Atlantic Council. May 31, 2019

- [What the Departure of Mattis Could Mean for Trump's Iran Policy](#), with Barbara Slavin, Atlantic Council. December 31, 2019.
- [Historical Traumas Underline Iranian Reliance on Missiles](#) , Atlantic Council. December 18, 2018
- [Strangulation of Persia: Why Trump's Policy on Iran will Backfire](#), LobeLog. November 1, 2018
- [Is Trump's Iran Policy Meant to Start a War?](#) with Trita Parsi, The National Interest. October 18, 2018
- [Trump Misses, Rouhani Hits: Calling the Curtains on JCPOA](#) , Pakistan Politico. July 9, 2018.
- [Renewed Iran Sanctions Will Bolster the Regime and Undermine the Private Sector](#), Atlantic Council. July 30, 2018.
- [The Art of Saving a Deal](#), Lobe Log. March 28, 2018.
- [How Iran Might Respond to the U.S. Abrogating the Nuclear Deal](#), Atlantic Council. March 28, 2018
- [U.S. Should Offer Incentives For Iran Missile Testing Moratorium](#) , Atlantic Council. February 20, 2018
- [The Lion and the Dragon: Iran Looks to China for Trade & Development](#) , Atlantic Council. January 28, 2019
- [The Iran Deal: The Case for Cooperation Under the International System](#), Journal of International Affairs. Columbia University. January 23, 2018
- [Iran Protests Signal Deep Discontent but No Clear Pathway to Redress Grievances](#) Atlantic Council. January 2, 2018
- [Don't Let Misplaced Concerns Jeopardize Iran Deal](#) , with Tyti Erasto, Lobe Log. November 10, 2017
- [The Changes That Matter Already Happening](#). with Sanam Anderlini, Lobe Log. August 10, 2017
- [Neoncon Comparison of Iran and Soviet Union Deeply Flawed](#), Atlantic Council. July 12, 2017
- [Iran Elections Gives Rare Opening to Syria Intervention Critics](#) Atlantic Council. May 9, 2017
- [Qalibaf and Raisi Run Populist Campaigns in Iran Elections](#), Atlantic Council. April 28, 2017
- [Book Forecasted Rouhani Realpolitik](#), Atlantic Council. April 10, 2017.
- [Iran's Durable Alliance with Assad's Syria](#), Atlantic Council. March 27, 2017
- [Qasem Soleimani: Iran's Celebrity Warlord](#), Atlantic Council. February 21, 2017.
- [What Happens to the Iran Nuclear Deal Under Trump](#), The Diplomat Magazine. February 2, 2017
- [Iran and the United States, A Roadmap to Peace](#), The Diplomat Magazine. December 24, 2016
- [Iran, the US and the Persian Gulf](#), The Diplomat Magazine. November 5, 2016
- [Khamenei Website Reaches out to Youth](#), United States Institute of Peace. August 24, 2015

➤ Conference Presentations

- 2021 Florida Association of Political Scientists

“Ahmad Qavam & the 1946 Soviet-Iranian Crisis over Iran's Azerbaijan”

▪ **2019 Florida Association of Political Scientists**

“Strategic Logic of Iran’s Nuclear Program”

➤ **Invited Talks**

- **Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University**
Implications of the Conflict in Ukraine on the Middle East Security Complex (April 2022)
- **Atlantic Council**
Panelist, “Is There a Plan B for Iran?” (December 2021)
- **Atlantic Council**
Panelist, “Iran Faces Old Challenges in a New Century” (March 2021)
- **University of South Florida**
Guest Lecturer, “Iran’s Nuclear Program: A Historical Survey” (Fall 2020)
- **Brandeis University**
Guest Speaker, “No War with Iran” (Spring 2020)
- **Florida Southern College**
Guest Lecturer, “Terrorism and Counterterrorism” (Spring 2020)
- **University of South Florida**
Guest Lecturer, “US-Iranian Relations: A Historical Analysis” (Fall and Spring 2019)

➤ **Certifications**

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| ➤ Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI); Nuclear Testing | February 2020 |
| ➤ Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI); Nuclear 101 Tutorial | January 2020 |
| ➤ Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI); Delivery Systems Tutorial | January 2020 |
| ➤ Stimson Center; Nuclear South Asia, | October 2019 |

➤ **Languages & Skills**

- **Languages:** Farsi (Native) English (Advanced) German (Basic)