

# Saber Khani

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**Research Interests**      Contentious Politics, Computational Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Oil Politics, Middle East Politics, Iran.

**Doctoral Studies**      Ph.D. in Sociology      Sep 2019 - Jun 2025 (exp)  
                                 *Boston College*      Boston, USA

**Prior Education**      M.Sc Sociology      Sep 2019 - May 2021  
                                 *Boston College*      Boston, USA

*M.Sc Sociology*      August 2019  
Western Illinois University      Macomb, IL

B.S. Sociology      June 2016  
*Tehran University*      Tehran, Iran

**Publications**      Sara Moorman and **Saber Khani**. 2024. “[High School Curriculum and Cognitive](#)  
Peer-reviewed      [Function in the Eighth Decade of Life.](#)” *Alzheimer Disease & Associated Disorders*,  
journal articles      38(3):p 235-240.

**Saber Khani** and Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2023. “[Sanctuaries or Battlegrounds? State Penetration in Places of Worship, University Campuses, and State Bureaucracy for Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran \(2015–2019\).](#)” *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(10), 1668-1702.

**Published Data sets**      **Saber Khani** and Mohammad Ali Kadivar. 2023. “[Sanctuaries or Battlegrounds - State Penetration in Places of Worship, University Campuses, and State Bureaucracy for Pro-Government Mobilization Evidence from Iran \(2015-2019\).](#)” *Harvard Dataverse*, V1.

**Media Coverage**      Mohammad Ali Kadivar, Peyman Jafari, Mehdi Hoseini, and **Saber Khani**. 2021. “[Labor Organizing on the Rise Among Iranian Oil Workers.](#)” *Middle East Report Online*.

Mohammad Ali Kadivar, **Saber Khani**, and Abolfazl Sotoudeh. 2019. “[Iran’s Protests Are Not Just About Gas Prices.](#)” *Foreign Affairs*.

<b>Conference Presentations</b>	“Compliance on Campus: Universities and Pro-government Mobilization in Autocracies”. <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i> September 2024 - Philadelphia, USA	
	“Performative Representation: Gender, Regime Type, and Ministerial Appointments”. <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i> September 2024 - Philadelphia, USA	
	“Sanctuaries or Battlegrounds? State Penetration in Places of Worship, University Campuses, and State Bureaucracy for Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran (2015–2019)”. <i>American Sociological Association (ASA)</i> August 2023 - Philadelphia, USA	
	“Sanctuaries or Battlegrounds? State Penetration in Places of Worship, University Campuses, and State Bureaucracy for Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran (2015–2019)”. <i>Collective Behavior and Social Movements</i> August 2023 - Philadelphia, USA	
	“The Organizational Infrastructure of Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran 2015-2019”. <i>TextXD</i> Dec 2022 - California, USA	
	“The Organizational Infrastructure of Pro-Government Mobilization: Evidence from Iran 2015-2019”. <i>Social Science History Association (SSHA)</i> Nov 2022 - Chicago, USA	
<b>Research Experience</b>	<b>Research Assistant</b> The ‘Older Adult Social Participation, Gender, and Cognitive Decline’ project is supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under the Support for Research Excellence (SuRE) Program (R16), with annual direct costs of \$125,000.	Fall 2023
<b>Language Skills</b>	Farsi (Native), English (Advanced), Arabic (Intermediate), Turkish (Beginner)	
<b>Fellowships and Awards</b>	Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference (\$800) <i>University of Notre Dame</i>	Fall 2024 Notre Dame, USA
	Donald White Teaching Excellence Award (\$700) <i>Boston College</i>	Spring 2024 Boston, USA
	Ivan Brown Research Grant (\$2500) <i>Boston College</i>	Spring 2023 Boston, USA
	Graduate Fellow at Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy (\$5000) <i>Boston College</i>	Fall 2022 Boston, USA
	John B. Williamson Award (\$500) <i>Boston College</i>	Dec2019 Boston, USA

Sociology Department Summer Research Fellowship (\$5000)   Summer 2020 & 2021  
*Boston College*   Boston, USA

**Teaching  
Experience**

**Boston College**

*Teaching fellow*

Introduction to Sociology

Fall 2022, Fall 2023

*Teaching assistant*

Introduction to Statistics

Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Introductory Sociology for Healthcare Professions

Spring 2020

**Academic Service Referee**

*Comparative Political Studies.*

*Digest of Middle East Studies.*